

# Browne's Ferry Banner

Browne's Ferry Homeowners Association

October 2014

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## Treats, pet costume contest, kids parade on Halloween

Before our streets are overrun with ghouls and princesses, be sure to bring your minions down to Browne's Ferry Park at 6 p.m. on Halloween night.

Children can receive a free glow necklace to help them stay visible to motorists as they trick-or-treat. Other

fun planned includes a costume parade and a pet costume contest.

Bring your leashed dog(s) in their costumes to be entered in the contest. Participants on site will vote for the best costume, and the winner will receive a \$25 gift card to PetSmart.



**October 31**

**Browne's Ferry Park  
6-8 p.m.**

### Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7:00 p.m.

- Call to order at 7 p.m.
- City Greenway Planner Gwen Cook presented on county greenway plans. More on this can be found on page 4.
- Martin read minutes from the August board meeting. Minutes approved.
- Selesia Davis questioned motion lights at gazebo and how to prevent vandals from destroying them.
- Jessica Norman shared info about meeting with Duke Energy. Floodlights are not possible at gazebo, but an additional black street lamp will be installed in the back corner.
- Sam Greenlee complained about wattage on street lamps and "no parking" signs for smaller streets. He also asked about tree trimming.
- Several homeowners questioned the new location of the speed hump on Browne's Ferry Road. Homeowners are encouraged to call city and complain about traffic violations.
- Martin Hare announced the formation of executive committees and opened sign-ups to all homeowners. More info on page 2.
- Community Yard Sale will be held on Oct. 4 from 8-noon. More to the right.
- New business included courtesy notes for parking issues, park trash, Zillow and common area liability.
- Stafon Davis questioned board policy regarding delinquent accounts.
- Open session closed.
- Closed session closed at 10 p.m.

## Community Yard Sale set for Oct. 4

Browne's Ferry plans its fall Community Yard Sale for Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.

As we get a good idea of who plans to participate, we can better communicate how we plan to market and advertise the yard sale for maximum traffic and activity.

Local community Davis Lake

structures its community yard sale so that volunteers pass out maps of participating homes to visitors as they enter the neighborhood. The maps include information on the types of items for sale at each location.

If you would like to participate in the community yard sale, email brownesferryhoa@gmail.com by Oct. 3.

## Decorate home to win a \$25 gift card

Homes with the best fall decorations will be automatically entered in Browne's Ferry's fall porch contest.

Be sure to have your porch or front yard area decorated by Oct. 25 with

either Halloween decorations or fall decorations.

The winning home will receive a \$25 gift card to Lowe's, delivered to their home on Nov. 1.

## What do you want to see at the park?

Log on to BrownesFerry.com for a link to a survey to share your ideas for what the community should do with the existing tennis courts and old playground equipment area.

These ideas will be given to the Park Amenity Study Committee as they prepare a report to present at the Annual Meeting in January. The board will then hold a public hearing and referendum.

## HOA at a Glance

**Next Meeting:**  
Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

### Board Members

Martin Hare  
president@brownesferry.com

Molly Hall  
vicepresident@brownesferry.com

Mike Meeker  
secretary@brownesferry.com

Dan Martin  
treasurer@brownesferry.com

Jessica Norman  
asstsecretary@brownesferry.com

### Non-Board Officers

Stacey Ferguson  
assttreasurer@brownesferry.com

### 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

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

### William Douglas Property Management

4523 Park Road, Suite 201A  
Charlotte, NC 28209  
wmdouglas.com

Victoria Burnette Community Mgr  
vburnette@wmdouglas.com  
704-347-8900 ext 108

# Committees seek volunteers

Executive committees received their charters at the September board meeting. Brief summaries of each committee are below. More information is available on [BrownesFerry.com](http://BrownesFerry.com).

### Architectural Review

The ARC is required as part of our community Declarations and Covenants, and is charged with maintaining architectural standards for any new construction or alteration of lots. The ARC reviews alteration requests submitted through our property management company. To serve on the Architectural Review Committee, contact Martin Hare (president@brownesferry.com).

### Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee focuses on increasing the curb appeal and appearance of our community. This committee will communicate with the landscape contractor regarding common area plants and also manages any yard awards. To serve on the Beautification Committee, contact Jessica Norman (asstsecretary@brownesferry.com).

### Safety Committee

The Safety Committee seeks ways to reduce

criminal activity and promote Neighborhood Watch communications. To serve on the Safety Committee, contact Mike Meeker (secretary@brownesferry.com).

### Social Committee

The Social Committee is responsible for planning and managing all social activities for the community. To serve on the Social Committee, contact Molly Hall (vicepresident@brownesferry.com).

### Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee creates packages for new homeowners in the community using MLS reports to determine recent sales. This committee may also expand in the future to include other hospitality types of activity. To serve on the Welcome Committee, contact Jennifer Martin (jennifermartin360@gmail.com).

### Park Amenity Study Committee

The Park Amenity Study Committee is a temporary committee formed to explore all options for Browne's Ferry Park. The committee will gather cost estimates and any other information to present to the board and homeowners at the Annual Meeting in January. To serve on this committee, contact Summer Yarbrough (summeryarbrough@gmail.com).

# Volunteers to spend November weekends in community service

As we prepare for the holidays, Browne's Ferry will organize community service projects that need volunteers. Last year a few neighbors organized a leaf clean-up effort for homes that were unable to rake and bag leaves. This year we hope to expand the effort.

If you have ideas for other service opportunities, or know of neighbors with need, please email brownesferryhoa@gmail.com.

We encourage neighbors to invite their church or social groups to help as we attempt to give back to our neighbors and our community.

#### Saturday, Nov. 1: Litter Pick Up

Clean-up crews will walk the neighborhood picking up litter from Halloween activities.

#### Saturday, Nov. 8: Beautification Crew

For those unable to clean up plant beds, volunteers can assist in pulling weeds and trimming shrubs. Volunteers can also rake and bag leaves for curbside pickup.

#### Saturday, Nov. 15: Canned Food Drive

Volunteers will collect canned food from driveways to give to a local food pantry.

#### Saturday, Nov. 22:

Volunteer choice / Odd Job Trade-offs

*Have an idea for a service project? Want to volunteer for any of these projects? Email brownesferryhoa@gmail.com or visit the Browne's Ferry Neighborhood Group on Facebook.*

# Make it easy for us to reach you



facebook.com/groups/brownesferry



brownesferry.nextdoor.com

Most of the information in this newsletter is available online as soon as it is available. Get the latest information as soon as possible by connecting to neighborhood social media (Facebook and Nextdoor).

In the event of crime trends or other

pertinent information, the Browne's Ferry HOA leadership seeks to build an email list.

We have approximately half of the neighborhood's email addresses now, and we'd love to have one for every home in our community.

Your email address will only be used for Browne's Ferry community information and is not shared with any outside businesses or organizations. To sign up, visit brownesferry.com and use the "Subscribe to Email Alerts" box on the right side of the home page.

## Community Business Service Listings

### 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. I also train Pastors, Priest & Imams. Domestic violence is not something we can continue to stick our heads in the sand and ignore. We have teenagers that do not know the signs of domestic violence and they need to learn. If you or someone you may know is experiencing domestic, be a part of the solution and not the problem. I know it can be embarrassing but it hurts more in silence. Please visit: [www.baitulhemayah.org](http://www.baitulhemayah.org). If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Sa'idah Sudan, 704-562-4002. ALL CALLS ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

### Work at TWC Arena this Season

It's Recruiting Time for the upcoming season at the Time Warner Cable Arena. If anyone is interested and enjoys working in a family environment; would enjoy working at the Arena; enjoys having fun. If YES, then I am to "SPREAD THE BUZZ" You MUST register online at [teamworkonline.com](http://teamworkonline.com) AND in the section "How did you hear about us?" you must use my name (George Benda). OK? Good Luck!

