

Browne's Ferry Banner

Browne's Ferry Homeowners Association

April 2016

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Don't forget to complete your homeowner survey and return it by mail!

Community Yard Sale April 9

Sell all that unwanted stuff at your yard sale on the morning of Saturday, April 9. Community leaders will advertise the coordinated sales using our entrance signs, posting on Craigslist and NextDoor, and posting a sale directory map online.

How does this work?

Each home is responsible for their own sales (including securing the appropriate licensing from the city -- get more information on brownesferry.com). By holding several yard sales at the same time, visitors are more likely to venture through our neighborhood. The purpose is to increase traffic, thus increasing potential sales.



How will they find my sale?

For those not on the "cut through," it can be hard for visitors to find sales. This year we will post an additional sign at the entrance encouraging visitors to go to brownesferry.com/sale. There they can find a map showing all the sale locations. To be included on this map, email your street address to brownesferryhoa@gmail.com.



Easter egg fun brings dozens of kids to park

An estimated 40+ children flooded Browne's Ferry Park on Saturday, March 26, to search for eggs and visit with furry friends.

The event, hosted by the Social Committee, is an annual favorite among our smallest residents. The egg hunt kicked off at noon. Kids also visited with animal friends from Son Ridge Farm. A huge thanks to Adela Henry for volunteering as our Easter Bunny, and Erica Pickett for helping set up the event!

For more photos, see page 2 and visit our community's private Facebook page.

Street cleanup nets 5 bags of litter

Volunteers collected five bags of litter from Browne's Ferry streets and walkways on Saturday, March 19. The effort was part of our new commitment to Charlotte's Adopt a City Street campaign.

Cleanup efforts are organized three times per year with the purpose of picking up litter and removing signs.

We are in need of a volunteer to



champion this community service. Email brownesferryhoa@gmail.com.

HOA Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2016

- Call to order at 7:42 p.m. Board members Jessica Norman, Molly Hall and Dan Martin in attendance.
- Discussed transition to new management company and any outstanding issues that will need to be addressed before the switch on April 1.
- Reviewed amended budget proposal from Norman, which altered 2016 allocations due to grant award and management fee changes. Discussed adding more funds to Social Committee budget and making "highly visible" upgrades, such as a new park trash cans and signage.
- Norman mentioned getting new pricing bids for Versacourt tile surfacing for tennis court. After reviewing asphalt bids, all bids included no guarantee cracks would not resurface within 12 months.
- Norman gave an update on meeting with county greenway officials.

HOA at a Glance

Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members

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Architectural Review Committee

Chair Martin Hare

Beautification Committee

Chair Jessica Norman

Safety Committee

Chair Mike Meeker

Social Committee

Chair Molly Hall

Welcome Committee

Chair Jennifer Martin
jennifermartin360@gmail.com

Share your community news! Email brownesferryhoa@gmail.com, bring news to the HOA meeting or mail your news to Community Manager Jeff Campbell at the address below. The deadline for submissions is the HOA meeting.

Cedar Management Group
9500 Old Statesville Road
Charlotte, NC 28269
mycmg.com

Jeff Campbell, Community Manager
jcampbell@mycmg.com
(704) 644-8808

Browne's Ferry hires new property management

The Browne's Ferry board solicited for proposals from several property management services in the Charlotte area, including our current manager William Douglas, as part of contract review.

In closed session after the annual meeting, the board discussed the contract terms and selected Cedar Management Group as our new property management vendor, effective April 1, 2016. Updated contact information is on the bottom left.

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Browne's Ferry wins \$2k grant

Browne's Ferry won a \$2,425 grant from the city of Charlotte to help us complete entrance renovations this spring.

Entrance renovations are planned to be completed in April, and include an electrical/lighting overhaul and landscaping updates.

Family Feature: The Alexanders



How long have you lived in Browne's Ferry?

Jason and Tom have lived here for 10 years this summer. Elizabeth has lived here for 8 years.

How did you end up here?

Jason and Tom liked the Charlotte area, and relocated here from Hawaii. Elizabeth moved here after meeting Jason online and relocated from Illinois to be closer to him. Jason and Elizabeth got married in 2011!

What sort of things do you do for fun?

Tom is retired, so he spends his time working in the yard, tinkering in the garage and playing on the Internet. Jason and Beth are geeks, and spend their time playing video games and working on our computers. They also watch TV and movies together as a family, such as Game

of Thrones, The Walking Dead, Vikings, and any movies by Marvel!

Tell a little something about each person/pet in your house

Tom retired from McDonnell Douglas. If you've flown in a DC9, DC10 or DC11, he probably put the wings on your plane.

Jason runs the house and makes sure everyone is well cared-for.

Elizabeth works at Ingersoll Rand in Davidson and specializes in 401k benefit administration.

They also have two dogs, Mia and Molly, and three cats, Sagwa, Tristram, and Fionna. Mia is a Maltese and is 7 years old. Molly is a teacup Yorkshire Terrier and is 6. Sagwa is the old lady of the bunch, and is a 14 year old Seal Point Siamese. Tristram is a 10 year old Domestic Shorthair. Fionna is the youngest member of the household. She's a 5 year old Lynx Point Siamese.



Community Listings

Spanish Tutor

Tutoring Spanish levels 1 to AP and college. Spanish K12 certified teacher living in Browne's Ferry since 1995. Tutoring on weekends. Call Adela Henry (704) 598-1742.

