



February 2011

BROWNE'S FERRY BANNER

HOA MEETINGS TAKE PLACE BI-MONTHLY

ANNUAL MEETING:
Thursday, March 31
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

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Browne's Ferry neighborhood newsletter is now produced every other month, about 10 days following each HOA meeting. On occasion, the newsletter will be distributed to each home. However, *copies are always available in the boxes at the two neighborhood entrances.*

Another way to be sure you don't miss out on any neighborhood news is to sign up through our website. Please know that *you choose* how much or little information about yourself is available to those visiting the website. Also, only signed-in members (who are approved by the HOA as Browne's Ferry residents before gaining access) can view the member list.

Website member benefits include email notification of newsletters, information about social events, and safety alerts. You will also have the opportunity to discuss neighborhood issues through the forums, advertise services, and generally get to know your neighbors. Check it out, and sign up soon!

Neighborhood website: <http://brownesferry.webs.com>

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Thank you to the Social Committee for planning a great Holiday Train event! Approx. 100 neighbors gathered to ride the Little Blue Choo Choo, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Congratulations to our holiday decorations contest winners!

1st Place – 7201 Glen Brook Lane (\$75)
2nd Place – 7311 Glen Brook Lane (\$50)
3rd Place – 7409 Chapel Ridge Road (\$25)

The Social Committee welcomes new members to its next meeting – Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. Please email Kelly Lorentz at kllorentznc@yahoo.com for more information.

Also, check out some of the activities listed below. All are new groups, now forming, and a great opportunity to connect with neighbors who share your interests. Meetings take place at the home of the Lorentz family. Email Kelly to let her know you are coming and get the house number on Cornerstone Drive.

Digital Photography Club ~ Thursday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

Mystery/Suspense/Thriller Book Club ~ Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m.

Adobe Photoshop Club ~ Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

Linux Users Group ~ Thursday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

Gardening Club ~ Saturday, February 19, 10:00 a.m.

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 for more information.

As we work toward becoming an official Neighborhood Watch Community, there are things all residents can do to prevent crime.

1. Get to know your neighbors.
2. Be aware of unfamiliar cars or people.
3. Keep cars locked and valuables hidden.

If you see suspicious activity DO NOT approach the person. Call 911 instead. They will decide what action is needed.

GREEN TIP: GREAT WAYS TO SAVE WATER

Help our environment, not to mention saving a little money on your water bill, by following these water-saving tips.

1. Turn the water off while brushing your teeth.
2. Fill a milk jug with stones and place it in your toilet tank to displace water.
3. Find an egg timer from your kitchen and use it limit showers to five minutes.
4. Turn off the water while shaving.
5. Fix toilet and faucet leaks immediately.
6. Don't use your toilet as a trash can.
7. Collect "warm-up" water to irrigate your lawn and flowerbeds.
8. Conserve energy. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory estimates that .47 gallons of water are lost for every kilowatt-hour of power generated by coal power plants.

Summary of January 27th HOA Annual Meeting:

- Review of Financials – The HOA ended the year with a surplus of \$9,000. Some of the money will go towards replacing the mulch at the playground and possibly updates to the front entrance.
- Recognition of Committees – Social committee held several events this year. The Holiday train had a great turn out and was a big hit. Hopefully we will get more participation this year.
- Election of New Board Member – There were three candidates: Selesia Davis, Donny Edwards and Martin Hare. Donny Edwards was elected by the homeowners who were present at the meeting.
- Open Discussion – Topics discussed were creation of a new neighborhood phone directory, outstanding violations, ideas for safety committee participation and a possible rewrite of the bylaws.

2011 HOA MEETING DATES

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

March 31 September 29
May 26 December 1
July 28

- * 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.



The Browne's Ferry Banner is a bi-monthly publication, published approximately 10-14 days after each HOA meeting. Submissions to the newsletter are accepted at any time, with the deadline being the Tuesday after each HOA meeting. Send information to bfnews@earthlink.net.

Deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is Tuesday, April 5.