



Tour of Camp Swift Arranged

by Tom Henderson

The Tour of Camp Swift originally scheduled for **Saturday, May 23, 2009** **Has been rescheduled for** **Saturday, May 30, 2009**
AIA Board

Camp Swift offers their apologies for the rescheduling necessity and hopes all who would have attended on the 23rd can make it on the 30th.

Camp Swift indicates that there will other occasions in the future to tour the Camp. The cancellation is due to some members of the General Staff being called away for meetings in Washington DC, and/or on leave.

The invitation to tour Camp Swift is as follows:

A tour of Camp Swift has been arranged by the Arbors Community Awareness Committee and the Texas National Guard at Camp Swift.

The tour will include refreshments, a short introduction by the Commander of Camp Swift and possibly an appearance by Brigadier General Joyce Stevens, who commands both Camp Swift and Camp Mabry.

Also included is a presentation on

the improvements being made to the existing Camp with the new ongoing construction expected to bring about 400 jobs to the Elgin area.

Residents are encouraged to comment and to ask questions.

Tour participants will be transported around the facility with stops at a live fire exercise, barracks and armory tour. Movement within Camp Swift will be on vehicles furnished by Camp Swift.

PLEASE RECONFIRM YOUR RSVP FOR THIS NEW DATE

If you are interested in taking this tour, please RSVP to Connie Vestal no later than Thursday, May 28, 2009. Connie can be reached at connieves@austin.rr.com or 285-4336.

This tour is open all Arbors residents, property owners, and their families. It is expected to last about 1 1/2 hours.

(When arriving at Camp Swift, please use the parking lot to the right of the Main Entry Gate and then proceed into the Armory.)

Fire Danger High

by AIA Board

Bastrop County Commissioners lifted the BURN BAN a few weeks ago.

Although the Arbors received as much as 5" of rain just before the Burn Ban was lifted, that is not near enough to alleviate the fire danger we face living here in the forest, especially with low humidity, high winds, and afternoon heating.

If you plan to burn debris, please take a few moments to review the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department's rules regarding burning outside. These are posted on the Arbors website: <http://www.arborsia.org/index1.htm>

Windy conditions are a definite no-no for burning. Fires can be intensified, will get out of control very quickly... and a garden hose is no match for a brush fire!

Don't burn debris if there is any other way to dispose of it. Tree and branch chippers aren't that expensive to rent if you have a sizeable amount of wood to be chipped. Recycling back to Nature is the best way to go. Remember, keeping the Arbors safe from fire is every resident's responsibility.

Burglary Prevention Checklist

by AIA Board

We have a Neighborhood Watch program here in the Arbors. Neighbors working together make one of the best crime-fighting teams around.

Here are some more tips to think about:

Keep shrubbery trimmed. Tall, thick shrubbery provides cover for a burglar and lets them work undetected.

Keep the area around your house well lit. Motion activated outdoor floodlights work especially well.

Using an engraving pen, write your Driver's License number on your personal property.

Make sure your exterior door locks are the "1" long throw" deadbolt style. Make sure the "security plate" is installed in the door jamb to complement the deadbolt lock. Keep your windows locked as well. Most burglars won't break a secured window for fear of the noise and attention it would attract.

Make a home inventory list,

complete with photos or video. Store this away from your home in case of fire or storm damage.

Never leave a house key in such obvious places as a mailbox or under a doormat.

Have a security plan for when you are on vacation. Ask a neighbor or friend to pick up mail, newspapers, etc. Better yet, have your mail held at the post office till you return.

Use automatic timers to turn on lights, radios and televisions. An especially effective method is to have one time turn off a bathroom light as one time turns on a bedroom light and vice versa, to give an impression of movement within the house. Change these sequences at least every three months.

Have a "wide angle" peephole in your exterior doors. This gives you a panoramic view of the area around your door.

Report all suspicious activity to the Bastrop County Sheriff's Department immediately.

Easter Egg Hunt

by Melissa Ramsay

Our neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 11th in our park. All children and grandchildren of Arbors residents were invited to come. We had 24 adults and 15 children between the ages of 8 days and 10 years old. The kids had so much fun hunting the eggs the Easter Bunny had left for them, playing with bubbles and sidewalk chalk. The adults had the opportunity to visit while watching the kids hunt and play. Everyone enjoyed some refreshments after all the eggs were found. A great time was had by all!



Check out the Easter Egg Hunt Photos online at:

<http://s197.photobucket.com/albums/aa155/arbors/Easter%20Egg%20Hunt%2009/?albumview=slideshow>

Spring Potluck

by Kathy Mowrey

Our Spring Potluck Dinner will be on Saturday, May 30, at 5 p.m. in our park, with Sunday, May 31 as our rain date. The Welcome/Social Committee will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs, bottled water and soft drinks. This event is open to all Arbors' residents only and we hope to see your family there! To insure we have plenty of sandwiches and beverages available be sure to RSVP. To give the

number of attendees and to sign up to bring your favorite dish, please contact Kathy Mowrey at 281-4601 or kmowrey@austin.rr.com no later than Thursday, May 28. This is a great opportunity to visit with your neighbors over a plate of good food in our neighborhood park. Mark your calendars, RSVP to Kathy Mowrey, and plan to attend. For your comfort, please remember to bring lawn chairs.

Spring Potluck
Saturday, May 30
5 pm at the Park
RSVP by May 28
kmowrey@austin.rr.com
281-4601
Please join us!

Ladies Coffee

by Kathy Mowrey

A coffee for the women of the neighborhood was held on Saturday, March 21. Even though the temperatures were a bit chilly, the twenty-five women who attended enjoyed eating breakfast together in our park pavilion. It was a great opportunity for women of

the Arbors to get to know each other better, and to find other ladies with interests in common.

Thanks go to five ladies from the Welcome/Social Committee for putting on this event and they are: Sharon

Lakings, Kathy Mowrey, Diana Reading, Connie Vestal and Lily Wright.

To view additional photos please visit:

<http://s197.photobucket.com/albums/aa155/arbors/Ladies%20Coffee%202009/?albumview=slideshow>



Extension Agent Visits

by Joann Johnson

This past March we were visited by the County Agricultural Extension Agent for Bastrop County, Rachel Bower. She came to look at our trees, primarily to look for oak wilt. The good news is the oaks here are not dying from oak wilt. The bad news is they are suffering from another fungus, hypoxylon canker, which attacks stressed trees of several varieties. This

fungus attacks hardwood trees that have been damaged or weakened by the stress of drought. There is no "cure" but it is difficult for the fungus to develop in living wood that has a normal moisture content so watering valued trees regularly during times of drought is a positive step. For more information visit: <http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=1262>

Welcome Neighbors

by Connie Vestal

The Arbors Improvement Association would like to welcome our newest neighbors:

Timothy Hays

134 Spanish Oak Trail

Ed & Carolyn Ponder

259 Arbors Circle

Debra Stewart

141 Kingwood Drive

Welcome
Neighbors

Yard of the Month

by Welcome Committee

The Yard of the Month awards for the months of February, March and April have been awarded to the following residents:

February 2009

Dan & Kathy Mowrey

333 Arbors Circle

March 2009

Randal & Karen Wilkerson

481 Arbors Circle

April 2009

James & Evelyne Meyer

144 Pin Oak Crossing

Be sure to watch for the Yard of the Month sign as you drive through The Arbors of Dogwood Creek neighborhood.