

Briar Oaks Board Newsletter August 23, 2021

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Semi-Annual Meeting

Every household should have received a meeting notice for the **Semi-Annual/Special Meeting for September 15th at 6:30pm**. If you have not yet received your meeting notice, please reach out to Lisa VanVolkenburg at William Douglas (lvanvolkenburg@wmdouglas.com). We also would like to note that the Briar Oaks BOD has unanimously adopted Robert's Rules, per the recommendation of our community's Association Attorney. Because our bylaws do not designate a parliamentary authority, adopting these rules of order will better facilitate our forums and meetings going forward. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th!

New Speed Limit Sign

We are pleased to share that the speed limit sign has been updated at the entrance of our subdivision. The original posted speed limit of 25 mph **has been reduced to 15 mph**. This was recommended by several residents as an alternative to the stop signs. The Board of Directors checked in with the county and confirmed it is within the purview of the Association to reduce the speed limit within our subdivision. The BOD unanimously approved a new sign to be installed. We hope this posted limit will mitigate ongoing issues with speeding by delivery trucks, service vehicles and residents. The current sign is a placeholder, we have a permanent larger sign on the way to be installed soon. We ask everyone to please observe this new speed limit, to ensure everyone's safety ongoing.

Landscaping Update

The Board has been overseeing the easement strips located on Limberlock Way and Fawn Hill Dr., both areas have been seeded and Limberlock was also aerated. However, due to the recent heavy rains, we are aware some of the seeding washed out. We have scheduled our landscaper to re-seed these areas to ensure it takes. We understand these areas have been a visible eyesore ongoing, and we are working diligently to get them up to par. We appreciate your patience as we continue to address this.

We'd like to thank the Garden Committee for trimming, cleaning up and removing the dead flowers and foliage at the front entrance, as well as trimming and shaping the shrubs. Thank you all for volunteering your time and resources to this effort.

Thank You for Your Support

We thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we tackled some of the more challenging items facing our HOA. Your current BOD and volunteers have worked tirelessly and diligently to ensure we accomplished as much as possible during the first half of our term.

Some highlights include:

- Bringing the community up to code with Greenville County, mitigating fines and violations
- Negotiated with Mark III to fix the ravine and storm water easement areas, in addition to removing the silt fences left behind by the builder
- Contracted required maintenance for both retention & bio-retention ponds (only one pond was previously being managed)
- Renegotiated contracts to ensure we maximize our budget and still fulfill our obligations without additional special assessments to the homeowners
- Developed a neighborhood website, facilitating access to information ongoing
- Created a platform for better record-keeping for the community and future HOA Boards
- Streamlined resident communications by implementing a dedicated email platform
- Curated and maintained an updated email database to ensure all residents receive important communications ongoing
- Implemented our first Town Hall Meetings as an open forum to keep residents updated
- Added new plantings and spruced up the front entrance, creating curb appeal for our neighborhood
- Reduced the number of mailings and violations being sent, resulting in a reduced admin budget
- Ensured the entire neighborhood was current on all dues

We look forward to continuing the work we started, thank you for this opportunity to serve our neighborhood!

Sincerely,
The Briar Oaks Board of Directors
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