



# BROWNE'S FERRY BANNER

## HOA MEETINGS TAKE PLACE BI-MONTHLY

**ANNUAL MEETING:**  
Thursday, May 26  
7:00 p.m.

University City  
United Methodist Church  
(Enter lower level from back parking lot.)

Agenda:  
Homeowners' Forum Old/New Business  
Committee Reports Financials Review

### Browne's Ferry HOA Board Members

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### Browne's Ferry HOA Committee Chairs

Jeff Riedel-Bicknell Safety Committee  
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**Looking for new chair** Social Committee

Ladrean Hare Welcome Committee  
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### Management Information

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## BROWNE'S FERRY EASTER EGG HUNT



**When: Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm**  
**Where: Browne's Ferry Park**

*Come join us at the park to find the eggs that the Easter Bunny has hidden. There will be candy and prizes.*

**\*\*The Social Committee is looking for a new chair. If you are interested please contact Lori Sarisky at [lsarisky@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lsarisky@carolina.rr.com)**

## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Are you interested in keeping our neighborhood the safe place to live that we have all come to appreciate? Safety Committee Chair Jeff Riedel-Bicknell is looking for a co-chair, as well as a few additional block captains. Please contact Jeff at [bfsafety@yahoo.com](mailto:bfsafety@yahoo.com) for more information.

With spring arriving it means warmer weather, longer days, yard work, time for walks, runs, bike rides, BBQ's, and Kids playing outside. Our common areas (Playground, Tennis Court, Basket Ball Court, and Gazebo) are a wonderful place to get out and enjoy the neighborhood and I hope to see many of you there in the next months!

Please be aware that our common areas also attract people from outside the neighborhood and at times we have issues with property vandalism, littering, teenagers hanging out, and swimming and fishing in the Quarry behind our common area which is an "off limits" area due to safety and liability issues.

The more we as homeowners use the common areas and communicate with each other the better we will be able to keep this a positive and safe area for all to enjoy! So, while you are out enjoying all these fun activities please keep the following tips in mind to stay safe and enjoy this beautiful time of year!

**PLEASE CALL 911** if you observe **ANY** suspicious persons or vehicles in the neighborhood, especially around the common areas.

## **GREEN TIP: Organic vs. Chemical or Synthetic Fertilizer**

The most important thing you can do for a lawn is to provide it with proper nutrition. A well-fed, healthy lawn has a better root system to combat heat, cold, drought, mowing, foot traffic and other stresses. There are two fertilizing times in the year that are most important: early spring and late fall. If you only can fertilize your lawn just a few times, these are the two you need to have (two fertilizer applications are the minimum). Fall is the most important with early spring the next most important time. However what type of fertilizer should you use?

Organic fertilizer or synthetic ones?

Organic fertilizer:

- is a slow-release fertilizer without the hazards of over-fertilizing or root damage problems;
- doesn't work as quickly as chemical fertilizers, but improves the quality of the soil over the growing season;
- doesn't introduce toxic chemicals into the soil, which is then washed out by the rain and leaked into the water system;
- helps to maintain organic soil structures, and retains naturally occurring bacteria, fungi, and micro-organisms; and
- produces food that is higher in nutrients – vitamins and minerals – and retains its natural flavor.

Synthetic (chemical) fertilizer:

- has a destructive action on soil;
- works quickly but can burn out roots;
- ruins the natural soil structure;
- is absorbed into the food and then into animals and humans, with who-knows-what long-term effect; and
- requires careful handling using gloves, breathing filters, which is a clue as to how dangerous it is.

Source: <http://www.greenlivingtips.com/articles/249/1/Organic-fertilizers.html> [http://www.american-lawns.com/lawns/spring\\_feeding.html](http://www.american-lawns.com/lawns/spring_feeding.html)

### **Summary of March 31st HOA Annual Meeting:**

- The Board voted to replace the landscape company. Our new landscaper is OneSource: <http://abm.com/Services/landscape-and-golf/Pages/Landscape-Installation.aspx>

Current customers include: Highland Creek, Skybrook Townhomes, Rack Room Shoes, the Park-Huntersville. They will start servicing Browne's Ferry on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- The Board voted to replace the front entrance "Browne's Ferry" letters with HDU carved signs. The new signs will give our entrance an updated look and are maintenance free.
- The Board has been obtaining quotes for playground mulch and we hope to have the new mulch in place within the next month.
- The Board discussed a request from the County for a transfer of some property currently owned by Browne's Ferry. The property is behind the park and Browne's Creek Road. The County intends to use this property for additional Greenway.

## **2011 HOA MEETING DATES**

(all are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.)

May 26  
July 28

September 29  
December 1

- \* Look for a new *Browne's Ferry Banner* 10 days after each meeting.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER**

- City ordinance prohibits parking on the street within 20 feet of an intersection; and within 30 feet upon the approach to a stop sign. (Sec. 14-216)
- When walking your dog, please do not allow it to dig in your neighbors' yards or flowerbeds and be sure to clean up any messes.
- Pets are *not* allowed to roam freely in the neighborhood. Mecklenburg County has a strict leash law requiring pets to be on a leash or in a fenced yard. Fines range from a \$50 citation for the first violation to \$500 and permanent seizure of the animal for a fifth violation. Call 311 to report an animal at large.
- Storm drains feed our water source. Keep them free of debris including trash, leaves, sticks, and grass clippings.
- Garbage and recycling cans must be stored in a location that is out of sight from the street.



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***Deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is Tuesday, May 31.***