

Woods Lore

Brookside Woods Civic Association Newsletter

December 2016



News and Happenings in and around the Brookside Woods neighborhood, located in Northwest Columbus, OH

Happy Holidays!

Newsletter Layout

The Brookside Woods Civic Association Board is presenting a new layout for Woods Lore. It will be shared in both paper and electronics formats, and it will be distributed regularly around the neighborhood via mailboxes, email, and the Facebook group. By the way, any resident can join the Facebook group. Search Facebook for the “Brookside Woods Community” to be added to our neighborhood group.

Holiday Safety

Police are advising residents to be more careful in their holiday travels to avoid burglaries. Police always recommend anyone traveling contact the police department to be put on a house check list. Police suggest homeowners leave lights on or use timers and stop newspaper and mail delivery, making it more difficult to discern they're away. They warn, “There are professional burglars who go around looking for indications of an unattended house.” Newspapers stacked up or the mailbox being full of mail and all the lights being off are good indicators that no one is home.



Playing without a full Deck

A monthly euchre group in the neighborhood has been successfully formed. We are a flexible bunch with some tables playing 4 handed and some 3 handed depending on our numbers. You do not need to be a couple to join.

We rotate homes meeting the 1st Saturday of the month at 7:30. January 7th, February 4th, March 3rd, etc. is the schedule.



If you have any questions or would like to shuffle with us please contact Bill and Doris at 614-553-7941 or dbknuth@gmail.com.

Yellowbird Foodshed

Many neighbors have joined the Yellowbird Foodshed. This organization partners with a network of small, sustainable farms in order to provide a Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The program



allows neighbors to have a convenient way to access fresh, local food and have a true connection between farm to fork. Much more information can be found at Yellowbird's website: www.yellowbirdfs.com. Also, contact our resident liaison to the program, Wendy Grindstaff (wendy.grindstaff@gmail.com) for more information. It is never too late to join—residents can sign up online anytime.



Welcoming New Neighbors

So far this year your associations Welcoming baskets have been delivered to 21 new residents. If you are a new homeowner and have not received a welcome visit and basket please call Doris, details below.

From your associations fees wine and candy are purchased for the baskets. Cameron's Bistro and Fresh Thyme have given generous additions to help fill the baskets. Please support these businesses.

Doris and Suzanne have been working as a team delivering these baskets. In the near future a welcoming basket will be delivered to Suzanne's address. We thank her for her efforts on this committee and wish her and her family the best with their new adventure.

Since Suzanne is leaving would anyone who enjoys meeting people be interested in joining Doris to deliver baskets? If so please contact Doris at 614-553-7941 or dbknuth@gmail.com.

Have an idea or event to share?

If you have ideas for articles, or would like to include a neighborhood-related event of your own, please contact any member of the board, or the newsletter coordinator, Jason Reynolds, at 614-309-9967 or reynolj2@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

Annual Meeting

Want to keep up on what's new and going on in Brookside Woods in 2017? Our annual neighborhood meeting is January 16th at 7:00 at Linworth Church. Mark your calendars now! Come and get all of your budget questions answered!

Call for Board Members



We are seeking new board members.

Annual Neighborhood Dues

With so many new residents having joined us in the neighborhood, many may not be aware of the Brookside Woods Civic Association Dues requirements. There is an annual fee due at the beginning of each calendar year, \$100 for 2017 increasing to \$125 for 2018. On the next page of this newsletter is a report of several projects paid for with monies collected from prior years of dues. In order to keep the neighborhood and its parks looking its best, please be sure to stay up on your dues payments for the year. For more information, please contact the BWCA Treasurer, Jim Kensinger: jakensinger@gmail.com. There is a form on the back page of this newsletter you are welcome to use to include with your payment. Send payments to BWCA, PO Box 341042, Columbus, OH 43235 or drop it by Jim's home at 6705 Maplebrook Lane.

Brookside Woods Civic Association has meetings throughout the year every other month, on the second Monday. 2017 meetings will be held March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11 and November 13.



Free Salt

There are two containers in our park that contain free salt for any neighbor.

How Association Dues are Spent

- Maintenance and lighting of the park
- Landscaping of the entrance areas including: mowing, fertilizing of trees, shrubs and lawn, cleaning/weeding of garden beds
- Salting of the entrances during periods of heavy snow
- Maintenance, lighting, replacement of signage at entrances
- Garage Sale Support
- Insurance and other improvements as needed
- Social activities like Brookside Bash



Interested in advertising your business in the upcoming Woods Lore Newsletter? A banner ad in this newsletter is \$20 for one run and it will reach the 330+ households in Brookside Woods. You can send a 1" X 7" banner, or I can make something up for you if you send me the information. Contact Jason Reynolds at reynolj2@hotmail.com or 614-309-9967 for more information.

Dues Payment Form

2017 Brookside Woods Civic Association Dues

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount of Dues: \$100

Please make checks payable to BWCA and either mail to BWCA, PO Box 341042, Columbus, OH 43235 or drop off at Jim Kensinger's home: 6705 Maplebrook Lane