

Bridle Brook

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First Annual Bunny Brunch to take place March 15th

Come celebrate the Easter season with your neighbors at the Clubhouse on Saturday, March 15th from 9-11 a.m.

This first annual Bunny Brunch will feature a delicious breakfast for all who attend as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny himself! He will be dressed up in his Easter outfit and be ready to pose for photos with everyone who would like their photo taken with him. He will even have surprises for all the little ones!

Cost of the Bunny Brunch including breakfast and/or photos is only \$2 per person with the proceeds



going to fund even bigger and better neighborhood events.

Make plans to join your neighbors and the Easter Bunny at this fun-filled event. Everyone of all ages is invited to attend.

For all of those who love to cook and eat ...

The Events Committee is beginning to gather recipes in hopes of publishing a cookbook of favorite recipes of Bridle Brook Farms residents and friends. We need YOUR help to make this a success.

Please submit your favorite recipes so that you will be represented in our memorable collection. Categories include Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads & Rolls, Desserts, Cookies & Candy and This & That. You may submit one or more recipes for each category. The more recipes we collect, the more successful our cookbook will be.

We need a minimum of 200 recipes from 90 different people.

Proceeds from the sale will help fund future projects sponsored by or deemed appropriate by the Events Committee.

You may submit your recipes by using the form enclosed in this newsletter or through the website at mybridlebrook.org and clicking on the Cookbook tab. If you have any questions, contact the Events Committee through the website.

Send your recipes to us today! The more recipes that we receive, the better cookbook it will be!

Quorum not met at recent election ... what now?

The Home Owners Association Board would like to thank everyone who came out to the HOA meeting on January 27 and cast a ballot for the vacant board positions. Unfortunately, there were only 41 homeowners voting which was not enough for a quorum. The board has met and have decided to take the following actions:

Effective immediately, the person who received the most votes will complete the remaining time of

the three year term slot that is vacant. That person is Jim Dunham. The remaining two candidates, Scott Powell and Randa Macartha will be allowed to participate on the board until such time as a quorum can be obtained and an official vote taken.

The board is looking into alternative ways to allow homeowners to vote. Please get involved with your neighborhood and make Bridle Brook the best place to live in the tri-county area.

Christmas Open House was fun for all ages!

Santa Claus made a special appearance at December's Christmas Open House and Sweet Swap as revelers enjoyed lots of munchies and good cheer. Here, Hunter Jinright tells Santa all the wishes he had for Christmas Day. Hunter is the son of Wade and Heather Jinright.



News and Notes from the Farms



SAVANNA ROSE MYERS was born Christmas Eve at 9:18 pm. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Savannah is the daughter of Russ and Jessica Myers.

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Congratulations to DALLAS NELSON for winning the \$100 cash drawing for attending the Jan. 27th HOA meeting!

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Michael and Sherrin Wells welcomed CAMERON CAMILLE WELLS to the world on January 31, 2008. Weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces and measuring 20 1/4 inches long, Cameron joins her brothers Ty and Davis in the Wells home.

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Volunteers are needed for the BEAUTIFICATION, NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS and POOL COMMITTEES. Contact the committees via the website.

Keep your neighborhood clean

Cooperation on projects that require approval continues to be very good, and the ARB expresses it's thanks to you. Please keep the following in mind:

If you have unusual circumstances that might affect compliance with the Plat Restrictions, please notify the ARB in advance so we can work together to address the problem and possibly avoid the need for a Notice of Violation.

Our neighborhood appearance would be improved if everyone would keep items, e.g. golf carts, children's toys, BBQ grills, ladders, lawn mowers, etc., behind the fence or house when not in use.

Large shrubbery may detract from your property beauty and lower its value if you're selling. By keeping your shrubbery trimmed and watered,

everything will look better.

Vehicles are not to be parked in the yard for more than 24 hours. Parking on the street is prohibited. Vehicles may be towed at anyone's discretion, not just the ARB.

If you see a neighbor making changes to their property and you're not sure if they have obtained approval from the ARB, please contact the ARB by letter or through the website.

Remember, maintaining our property, improves our property value, which benefits us all. Applications for projects should be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance and should be submitted to P. O. Box 640010, Pike Road, AL 36064.

Help us to continue to improve our neighborhood so everyone would like to live here.

DID YOU KNOW?

The clubhouse, baseball field and pool pavilion can be reserved for your private parties. The pool pavilion can be reserved for two hours while the clubhouse can be reserved for four hours but due to demand, you cannot reserve both areas at the same time. A \$100 refundable deposit is required and both the pool pavilion and clubhouse now have wi-fi capabilities! Contact the office at 395-4295 for details.

Swim lessons will soon be taught in a residential pool by Carole Anne Redding. Lessons begin in April and continue through the middle of June for ages 2 and up. Classes will fill up fast so SIGN UP NOW! For reservation information you can email Carole Anne at ca4vols@charter.net or call at 213-7341.

If you have not paid your HOA DUES yet, a \$50 late fee has been added and they must be paid immediately or legal action will be taken against you. Dues can be paid on the Bridle Brook website via Paypal.

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To submit information, please use the "Contact Us" link on the website.

Spring is coming, let's all get ready!

Spring will be here before we know it, and the Beautification Committee has some reminders for everyone. Take pride in your property by keeping your yard cut regularly and bushes trimmed. Tall shrubbery not only takes away from the beauty of your home, but will damage the eaves of your house and lead to costly repairs.

One of the main goals of the Committee is to recognize Yard of the Month winners (see below for recent

winner). If you'd like, you can go to mybridlebrook.org, click on Beautification Committee, and read how the winners are determined. Yards that have plat restriction violations at the time of judging are not eligible to win until the violations are taken care of by the homeowner.

