



Across the Brook

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From the President's Pen

I'm Allen Smith, your new Homeowners Association President. My wife Denise and I moved here in December 1999 and really enjoy the neighborhood. Last year we volunteered with the HOA and have gotten to know some really good neighbors and a few others. In the process, we hope we have improved things.

About the fence:

Our perimeter fences continue to deteriorate because our association cannot afford new fences. The previous fence was built in 1998 at a time when volunteers mowed the common areas and did most of the work in the neighborhood. During those days, the dues could be saved for capital improvements. As fewer people volunteered, lawn services were hired. Current maintenance expenses exceed dues collected. Every time the HOA raises dues, fewer people pay. Your input for a solution is welcome.

It's Your Neighborhood!

Like a bank accounts or relationship, you get out of a neighborhood what you put into it. Have you taken time to get to know your neighbors? Have you been to a fun event in the neighborhood park? Have you paid your dues to maintain the common areas? If not, make time this week to pay your dues and greet a neighbor.

Think about it

You have \$150,000 to \$250,000 in your home,
\$85 dues is the best bargain in Edmond!

If you've not paid your 2008 dues yet, please do by December 31, 2008.



Christmas Decorating Contest

*It's time again to untangle the lights for the CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST! Judging will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 14th-16th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Decorations will be judged based on four categories: **Best All Around, Most Traditional, Most Colorful and Most Animated.** Winners will receive a Cash prize and a sign in their yard for bragging rights. Best Wishes!!*



Thanks to Allen Smith and Mike McCue, we now have our own web page.
Check it out at

www.BrookhavenNorth.org



Do you remember 1979?

The final section of Brookhaven was platted in May 1979, so to celebrate we are planning a 30th Birthday Bash next summer. Event Volunteers are needed.

In the meanwhile, dig up your old pictures of the 'New' Brookhaven edition.

Block Captains

Board members are actively recruiting Block Captains for 14 blocks within our addition. Our goal is to have two Captains per block.



Block Captains duties include:

- Act as liaison for your block
- Promote special events
- Assist with Neighborhood Watch
- Provide information to the Board about concerns as well as news for Newsletter/website
- Assist with newsletter/flyer distribution
- Assist with gathering updates for neighborhood directory

If you would like to volunteer, please call Denise Smith at 330.1662.

New Neighbors!



- Steven & Susan Cowns at 2104 Brookwood Pl
- Gail Scott & Brandy Ratcliff at 2517 Brookdale Ave
- McKenzie Sampson at 2500 Brookside Ave
- Herbert Whiting & Sharon Grigsby at 803 Northbrook Ave
- Matthew & Paula Ford at 1014 Sunny Brook Dr
- Lawrence & Robin Matunas at 2101 Brookhaven Dr
- Charles & Traci Spencer at 807 Sunny Brook Ct
- Gary & Emily Orosco at 814 Brookside Ave
- Donald & Tamara Crabtree, Jr. at 2122 Bookview Ln
- David Reed at 2405 Brookside Ave
- Richard & Pamela Woods at 2110 Brookhaven Dr
- Gregory & Sandra Landowski at 2217 Brookhaven Ct
- Jon & Jeffery Minson at 1304 Brookhaven Dr

Welcome to Brookhaven!

The Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale was a great success again this year. A big thanks to Lisa Ziriak, Cathy and Mike Lopez for bringing it all together!

Help Wanted

Our HOA needs volunteer services for:

- **Masonary** - To work on the loose stones and brick at the entrances.
- **Plumber/Volunteer** - To cap the gas lines and removing the gas lanterns.
- **Licensed Electrician** - To help establish electricity and lights at the frontages.

If you have these skills, the HOA would greatly appreciated your donated time and resources. Please contact Denise Smith at 330.1662.





from the
Beautification Committee?

Maintaining the beauty of the common areas of Brookhaven is a huge priority for the HOA. Since 2007, we have had three workdays. During those workdays, volunteers have accomplished a great deal of work by pruning all trees along the frontages for street visibility, removing two trees and grinding out five tree stumps. They've also planted flowers and cleaned out flowerbeds. The HOA could not have afforded the services offered by these caring Volunteers. **Thank you to all who have volunteered your time and resources to our neighborhood. It shows!**

2008 Accomplishments

The BC contacted SW Bell and had two old signs removed in the neighborhood. Minimal sprinkler maintenance was completed in Spring 2008. Volunteers planted fourteen (14) perennial grasses around electrical boxes at Covell and Bryant and reseeded cool season grass this fall along east Covell in an attempt to reestablish grass in that area.

Maintenance Cost Exceeds Collected Dues

Three separate maintenance contracts were secured for mowing, flowerbed weeding and fertilizer in 2008. We are in the process of securing 2009 maintenance contracts. However, we are finding that maintenance costs are exceeding what has been collected in annual dues. This is a major concern for the BC and for you as a homeowner. Without your financial support, we will not be able to continue maintaining the frontages as we have in the past.

The lights go Out

In November 2008, BC will be cutting off the gas and removing the gas lanterns at the entrances. The gas lamps burn 24/7. Turning them off will save us about \$1,200 a year. Our hope is to apply the savings to install electrical lights at entrances. The small solar lights that we have used the last two years do not provide dependable or adequate lighting. Maintenance expenses and the amount of dues collected will determine whether we will be able to install electrical lights to the frontages.

New Volunteer

Bob Decker, a new resident, has volunteered to manage our sprinkler system. **Thank you Bob!**

How are my Homeowner's dues spent?

Treasury Report
As of November 1, 2008
Income and Expense

Balance Forward 1/1/08 \$12,560.74

INCOME

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Past Dues Collected | \$ 410.50 |
| 2008 Dues Collected (56%) | <u>9,103.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$ 9,513.50 |

EXPENSES

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Neighborhood Plus | \$ 870.25 |
| Administrative | 64.95 |
| Beautification | 7,488.27 |
| Committee Expenses | 66.80 |
| Computer Expense | 19.38 |
| Events | 298.57 |
| Gifts | 155.95 |
| Legal | 390.00 |
| Office | 37.83 |
| Postage | 123.00 |
| Utilities | 4,028.27 |
| Other | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$13,092.51 |

Balance Available 11/1/08 \$ 8,981.73

Email address bhtreasury@hotmail.com; please email for any clarification of the report.



A big Note of Thanks to Mary Scott who served as our HOA President for two years! Sadly for us, Mary moved out of Brookhaven North. While we will miss her vitality and participation, we wish her and Jerry nothing but the best in their new home!



Brookhaven North HOA Information Update

Are you new to Brookhaven or have things changed? Please provide us with an update.

Resident's Name(s):

Comments/Ideas:

Resident's Address:

Edmond, OK 73034-_____

Home Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

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