

# Bridle Brook

## B U L L E T I N

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### Come celebrate the summer at Bridle Brook Farms' second annual Summer Bash May 31st

The plans for this year's second annual Summer Kickoff Party practically guarantees an even more fun and exciting time than last year!

Several activities have been added to this FREE party with something for everyone. Some of these events include:

**\*The Bridle Brook Olympics.** Teams of two will compete in a series of fun events for the chance to become the very first Bridle Brook Olympian team!

**\*Bridle Idol.** Contestants will compete with their best vocals in front of a panel of celebrity judges who will then determine Bridle Brook's First Bridle Idol.

**\*The Great American Hot Dog Eating Challenge -** Contestants will be competing in a crazy challenge to determine who can eat the most hot dogs!

We've also lined up a gigantic water slide for the kids to play on, music, tons of hamburgers and hot dogs, sno-cones, swimming, lounging, softball, tennis, the latest phase of the new playground area and more surprises!

We need 25 Volunteers to

cover 30 minute shifts in order to make this a success. A meeting for volunteers will be held Sunday, May 25th at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Please watch for RSVP signs at both entrances and let us know how many family members will be coming by Thursday, May 29th. You can make your RSVP today by visiting the Bridle Brook website and clicking on the link. Make sure to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets as seating is limited. Also, please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages.

Come prepared for the most fun time you'll have all summer long at the Bridle Brook Summer Bash 2008!

### SUMMER PARTY AGENDA

4:00 PARTY AND PICNIC BEGINS  
5:30 HOT DOG EATING CONTEST  
6:15 BRIDLE BROOK OLYMPICS  
7:00 BRIDLE IDOL

All times and events subject to change

### Bridle Brook lake gets high passing grade from professional company

Recently, Bridle Brook Farms had the lake evaluated by Aquatic Innovations for an annual Pond Management Plan. While the full report can be found on the website, highlights of the evaluation included:

The fish population is okay with nearly 500 fish calling it home, but improvements can be made. The forage base in the lake is decent and a suggested limited fertilization and feeding program has been suggested that will improve it. Feeding will naturally cause the fish to get larger to the level that fishermen want to catch. Crappie fish should be removed no matter what their size in order to reduce the competition for food between them and the bass. A vegetation control program needs to be continued and while aquatic vegetation can rarely be completely eradicated, it can be controlled to prevent it from becoming a nuisance.

All in all, the lake is a wonderful place to fish!

### A "bun"derful time for all!



Fiona Johnson and Makayla Culpepper were among several dozen children who enjoyed meeting the Easter Bunny at the Bridle Brook Bunny Brunch in March. Everyone who showed up were excited to have their photos taken with the furry one!

## News and Notes from the Farms



Mary and Topher Dudley welcomed JOSHUA NATHANIEL DUDLEY into this world on April 16th. Joshua weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 oz and is 19.5" long. He joins brother Christopher and sisters Elizabeth and Mary Olivia in the Dudley home!

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BRIDLE BROOK NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP DAY is May 17th. Take this day to get out and spruce up your yards and common areas. If you are physically unable to spruce up your yard or remove debris, please contact the Beautification Committee to arrange volunteer help. It is important to maintain neighborhood appeal and value. Let's make this a productive day for our neighborhood.

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If you have not received your BRIDLE BROOK EMAIL NEWS, send an email to [news@mybridlebrook.com](mailto:news@mybridlebrook.com) and we will put you on the list. This is a great way to be up to date with the latest news in between newsletters including many items not listed in the newsletters.

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DON AND CHRISTY DOVE have regretfully relinquished their duties as Property Managers. They both did a fantastic job, and we all need to thank them for their service and let them know that their hard work has been greatly appreciated. Don will continue to keep the [mybridlebrook.com](http://mybridlebrook.com) website updated and fresh. Thank you Doves!

