

## Spring HOA Newsletter

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## Hi Neighbors,

We have several updates for you and some friendly reminders.

- 1. Things are finally warming up and we can start to get our gardens and yards back in shape after a rough winter. As a reminder:
- 2. Time to treat your lawn for weeds or notify your lawn care company to do so.
- 3. Please be sure to cut your lawn and edge routinely. Also, make sure that you clean up after yourself or your lawn service and properly dispose of yard trimmings as they should not be placed in the sewer lines or water management systems of the neighborhood.
- 4. Now is the time to prune your shrubs and trees if you did not do so in the fall.
- 5. If you have any questions or need advice feel free to contact our newly reformed Garden Committee. You can submit questions/concerns to input@briaroaks.com. Please put Garden in the subject Line.
- 6. Friendly reminder that we need to clean up after our pets this applies to the Common areas as well as our neighbor's yards. Please be courteous and take your pet's waste with you to dispose of properly.
- 7. The Yard Sale is coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are arranging for Waste Management to provide us with a dumpster to dispose of any Spring clutter or unsold items, as they committed to as part of our agreement. We will let you know when and where the dumpster will be.
- 8. You may have noticed a lot of activity around the detention ponds and ravine behind the main mailboxes we've been working through who has responsibility for their maintenance and condition. We are experiencing a certain amount of bureaucratic circular reasoning between Mark III, Ryan Homes, Greenville Land Development, ReWa and others but believe we are closing in on much needed answers. We are scheduling a call with our attorney in the next 2 weeks to evaluate our options and will report back.
- 9. We are tentatively scheduling a Town hall meeting for June 3, this meeting may be virtual or in person. Once we have answers, we will inform you all.
- 10. Please, if you have room in the driveway, try to avoid blocking the sidewalk with your vehicles.
- 11. In an effort to streamline and ensure all residents are receiving official communications from the HOA, the decision has been made to terminate the "Official or now Unofficial" Briar Oaks Facebook page effective 4/14/21. One of the main reasons why the HOA is moving away from Facebook is the number of complaints by homeowners who cannot access the information. The board also received a suggestion from the previous board that the neighborhood only needs one Facebook page. In addition, the current Board does not feel that Facebook is a proper vehicle, nor means for official communications from the HOA. Using Facebook removes all record keeping and accountability in your dealings with the Board and our responses to the community. All future communications from the HOA will be distributed via U.S. Mail, email, townhall meetings, and on the new website that is under construction. All emails sent to and from input@briaroaks.com will be maintained as a permanent record for Briar Oaks.

The remaining Facebook page is run independent from the HOA and is used purely for social interactions and functions. The HOA encourages homeowners to visit this page by the link provided: https://www.facebook.com/groups/789204444760958

Accurate and timely communication is one of the most important goals of the HOA. The method these communications are delivered by must be inclusive and trustworthy. The Board feels the steps taken above will move us closer to our goal!

Wishing you all a happy Spring,

-Briar Oaks' Board of Directors