

Browne's Ferry Banner

Browne's Ferry Homeowners Association

August 2016

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New multisport court to open in August

Our tennis court repair vendor is finishing up our court restoration project. Although originally intended to be unveiled at National Night Out on Aug. 2, the court opening was delayed due to production delays.

The new multisport court will be opened to all homeowners in August. Among the project outcomes, the chainlink fencing was replaced and two new basketball goals were installed within the enclosure. The court gate will have a keypad lock to ensure it is enjoyed by homeowners.

It is important to note that Browne's Ferry Park is private property, common area owned by each and every homeowner. As such, it is not a public park. If there is ever a suspicious person at the park, please call 911. If they do not live in Browne's Ferry, they are not entitled to use our park.

FAQs

How do I find out the gate keypad access code?

The access code is reprogrammed every 2 months, and will be

printed **only** in this newsletter, which is hand-delivered to every home in the community.

Can I share the code with friends?

No. The code is intended solely for the use of Browne's Ferry Homeowners Association members and their guests while accompanied by association members. Sharing the code with others can result in a loss of privileges.

What other new rules are there?

Animals are never allowed on the court. This is a sanitary issue. Also, absolutely no glass is allowed. This is a safety issue.



HOA Meeting Minutes: July 28, 2016

- Call to order at 7:33 p.m.
- 9 homeowners and 3 board members present (Jessica Norman, Molly Hall, Martin Hare).
- Reading and approval of May minutes.
- Old Business: Norman reported we've received reimbursement check from Google Fiber. Little Free Library network opened in June.
- New Business: State Sen. Joel Ford spoke to the group and held a Q&A about pressing topics.
- Norman reported on city's board retreat and workshop. One idea was to revamp the online calendar, making it easier for neighbors to volunteer for activities. A second idea was a series of DIY workshops, which Donnee Bailey will champion. Third was a tailgate and cookoff event, which will be held in November.
- Dan Martin attended the tree banding pre-application workshop. All homeowners are encouraged to fill out the online survey.
- Norman pushed back the street cleanup to November since probability of winning city grant was low.
- National Night Out announcements.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Community leaders to focus on increasing volunteer participation

Volunteers from across Browne's Ferry attended the City of Charlotte's neighborhood board retreat and workshop on Saturday, July 16. One of the major take-aways from the workshop was the need for increased volunteer participation.

To help the community thrive, the year's worth of community events will be scheduled at the Annual Meeting in January, and each event will have multiple

opportunities of all sizes for neighbors.

Want to sign up to help with activities planned for the remainder of 2016? Check out our NEW community calendar at brownesferry.com. Each event with volunteer opportunities will include a link to SignupGenius with ways to help. Upcoming events include Halloween, Christmas Train and a Panthers tailgate and viewing party at the park.

Cankerworm tree banding survey online

Volunteer board member and HOA treasurer Dan Martin is leading this fall's tree banding efforts for the community. We will be applying for a \$3,000 grant from the city of Charlotte to fund tree banding materials.

Any interested homeowners must complete the online survey before our grant application is submitted on Sept. 1.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LVY6XSG)

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HOA at a Glance

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

Board Members

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Martin Hare
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Molly Hall
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Non-Board Officers

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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

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Charlotte, NC 28269
mycmg.com

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



June Yard of the Month:
3419 Browne's Creek



July Yard of the Month:
7412 Chapel Ridge



Groveview Court hosts big block party

Groveview Court held its block party on June 25, which drew neighbors from all across Browne's Ferry! They had tons of food, games, water balloons and music. There was a grill, smoker and flat-top hibachi-style grill set up.



Library network opens across Browne's Ferry

Little Free Library boxes were officially dedicated on June 12. Hopefully the project's success will earn Phillip Harmon his Eagle Scout designation from the Boy Scouts of America.

Neighbors are encouraged get outdoors, take a book or leave a book! You may also find (or donate) other reading materials, such as magazines.

Tailgate, Panthers viewing party: Nov. 6

Browne's Ferry will host a tailgate and Panthers viewing party on Sunday, Nov. 6, as the Panthers take on the Rams. Kickoff is at 4:05 p.m., and we'll have a big screen TV at the park to watch the game together.

We'll also be hosting our inaugural Tailgate Cookoff contest before the game, and we need someone to take the lead on running the contest. Participants will make a potluck-style helping of their best tailgate dishes, and neighbors will vote on the best dishes!

We are hoping to use our newly earned



grant credit from the city to help with prizes, T-shirts or other event goodies.

Are you interested in organizing the Tailgate Cookoff? Would you like to help out in other ways? Email brownesferryhoa@gmail.com.

Images from National Night Out: Aug. 2



Around 60 neighbors dropped by Browne's Ferry Park on Tuesday, Aug. 2, for National Night Out to enjoy a cup of Rita's Italian Ice, play at the park and watch Zootopia under the stars. We're hoping to rent the inflatable screen again for the Christmas Train to give folks another activity while waiting for their ride on the train.

Latest property inspection results in 24 violations

Cedar Management finished its August property inspection, which resulted in 13 "friendly" letters, 8 "official" letters (second notices) and 3 "final" letters (third notices, which include summons to a hearing during closed session of the next board meeting).

There have been significant

improvements made to the community since Cedar took over property inspections in April. If you receive a letter and would like to request an extension to complete the necessary repairs, please contact Cedar Management using the contact information on the letter.

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: ineverypiece@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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Home Safety Tips

Most residential burglaries are crimes of opportunity. Take steps to keep your home and neighborhood safe.

Step 1: Work Together



Connect on NextDoor. Talk to your neighbors about activity you see. Know who lives around you – and who doesn't.

Step 2: Secure Your Property



Keep doors and windows locked day and night

Never leave garage open

Don't advertise new gifts or purchases, or store valuables visible through windows

Don't hide a key outside for visiting friends and relatives

Store ladders in your garage

When out of town, put vacation holds on mail and newspapers

Step 3: Be Proactive



Illuminate all entrances and parking areas

Burn exterior lights all night

Trim and maintain trees/shrubs to prevent hiding places

Share concerns with neighbors



Step 4: See Something, Say Something

Get to know police officers in our response area

Text/call neighbors to check when you see something unusual

Call 911 immediately when you see something suspicious

If you are burglarized, go to a safe place immediately, such as a neighbor's home, to call 911



Source: CMPD Home Safety Information

Court Access Code

(only in print)

Local Events & Activities

Friday, August 12

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams. More at folksociety.org.

Aug. 12-13

UCUMC Fall Consignment Sale. More at ucumc.org.

Aug 18-20

Tarheel Kids Consignment Sale at Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. More at tarheelkidsconsignment.com.

Friday, August 19

Countdown to Kindergarten at Discovery Place KIDS. Free. More at discoveryplacekids.org

Friday, August 19

Recycling Collection

Saturday, August 20

Prosperity Village Food Truck Rally from 4-9 p.m. BYOB (no coolers or kegs), leashed dogs welcome. More at eatfromatruck.com.

Saturday, August 20

Hummingbird Festival at Reedy Creek Nature Center. Free. More at parkandrec.com.

Saturday, August 20

Guiding Parents to Services at [ImaginOn](http://ImaginOn.org). Workshops for parents of children with an Autism Spectrum diagnosis. More at imaginon.org.

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 26-28

Southern Women's Show at Charlotte Convention Center.

Friday, Sept. 2

Recycling Collection

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 3-4

"Museums on Us" days. Bank of America and Merrill Lynch cardholders can gain free access to many local museums. More at museums.bankofamerica.com.

Sept. 8-11

Yiasou Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. More at yiasoufestival.org.