## Keep your lawns well-maintained

Summer is upon us, and the grass is growing. Plat Restriction #23 states: "Each lot owner shall be responsible for the upkeep of their respective property. In the event a property becomes unkept, unsightly, or a nuisance, in the sole judgment of the ARB, the ARB may contract for the necessary upkeep and improvements. The lot owner will be assessed for all cost. This covenant may be enforced by any lot owner, or the Association, as may be provided herein or by law." ARB violation letters will be sent only once to remind the owner; after that, a confirmed delivery letter will be sent requiring action by the owner within 5 days after which the yard will be cut and a bill sent to the owner. If you have received a yard maintenance violation letter at any time, a future letter will be confirmed delivery.

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.

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.

Approval is required for roof replacements. The allowed colors are weatheredwood and black.

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.

Let's continue to improve our neighborhood so everyone would like to live here.

### New committee needs your help!

The Lake, Pool and Playground Committee have been combined to form one committee - The Recreation Committee. This Committee will assist in making decisions on vital issues concerning the pool, playground, lake and clubhouse. It requires very little of your time, but it makes a huge impact on your neighborhood and the neighborhood's future. Everyone is welcome to join and nobody will be turned down. To join the committee, please email the HOA Board at [boardmembers@mybridlebrook.com](mailto:boardmembers@mybridlebrook.com).

### Volunteer Appreciation Party set for July 24th

If you or a member of your family has volunteered your time to Bridle Brook, then we want to thank you! Mark your calendar for July 24th @ 6pm to come and enjoy a pot luck dinner for your family at the clubhouse. The HOA is operated by volunteers and it could not operate without them. Please consider donating a small portion of your time to make Bridle Brook a great place to live. There are many committees you can serve on or just help when there is a need for a certain project. We hope to see you and your family on July 24th !

## Bridle Brook Service Ads

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1060 Old Federal Rd. in Shorter  
[www.cubahatchiebaptistchurch.com](http://www.cubahatchiebaptistchurch.com)

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

## **Bridle Brook Cookbook still needs your recipes!**

The response to the upcoming Bridle Brook Cookbook has been overwhelming! Several local cooks and chefs have contributed their best recipes to the effort, and we're still looking for more!

One of the recipes that has been submitted is a luscious summer treat which is sure to please the palate of everyone around your dinner table (shown below).

Recipes are still needed! Please go to the website at [www.mybridlebrook.com](http://www.mybridlebrook.com) and click on the Cookbook tab to quickly enter your best recipes!

### **SIMPLE OREO SPLIT**

Ingredients:

- 2 Jello chocolate pudding snacks
- 1 banana
- 2 tbsp Cool Whip
- 1 Oreo

Spoon 2 Jell-o chocolate pudding snacks into two small bowls.

Slice 1 banana lengthwise and cross-wise and insert 2 slices into the pudding in each bowl.

Top each with 2 tbsp of Cool Whip and 1 crumbled Oreo.

Makes 2 servings.

#### **FRIENDLY REMINDER!**

Residents please submit your favorite recipes via the website @ [mybridlebrook.org](http://mybridlebrook.org) by clicking on the Cookbook tab. At least 200 recipes are needed from 90 different individuals.

## **REMEMBER**

Please keep your yard well manicured each week. If you don't have time to maintain your yard, there are several lawn service contractors living in our neighborhood who would be glad to help. Just contact the Beautification Committee through the website and we will match you with a service that best fits your needs.

## **Reminders**

\* Any home improvements to be made must go through the ARB committee first and must meet Montgomery County and Pike Road laws.

\* Vinyl roofs on carports are accepted but only on a case-by-case basis.

\* Anybody with any exceptional handy-man skills such as painting, stone work, mortar washing, etc. please contact the HOA Board of Directors via the Bridle Brook website.

### **Take a look around!**

There have been several recent improvements in Bridle Brook including new lights being installed at the new entrance, the fence surrounding the clubhouse area has been replaced, the drive at the entrance to the clubhouse has been paved and a new drain pipe installed, and new security cameras have been installed for the playground area and the pool area.

