

The
Brown's Farm
(Real) News

Winter 2018

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A Note from the President

Hello Brown's Farm residents. The cold weather has brought us into 2018 and with that another Neighborhood Board of Directors has been brought together. You will notice some changes as we progress, the first one being this newsletter. One of our goals is to better communicate to our residents and this is probably the best way to do it. 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. Also, I would steer you to our neighborhood's website (www.mybrownsfarm.com) for all kind of information or to reach All-In-One, our property management company. First I would like to thank the outgoing Board members Karen Grattafiori and Valerie Makant for their long and steadfast service to our community. Their efforts helped continue to make Brown's Farm a great place to live and a highly desirable neighborhood where local families want to relocate. Second, I would like to welcome Stephen Quaile, Matt Carlton, Lauren McLeroy and Jim Ruch to the Board. Stephen has been living in Brown's Farm for four years now and he will be the primary contact for managing the clubhouse. Matt is a new resident to the neighborhood but has been a long Cobb County resident. He will assist with the clubhouse and other tasks as needed. Lauren actually grew up in Brown's Farm and now has chosen to become a homeowner herself. She has taken over the Social Chair role from Karen. Jim Ruch, another long-time resident, has volunteered to step into the roles of Landscaping Committee and Assistant Secretary. Scott Boetig will stay on the Board and continue to be the Tennis Liaison. Pete Hilbig will also remain on the board as the Pool Liaison and will be assisted by Durland Mccaslin. As you can read, there are many positions to be filled in order to keep Brown's Farm the great neighborhood we all currently enjoy. On that note we are very inclusive and would invite anyone who wants to get involved to come out and help. There is always help needed on all the committees we have including Architectural, Landscape, Pool and Social. Finally, you can see that we have included a survey in this newsletter. I ask that you please take a few minutes of your time and complete it and turn it in. This will greatly help the Board steer our limited time and resources to the items that are most important to YOU, the Brown's Farm resident. As always, I would like to invite everyone to come out and attend a HOA meeting so we can meet you and see how we "make the sausage." We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the clubhouse.

Social Committee Update

I remember many of the events this neighborhood would put together for both the children and adults. They are one of the reasons I decided to relocate back to Brown's Farm with my family and become a homeowner. Please take just a few minutes and fill out and return your survey. We would love to have your input on what type of events your family would like to participate in. I'd love help with any activity so if you would like to get involved, please email Lauren McLeroy, at laurenmcleroy@aol.com or call 770-633-5820. **LATE BREAKING NEWS:** We will be having a Cinco de Mayo party at the pool on May 5th for pool band distribution! More info later.

Our Clubhouse

Looking for a spot to host your next event? If you haven't been inside the clubhouse lately, we just did a refresh on the paint job. It looks great. Did you know that for only \$35, a Brown's Farm resident can rent out the clubhouse? Go to our neighborhood website and click on the clubhouse link for more information. Your desired date is officially put on the calendar once we have your contract and check.

Pool News

The pool is probably the most widely used asset in our neighborhood and we take it's usage and care very seriously, as should our residents. Currently, the Board has decided this year's pool season will be May 5th to Sep 30th. We are looking at adding more tables and umbrellas as well as re-painting the pool deck edges. The slide has been an issue and we are looking at our options on that as well. We know that many residents have had issues with the monitors that we get staffed from Splash Pool Service. This year the Board is taking a harder look at this relationship and we are meeting with the management of Splash to set the guidelines of what is expected in the contract. Our plan is to have a sign posted with contact information for Splash if these items are not met or you literally see the pool monitor "sleeping on the job." This year's pool entry band distribution date will be May 5th. More info to follow. If you want to get involved the Pool Committee please reach out to us at peterhilbig@comcast.net or durland.mccaslin@lmco.com. Finally, we will be looking for college age students to act as monitors on the Sep weekends when the Splash contract ends. Contact the pool committee members above for more information.

Tennis News from Scott

Our court fences received some damage from falling trees after the big December snowstorm. I worked with All-In-One to get them repaired and they look great. Below is an email from Chuck Limpert, a long-time resident who has run a fun summer tennis camp for kids in the neighborhood.

"We are planning to offer again Browns Farm summer tennis camps for kids of ages 5-14. This will be our fourth year for summer tennis camps. Weekly camps will be held at Browns Farm and run during June and July. A great learning experience for kids and a healthy summer activity. More info will be coming out in next few months. Any questions and if interested please email or call Chuck Limpert 678-386-9118 or email Cglimpert@comcast.net. A few tennis tips:

1. Practice as you play. That is, work on the items you use in your matches.
2. A great way to help yourself and/or teammate is to "chart your matches". I have sample charts to use and explanations on how to chart.
3. A shot you can work on by yourself in practice is your "serve". Take a bucket of balls out to the court and practice your serve. It's the most important shot in tennis. Keep practicing! Chuck

Future Improvements

The Board is always evaluating ways to keep Brown's Farm up with the times and our amenities up to par. We are getting bids to re-paint all the mailboxes and street signs black as the green color is now dated and no longer available. We will also be sprucing up the park and basketball court this spring. Also, the Architectural Committee is looking for two new members. Contact Kirk Mays (zipnet5@yahoo.com).

The Newsletter/Communications

Our goal is to get a newsletter out to the residents quarterly. The Board is seeking residents who would like to advertise their business as an effort to help defray the costs of printing. If you would like to advertise, the cost is \$30 per issue and your business will proudly be displayed on the back. Only Brown's Farm residents will be allowed to advertise so using these services supports your neighbors. There is always urgent and timely news to pass so the Board utilizes Facebook to communicate. See the front page to subscribe. If you have an idea for a newsletter entry, let us know. Contact smquaile@gmail.com for more information or to advertise.



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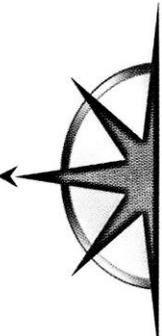
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