Domestic Violence Training/Counselor

I am a certified domestic violence counselor/trainer. I have trained Police Departments, Prosecutors Offices, etc., I conduct domestic violence classes and I also counsel adults and teens. Please visit: www.baitulhemayah.org. Contact Sa'idah Sudan, 704-562-4002. ALL CALLS ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Amway Products

I am an Amway Independent Business Owner showing others how to make extra money on the side & providing quality products! LEGACY OF CLEAN products for the home, ARTISTRY skin care, NUTRILITE health and wellness supplements and weight management products and SATINIQUE hair care products! Contact me at: ineveryplace@gmail.com with any questions you may have. My website is: www.amway.com/kimaber (15% discounts for all Brownes Ferry residents).

Music Lessons

Learning music has never been so easy! With 15+ years of experience, Jennifer Martin teaches piano and voice for all ages at a comfortable pace for each individual. She is also available to play the piano and harp for special events, weddings and funerals. Call (806) 401-7550 or email at: jennifermartin360@gmail.com.

The Lake Norman Boat Club

"We own the boats, you own the fun!" Experience the pleasures of boating with a much smaller commitment than owning a boat. Variety of new quality boats with none of the work of owning a boat. www.lakenormanboatclub.com, or call John Gillette at 704-483-5546.

Tutoring Services

Wayne Alston, tutor for 6-12 math and common core. Contact him at 706-726-4186 or EEZZEE@att.net.

Gillette Piano Studio

Would you like your child to learn to read music and play the piano? Competitive rates, ages 7 to adult, 15 plus years experience teaching piano. To learn more, call Ann Gillette at 704-598-2938.



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Tax day means it is time to plant!

Here are some tips for things to do in April and May, thanks to Kathy Bretz of the Mecklenburg Extension Master Gardener volunteer program.

April

April 15 is widely considered the last frost date for our area, which means it is time to **set out warm season vegetables** (corn, cucumbers, squash and tomatoes). Put some lime in tomato planting holes to prevent blossom rot, and use cutworm barriers (such as foil or paper cups with the bottom cut off).

Prune ornamental shrubs, like holly, nandina and pyracantha. Prune early flowering trees and shrubs as soon as blooms fade.

Apply bone meal or super phosphate to spring-flowering bulbs. Top dress summer flowering bulbs with a complete fertilizer.

Check your lawn for grubs. Using a spade, turn back a square foot of sod 2 or 3 inches deep. Dislodge the soil from the overturned roots and count the number of grubs. If you see more than 5 in this square foot area, treatment is necessary.

Keep roses well mulched, but keep mulch away from crown and lower stems.

Update: Greenway extension along tributary

HOA President Jessica Norman met in late March with Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation officials who prioritize greenway projects.

Greenway officials told Norman that greenway projects are scored based primarily on land availability, and that the only parcel preventing the extension along the Clark's Creek Tributary was the common area land parcel immediately behind Browne's Ferry Park.

Norman discussed the possibility of

Honeybees are swarming in April on the hunt for new hives. New swarms are not aggressive and should be left alone. Swarms that haven't found a hive will be collected from March through June by local beekeepers.

May

Plant cannas, caladiums, gladiolas and dahlias; these prefer soil around 65°F.

Plant your warm-season vegetables: squash, cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers.

Remember to **let leaves of spring bulbs die back naturally**, so they can manufacture enough food for next year's blooms. Fertilize all spring-flowering shrubs and vines after they bloom.

Apply 3-5 inches of mulch around your plants to help them conserve water during summer's heat and humidity.

Pinch back first flowers of summer annuals to encourage more blooms later.

Prune early flowering trees and shrubs as soon as blooms have faded; ornamental plants (holly, nandina and pyracantha); azaleas once blooms fade; deciduous vines like wisteria and Lady Banks roses after flowering.

granting right-of-way access to the county to build and maintain the greenway along the creekbed area (not the quarry), while the HOA retains ownership. Parks officials seemed quite amenable. They will develop a proposal that would eventually go to homeowners for a vote. No timeline was given, but funded greenway projects stretch years into the future.

In order to grant right-of-way access of common area, 2/3 of homes (140 of 210) would have to approve.

Local Events & Activities

Saturday, April 9

Community Yard Sale. Host your own sale and let community leaders do all the marketing for you! Email brownesferryhoa@gmail.com if you plan to participate.

Mom's Group Trip to Discovery Place KIDS. Meet up with other neighborhood parents and kids at the Huntersville location at 9:30 a.m.

Slow Art Day at the Charlotte Regional Farmer's Market on Yorkmont Road from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Handmade beeswax candles, goats milk soaps, walking sticks and more from local artisans. More at charlottefarmersmarket.com.

Petpooza at Independence Park starting at 10 a.m. Live music, food trucks, agility demonstrations, dog contest and more. humanesocietyofcharlotte.org.

Monday, April 11

Rookie Science Family Night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at University City Regional Library. As part of the NC Science Festival, discover science through books, experiments and hands-on activities. For ages 5-11. More at cmlibrary.org.

Tuesday, April 12

Taco Tuesday at Discovery Place KIDS. Kids can conduct experiments with ingredients found in the kitchen, as well as make soft shell tacos to eat. Tickets include museum admission for \$10. More at discoveryplacekids.org.

Friday, April 15

Recycling Collection

Saturday, April 16

Bluegrass Pick Up Jam at Reedy Creek Nature Center from 2-4 p.m. Bring an instrument to join or chairs and blankets to enjoy the music at the theater in the Natural Play area. More at parkandrec.com.

Saturday & Sunday, April 16-17 Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Games at Rural Hill in Huntersville. Tickets are \$7-21. More at ruralhill.net.

Saturday, May 22

Neighborhood Block Parties kick off at 6 p.m. on Groveview, Glen Brook and Brassy Creek. Feel free to host one on your block, or swing by those already in the works!

Thursday, May 26

HOA Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.