### 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 (botanical, no chemicals), ARTISTRY skin care (one of the TOP 5 premium skincare in the world), and

NUTRILITE (number ONE health and wellness supplements and weight management products in the world) plus our fabulous SATINIQUE hair care products! Samples available. Contact me at: [ineveryplace@gmail.com](mailto:ineveryplace@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. My retail website is: <http://www.amway.com/kimaber> (15% discounts for all Browne's Ferry residents).

### Quality Lawn & Tree Service

Quality without question. Stafon Davis (3731 Waterton Leas Court). 704-763-7838 (cell), 704-599-8696 (home), [sdavis200@att.net](mailto:sdavis200@att.net).

### 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. To learn more, call (806) 401-7550 or email at: [jennifermartin360@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermartin360@gmail.com).

### The Carefree Boat Club



For a lot less money than owning one boat, enjoy unlimited access to a fleet of pontoon, deck, ski and sail boats on Lake Norman and 25 other locations. Training required and included. [CarefreeBoats.com/LakeNorman](http://CarefreeBoats.com/LakeNorman) or 704-557-0848.

### Tutoring Services

Wayne Alston, tutor for 6-12 math and common core. Contact him at 706-726-4186 or [EEZ-ZEE@att.net](mailto:EEZ-ZEE@att.net).

### Gillette Piano Studio

Would you like your child to learn to read music and play the piano? You can have lessons close to home without leaving the Browne's Ferry neighborhood. Competitive rates, ages 7 to adult, 15 plus years experience teaching piano. To learn more, call Ann Gillette at 704-598-2938.

### Morgan's Pizza & Beyond

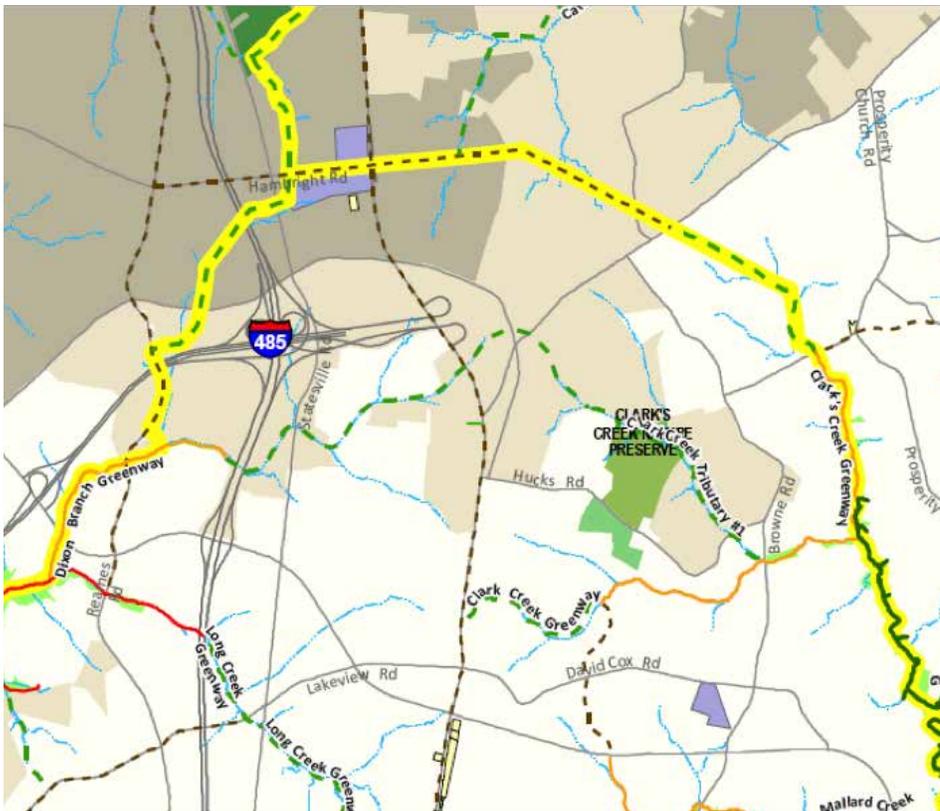


When in Mint Hill, stop in to see us at 7427 Mint Hill-Matthews Road (Highway 51 and Lawyers Road). We have New York style pizza, calzones, burgers and other tasty items. We look forward to seeing you.



