

Arbor Creek Newsletter

Edition Number One, March 2011

The ACHA Board is launching a new newsletter! The newsletter will be sent out on a quarterly basis to help keep residents informed about our community. We would like to officially name our newsletter by holding a contest. Submit your ideas to the Board at messages@arbor-creek.org. At the April board meeting we will vote on the best name and the winning homeowner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Panera Bread! Get your creative juices flowing! Deadline to enter the contest is April 15th.



Reminder for homeowners:

Please keep the association informed of changes in your contact information (mailing address, telephone, email etc.) so that you won't miss important communications and news. To do this, send an email to messages@arbor-creek.org with the changes.

Important Safety Reminder!

A portion of the newly paved path through the woods to the hospice has been damaged and will be repaired soon. Please be careful when walking in that area.

President's Corner:

Well it's March and Spring cannot come soon enough! The Board welcomes Julie Wigley and Shen Bo as new members. As you can see from this newsletter, we are already enjoying their enthusiasm and new ideas for ways to improve our community. Thank you Julie and Bo. In coming months, we will continue repaving the asphalt pathways in the neighborhood. Phase II will include the path in the common area between Boulder Ridge and Cook Creek. We expect to finish Phase II this summer. Phase III will include the path that runs from Cook Creek to Mystic. That part will be completed in the Summer of 2012.

Dan Shemke

Volunteers Needed!!

The ACHA board is working hard to ensure that we maintain or increase the homeowners value. As such, we want to get more people involved in our neighborhood. We are looking for volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt, the summer party, to put articles in the newsletter and many other activities. Please consider donating a little of your time to make our neighborhood a better place to live. If interested, send an email to messages@arbor-creek.org. We look forward to hearing from you!!

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Website Updates:

Did you know you can post classified ads and messages for other Arbor Creek residents in our website?

Tell other residents about services that offer or need, such as babysitting or mowing the lawn, or lost & found pets or items, or give-away items that you no longer need. Before you are able to post for the first time, you need to register by going to the Registration page. After that, you can just log in and take care of you ad.

By Law Change:

The By Laws have been changed to reflect that permanent basketball hoops can now be installed on your property. Please see the enclosed by law updates.

Financial News:

By Mar 23, 2011, 95% of Arbor Creek homeowners have paid their dues, There are only 9 homeowners who haven't paid yet. Please be aware that, under the new "Dues Collection Policy" of our Association, a processing charge of \$100 will be added to the \$250 annual dues to those homeowners who are past due on their payment, and on April 1 the collection will be in the hands of the Association's attorney, which mean that the attorney's fees will also be added to the unpaid dues. We encourage every homeowner to pay on time.

Easter Egg Hunt:

We will have the egg hunt event this year on April 23rd (Saturday) at 11 am. Same as previous years, the ACHA board will host the event, obtain the permissions from the Hospice, make the email reminding, and put up the A-signs.

Volunteers are the key for the event to be successful. We need help for event set up, organizing, and cleaning, etc. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Bo Shen (2619 Cook Creek Court) by phone (734-761-1745) or email (shenbok@yahoo.com) by April 3rd so that we can have sufficient time to prepare for this event.

Thank you very much !!



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Hello Fellow Residents,

My name is Bari Brown, the newly appointed Vice President of the Arbor Creek Board as well as the acting Landscaping and Snow Removal Supervisor. Wearing my landscaping hat I am happy to report that Spring is just around the corner even though it has not seemed that way lately. I want to take this time first of all to report out to you what this board has done in calendar year 2010 and what we plan to do in the upcoming year. Hopefully everyone has had the chance to see and take advantage of the new resurfacing job that we have completed on the Arbor Hospice path that goes through the woods and the partial resurfacing that was completed on the path leading east from Cook Creek Drive to Mystic. The resurfacing was badly needed and performed by Budget Paving. We also discovered that the reason for the path deterioration especially on the hospice path was due to poor drainage, so to keep the new path from deteriorating we contracted Lodi Farms to improve the drainage along that path as well.

While we were at it we contracted Lodi Farms to fix the landscaping in the front entranceway off of Waters to make our sub a little more inviting as our friends and family come to visit us as well as ourselves as we return home from work or play. Lodi also re-landscaped several other common areas in the sub as well. All of this restoration work was done well under budget thanks to the negotiation efforts put in by the team. The current board is not stopping there. We plan to continue to replace and/or resurface the remaining walking paths along with improving related drainage to the same standards and low cost that we did for the previous paths. We also plan to re-landscape the waters road pond which will include a fountain for all to enjoy. Please look for these changes in the upcoming months.

We would also like you to note that we are in the process of renegotiating the grounds keeping and snow removal contract for the upcoming season with Yardmaster to keep our common areas looking nice at a low cost. During this process and throughout the year, please let us know how we are doing and the people that we contract, after all we are working for you. One last note. We are planning a spring spruce up week in which homeowners will be rewarded for the best landscaping and spruce up. This will be started in May. We will be looking for volunteers to help get this important property value raising event started, so please contact us soon if interested. Details will follow in the coming weeks. Thank you for being good neighbors.

Best Regards,
Bari W. Brown



Arbor Creek Homeowner's Association
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Dan Shemke — President
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Luis Zapata — Secretary
Vivek Jaikamal — Member-at-Large
Julie Wigley — Member-at-Large
Shen Bo — Member-at-Large

Mark Your Calendar for
these
Upcoming Events:

- Name the Newsletter entries due—April 15th
- Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday April 23rd 11am
- Spring Spruce Up Event—May—Watch for details and exact dates
- Summer Party—August
- Annual Meeting—October

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