Many more plans are currently underway to make Bridle Brook an even better location to live.

### **BE THINKING AHEAD**

**Two positions on the Bridle Brook HOA Board of Directors will be coming open in January.**

## **Yards of the Month**

#### **MARCH YARDS**

**1st Place: Danny and Jennifer Jones** at 342 Longwood Trail.

**Runner Up: Jeffery and Tina Dunn** at 698 Stableway

**Honorable Mention: Stan and Wendy Mobley** at 561 Ingleside Way

#### **APRIL YARDS**

**1st Place: Joe & Monica Johnson** at 235 Lakeshore Drive

**Runner Up: Gary & Kelly Norton** at 111 Longwood Trail

**Honorable Mention: Scott & Sherry Richardson** at 715 Bridlebrook Blvd

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

## **Clip and Save**

**MAY 17**

Bridle Brook Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

**MAY 31** (Rain date: June 1st)  
Second Annual Summer Bash  
Clubhouse/Pool/Lake Area  
4 - 8 p.m.

**JULY 4TH**

Pike Road July 4th parade  
Pike Road, AL  
10 a.m.

**JULY 4TH**

July 4th Party  
The Waters Subdivision

**JULY 24**

Committee Appreciation Party  
Clubhouse 6-8 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 13**

Fall Yard Sale  
7-11 a.m.

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

## **Recycling in Pike Road**

A recycle drop-of center is located on the south side of town hall in Pike Road. The following items can be separated and left in the large green bins: Aluminum cans (rinsed), Newspapers, (stacked and tied up or in paper bags), Cardboard (flattened) and Magazines. Remember ... there is no curbside pick-up for lawn clippings, trash, etc. Everything that you throw away **MUST** be in your garbage container.

Let's do our part for our environment!

**Check [www.mybridlebrook.com](http://www.mybridlebrook.com) regularly for up-to-the-minute news!**

# Find out if your street is protected and covered under the new Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch Committee needs volunteer to help make our community a safer place for everyone.

The committee needs block/street captains, whose primary responsibility is to act as a liaison between the committee and their neighbors. Each captain would have a small number of homes for which they would be responsible. If anything unusual or suspicious occurs, then it is their responsibility to report such an event so that the neighborhood will be better informed.

The following streets are in need for their residents to step up and help in covering portions of each street:

Bridle Brook Boulevard, Saddlewood Drive, Stableway, Deerpath, Longwood Trail, Gilder Court, and Dreyspring. Exact addresses are located at [www.mybridlebrook.com](http://www.mybridlebrook.com).

If you live in one of these areas, please consider being a part of the Neighborhood Watch Association as it is valuable to the entire community and will not require a great deal of time. For

more information or to volunteer as a block/street captain, please contact the committee through the website or you

can call Brent or Aimee Vinson at 279-5969. Please help in making Bridle Brook a safe place for all to live!

## Playground News - Parents PLEASE read!

Phase one of the new Playground was completed in late March and features a large swing set along with Pike Road's largest sandbox! A special thanks goes out to Kirk Whatley, Jim Dunham, Dan and Wyatt Hall, Chris and Tina Higbe, Don Dove, Patrick, Drew and William Parker Hancock, Robbie Olesen and Phil Whatley for all of their hard work!

The playground is targeted towards families with children 12 and under. However, there have already been incidents of unsupervised teens abusing the playground and not using it for its intended purposes.

The Sherriff's department has advised if a resident observes an individual abusing the playground equipment to immediately call 911. There is a zero tolerance and the police will be notified before the parents. Parents, please know where your children are at all times. There are new surveillance cameras in place which will be used to help the authorities identify those responsible for vandalism. Parents- we need your help to monitor your children and to report any criminal activity.

Also, please help us in keeping this area clean by disposing your trash in one of the receptacles located in the breezeway of the clubhouse.



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