**Have a business  
you want listed?**

**[brownesferryhoa@gmail.com](mailto:brownesferryhoa@gmail.com)  
or give it to a board member  
before the next meeting.**



## County details long-term greenway plans

City Greenway Planner Gwen Cook presented Mecklenburg County's master plan for greenway expansion at the September board meeting.

Currently the county maintains 38 miles of greenway. Its master plan calls for 202 miles, including an expansion along Clarks Creek tributary, which borders our community along the north side at the park and quarry.

County representatives will look at the parcel in the near future and return to us with details on whether the county

would explore purchasing part or all of the property from our HOA.

If the county were to buy the land, the earliest earliest we could expect any expansion is 2019. The master plan calls for the extension to head west and eventually tie into the Charlotte to Mooresville Red Line project, which Cook described as "significant."

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, links to more information and larger maps are available on [BrownesFerry.com](http://BrownesFerry.com).

## National Night Out a big success in August

National Night Out saw a huge turnout on Aug. 5. There wasn't an official head count, but Rita's gave away 110 cups of free Italian ice to neighbors. Three response area CMPD officers also attended, and fielded many questions

regarding the safety of our community and park area.

It was great to see our park being used by so many in our community, and we hope to have the same turnout at other community events in the future!

## Local Events

### Friday, Oct. 3

Recycling Collection

### Saturday, Oct. 4

Hola Charlotte Festival. Authentic Latin food, performances, art and interactive kids zone. [holacharlottefestival.com](http://holacharlottefestival.com).

### Monday, Oct. 6

Fall Homeschool Day at Historic Rural Hill (4431 Neck Road, Huntersville). \$8, free for adults. More at [ruralhill.net](http://ruralhill.net).

### Saturday, Oct. 11

Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Tickets start at \$13.25.

### Weekends, Oct. 4-Nov. 23

Carolina Renaissance Festival. Outdoor theater, circus entertainment, jousting and food. Halloween Daze and Spooky Nights on the weekend of Oct. 25-26. Tickets are \$10-25, kids under 5 free. 16445 Poplar Tent Road, Huntersville.

### Friday, Oct. 17

Recycling Collection

### Friday, Oct. 31

Recycling Collection

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.: TreesCharlotte at Croft Community School. Volunteers will plant hundreds of trees as part of a TreesCharlotte grant. Register online: [treescharlotte.org](http://treescharlotte.org).

6-8 p.m. Halloween at Browne's Ferry Park. We'll have glow necklaces and candy for kids, a pet costume contest (with prizes) and a kids costume parade down Browne's Ferry Road to the cul de sac.

### Thursday, Oct. 23

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Barbecue. A tradition dating back more than 80 years that has become famous for its "meet and greet" appeal for local politicians. Held at the old Mallard Creek Community House (11400 Mallard Creek Road) for eating in or drive-thru. [mallardcreekbbq.com](http://mallardcreekbbq.com).

### Friday + Saturday, Oct. 24-25

Ghost Walk at Latta Plantation (5225 Sample Road, Huntersville). For ages 10+. Tickets \$7-8. More at [lattaplantation.org](http://lattaplantation.org).

### Sunday, Nov. 2

Daylight Saving Time ends

### Friday, Nov. 14

Recycling Collection

### Saturday, Nov. 29

Recycling Collection (delayed one day due to Thanksgiving holiday)