

The Brown's Farm News

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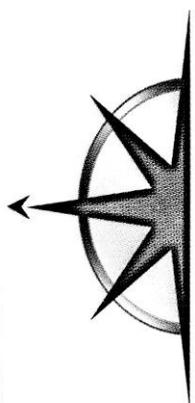
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A Note from the President

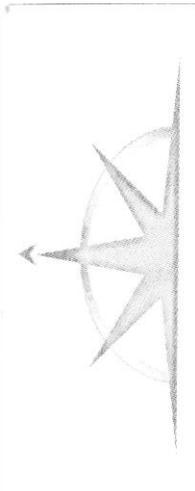
Hello Brown's Farm residents. The warm weather is finally upon us and the neighborhood has woken up from it's winter slumber. The board is working hard to continue to keep the neighborhood running smoothly and up to date. Read the "Improvements" section below to see both what's been done and what is forthcoming. Now that school is out I see more of our children out on the streets and sidewalks. Please be careful to pay attention on our roads including your speed and to stop at the STOP signs. Please talk with your teen drivers as well. Also, I would ask that you request to join the Brown's Farm Facebook page (see front cover) as that provides timely news and event information such as lost pets, public safety or social happenings. You will be approved once your residency is confirmed. There are many positions to be filled in order to keep Brown's Farm the great neighborhood we all currently enjoy. The committees we have include Architectural, Landscape, Pool and Social. The monthly HOA meeting has moved to the second Sunday of each month at 7pm at the clubhouse.



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Pool News

This year's pool season will be May 5th to Sep 30th. We have added more tables and umbrellas for your convenience. The slide and mushroom have been resurfaced and they look and feel great to the touch. The pool surface has been acid washed so it does not appear dirty. The Board invited the owner from Splash to the March HOA meeting and she answered many questions about the monitor service they provide. We ask that you listen to the monitors when they ask for you for pool bands or to handle another issue.

The pool committee would like to remind the residents of the following rules and courtesies:

1. Please have your pool bands available to show the monitor. No bands/no entry.
2. Only five (5) guests allowed per household at the pool.
3. No pool/swim parties.
4. Do not throw objects around other swimmers that pose a danger.
5. No glass containers anywhere on the pool deck. A broken bottle could mean thousands in repairs as the pool must be drained and properly vacuumed for shards.
6. Children under the age of 13 are not permitted in the pool area without a parent/guardian (18+ yrs)
7. Children who have a need should wear a swim diaper. We've had three closures due to this issue so far this year and they are very expensive each time.

If you want to get involved in the Pool Committee please reach out to us at peterhilbig@comcast.net or durland.mccaslin@lmco.com.

Social Committee Update

The Social committee is ramping up for a fun summer of events! These will be great opportunities for new and long time residents to get to know your neighbors!

We kicked off the summer with a catered Cinco de Mayo fiesta at the pool and clubhouse and had the Summer Splash Bash on the last day of school. More plans are underway including the summer Dive-In movie series. Keep an eye out for more details to come!

If you would like to help with any events, please contact Lauren McLeroy, 770-633-5820



Tennis Tips from Chuck

1. A good area to work on is “return” of serve. Some experts have stated that the return of serve maybe of greater influence than the serve.
2. The first person/team who gets to “30” in a game wins the game 75-80% of the time. Get an early lead .
3. Many people forget this—Check the net height at center. The height at center is supposed to be exactly 3 feet. If not correct you should correct before playing. This could be the difference between winning and losing.
4. Know the basic rules. Don’t rely on your opponent to tell you what is right or wrong.

Thanks to Chuck for continuing to run the BF Children’s Tennis Camps. More info cglimpert@comcast.net.

Improvements

The most important item the board has done in the spring was to commission and receive a capital reserve study. We are actively reviewing the results of this study and will be making the necessary planning and maintenance decisions for the future of BF primarily based on the studies results.

We have received bids to re-paint all the mailboxes and street signs black and will most likely attack this in the fall. We are on the calendar with a vendor to resurface the basketball court near the end of the summer as well as replace the goal.

As far as completed work this spring we had a truckload of mulch delivered to the park. Thanks to Dave Brown and Kelly Greer for coming out and helping the Board spread it. The volleyball court received a sprucing up as well. The park refresh will be complete by the fall. The pool area received a sprucing up with both pools having been acid washed as well as a slide and mushroom resurface. The pool deck has received some new furniture including a number of tables and umbrellas around the lounge chairs. Finally, the WiFi has been upgraded to hi-speed (the password is password). Enjoy your amenity improvements.

Be A Good Neighbor

Walking around the hood I've noticed that there has been an increase in dog excrement on neighbors lawns near the sidewalk. Please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pets.

A friendly reminder that Cobb County Noise Code states that fireworks are not allowed after 9pm EXCEPT July 4th til midnight and New Years Eve til 1am. Thanks for complying.

Travel Tips from Barbara

1. Get a Passport. It can take 6-8 weeks and must be valid at least 6 months past your date of travel.
2. Go to <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html> for resources and checklists. This has everything there including information about health issues, travel alerts, crisis planning, traveler's with special needs and some general information about the country you are going. Sign up for the STEP program (Smart Traveler Enrollment Program) on the above website. It lets the US embassy in that country know when you are there and information to help you if you lose your passport or other documentation and the need to get help out of the country.
3. Invest in travel insurance. It is very affordable and can reimburse you for all kinds of issues like missing a flight, lost luggage, cancellation due to illness or weather and a variety of other issues. Two types: regular and cancel for any reason (CFAR). Both have good coverage, but the CFAR gives you more flexibility if you think you may need to cancel prior to trip for a reason other than military deployment, illness or death in family.
4. Make sure your credit card company knows you will be using the card overseas and for the period of time you will be there. Contact your cell carrier to find out costs to use it in that country.
5. If traveling by air – please make sure your reservation is in the exact same name as your passport. Tons of people have missed flights due to this simple to fix problem.
6. Lastly, always have someone you trust at home with your travel information, including copies of your passport, important documents and your travel itinerary.



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Survey Results

Thank you to those who filled out the neighborhood survey. The results are posted on the Brown's Farm web page under the Newsletter link.