Everyone is invited to join this committee. Log onto the website, give us your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

DECEMBER YARDS

Religious Theme: Bob and Judy Harris at 665 Stableway Drive/
Traditional Theme: Anita and Gary Stringfellow at 259 Lakeshore Drive/
Winter Wonderland Theme: Joe and Monica Johnson at 235 Lakeshore Drive

JANUARY YARDS

1st Place: Connie and Mike MacDonald at 642 Bridlebrook Blvd./
Runner Up: Danny and Jennifer Jones at 342 Longwood Trail/
Honorable Mention: Mike Honaker at 625 Belsor Court

FEBRUARY YARDS

1st Place: Lavonne and Mindy Burdette at 635 Turkey Trot/
Runner Up: Danny and Jennifer Jones at 342 Longwood Trail/
Honorable Mention: Mike and Beth McQuitty at 1012 Stableway

The NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE needs volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch, which serves to help make our community a safer place for everyone. We're looking for volunteers to be block/street captains, whose primary responsibility is to act as a liaison between the committee and their neighbors. If anything unusual or suspicious occurs, they report it so that the neighborhood will be better informed. These positions will not require a lot of time. The Neighborhood Watch will meet on March 30th at 2:30 at the clubhouse. To volunteer as a block/street captain, contact us through the website or you can call Brent or Aimee Vinson at 279-5969.

IMPORTANT DATES

Clip and Save

MARCH 15

Bunny Brunch @ Clubhouse
9-11 a.m.

MARCH 27

Pool Committee Meeting
Clubhouse @ 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 30

Neighborhood Watch Meeting @Clubhouse 2:30 p.m.

APRIL 19

Bridle Brook Community Yard Sale
7 - 11 a.m.

APRIL 5 (approximate)

Pool opens for the summer!

APRIL 15

Deadline for June Newsletter Submissions

MAY 31 (Rain date: June 1st)

Second Annual Summer Bash
Clubhouse/Pool/Lake Area
4 - 8 p.m.

JULY 24

Committee Appreciation Party
Clubhouse 6-8 p.m.

The Bridle Brook Bulletin needs your input and feedback

The Bridle Brook Bulletin is entering its second year!

The Newsletter Committee works very hard to make sure that your quarterly newsletter is enjoyable and informative at the same time. Please know that we are always looking for great news to share within our community and we welcome your input.

Please submit all information by the newsletter due date printed in the clip and save section of your newsletter. If you are a business owner and live in Bridle Brook you may submit a Service Ad free of charge.

Do you know of anyone with a new baby in Bridle Brook? Has your neighbor returned from military service overseas? Do you have a special announcement that you want shared? If so, we want to hear from you.

The newsletter committee is also requesting feedback from you. Please let us know if you are enjoying your issues and if we can make any changes to better the Bridle Brook Bulletin via www.mybridlebrook.com and submit through the newsletter committee tab.

Again, thanks to Publications Press for donating the layout and printing services to produce the newsletter at no charge to our association.

Do you plan on using the pool this summer?

Do you and your family look forward to those warm summer days where you can take advantage of the neighborhood's refreshing pool and all its amenities? Then we need you on the Pool Committee!

Volunteers are desperately needed to be on the Committee during the April-September pool season. Duties are minimal ... literally just minutes a month and no experience is necessary.

The Pool Committee will meet March 27th at the Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.. If you've ever enjoyed the pool or the clubhouse, do not hesitate to volunteer for this committee and play one of the more important roles in the neighborhood with very little commitment.

If you do not have a car decal and/or parking pass for your vehicles to park in the common area, please contact the office either via the website or by calling 395-4295

Check www.mybridlebrook.com regularly for up-to-the-minute news!

That stray dog won't be stray for long

In recent months, there have been numerous concerns regarding stray and aggressive dogs. It is important for ALL pet owners to know the facts and consequences if you don't keep your furry family members under control and on your property. The Investigator from the Montgomery Humane Society has provided the neighborhood with some important information

NOTICE:

Remember that each resident has a responsibility to keep your neighborhood clean. Please dispose of your trash in a receptacle rather than on the grounds of the neighborhood.

and facts that all dog owners need to be reminded of.

The Montgomery County Commission has a resolution in effect that addresses loose dogs which states all dogs must be on a leash if accompanied off the owner's property and the dog must be under the owner's control while on the property.

If you see a loose dog or feel threatened by a dog, please take the following steps to handle the situation.

First, if deemed appropriate, contact the homeowner immediately if you know who they are and feel comfortable approaching them. Second, if you can't get an immediate response or cooperation, please call 334-409-0622 ext. 208, 210, or 211 and speak to a Humane Officer. It is important to remember to handle

Did you know?

The first and only low cost spay and neuter clinic in the state of Alabama is located just minutes from your home? This special Clinic is located at 5316 Atlanta Highway in the Big Lots Shopping Center for those looking to help curb the animal population. Male cats are \$35, female cats are \$45 while male dogs cost \$55 and female dogs run \$65. Rabies shots are only \$10 with a spay or neuter surgery. Surgeries are done Monday-Thursday by Dr. Rebecca Davidson and must be reserved by calling 239-7387. Residents should take advantage of this special service as it will also help deter your pet from having the urge to roam the neighborhood!

the situation IMMEDIATELY so there is a chance the officer can get to the neighborhood in time to locate the loose or threatening dog. Third, notify the board by sending them an email so a board member can follow up with the officer.

If possible, please stay in the area where the dog is so you can be of assistance in locating it for the Humane

Officer when they respond to your call. Dog owners can be charged with a misdemeanor and fined if their dog cannot be controlled and kept on their premises.

There is more information on this subject including what to do if a dog is threatening you as well as the County Commission's resolution on the website at www.mybridlebrook.com.



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