



Bits From the Board

by AIA Board

The Arbors continues to grow in a slow year as there are still new houses being built and fewer houses on the market in our neighborhood. The finances are in good shape this year and we should be able to set aside additional monies into the road fund. With that being said, bills for the 2010 dues will be mailed out shortly and will be due January 31, 2010. We are fortunate to be able to keep the dues at \$330 per lot for the last 7 years and be able to continue to grow the reserve funds.

TXDot will be starting on the new left turn lane in front of the Arbors in the near future – in the meantime be careful turning into the Arbors making sure that you signal well in advance to minimize the dangers. The turn lane will help but not eliminate all the dangers at the entries. As the fall starts, please be careful driving in the neighborhood; besides the increase in the number

of people walking and riding bikes, there is a lot of wildlife crossing the roads.

If you have small pets and no fence you may want to keep them inside at night – there are coyotes roaming thru the neighborhood day and night. There have been numerous sightings and a neighbor recently lost a pet to a coyote. A coyote was also hit by an auto on Arbors Circle. As for the feral hogs, while they are still around, it seems that they have not been as onerous as in the past. And even though it is cooling down there are still snakes and other critters in our neighborhood.

There will not be another Board meeting until January 13th. Please try to attend to make your opinions heard; it is the property owners who have made our neighborhood what it is today.

Falling Leaves

by AIA Board

Fall is rapidly approaching and with it the abundance of leaves. While many people rake, bag or burn them you would be doing yourself a huge favor by just mowing over them. They help enrich your soil and this also helps minimize the impact

on the air quality and filling up of the garbage dumps. Remember no one wants a dump near their neighborhood and when they eventually close down the Travis County dumps they may move this way.

Chili Cook-Off

by Sharon Lakings

On Saturday November 14th about 50 neighbors gathered in the Arbors Community Park for the annual Doc Cardwell Memorial Chili Cook- Off. Eight people entered their best chili and for the first time we actually had a tie for first place. Connie Vestal presented the awards to:

First Place:

Eva Stough Arroyo
129 Kingwood Drive
&

Tom Henderson
116 Kingwood Drive

Second Place:

Veronica Dunne
104 Spanish Oak Trail

The Arbors Woodworking Club sold beautiful wooden toys and gifts for those who wanted to do a little holiday shopping early. (Please see Tom Henderson's article on page 3 about the wonderful charitable work this group does.)

Thanks go to all our great chili cooks who entered the contest, to everyone who brought the wonderful desserts and to the Welcome/Social Committee who provided hot dogs and beverages. For pictures, see page 5.

Santa in the Park

by Sharon Lakings

The Arbors will celebrate Santa in the Park on Saturday, December 12th between 10 A.M. and 12 Noon. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the Arbors Community Park arriving by fire truck at 11 A.M. Each child and grandchild of Arbors residents is welcome to visit with Santa. Moms, dads and grandparents remember to bring your cameras to record this special holiday event. As they arrive, each child will be given a Christmas ornament to decorate with their family's assistance. Decorating supplies will

be available.

We will again participate in the Elgin Blue Santa program. If you wish to donate, a box will be provided to collect your wrapped gifts. Attach a tag to each gift stating gender and age appropriate. Monetary donations will also be welcome.

Refreshments will be provided for your enjoyment. Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer and visit with your neighbors.

Arbors Lights

by Sharon Lakings

Once again the Arbors will celebrate the magic of the Christmas season with a Christmas lighting and decorating contest. All those interested in participating please have your yard decorated and ready for judging by 7 P.M. Saturday, December 12th. This year we will award a prize and certificate in each of the following categories: Best Decorated Mailbox, Spirit of Christmas, Holiday Wonderland, and Magic of Lights. As always, our judges will be from outside our neighborhood in order to insure total impartiality. Winners will be notified and prizes and certificates presented on Sunday, December 15th. Be creative!

Welcome Neighbors

by Welcome Committee

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

Trey & Veronica Dunne
104 Spanish Oak Trail

William & Sharon Perkins
189 Elm Wood Drive

Tommy & Codie Prinz Jr.
149 Spanish Oak Trail

Mark & Julie Kirk
533 Arbors Circle

Priscilla Falzone
175 Maple Leaf Trail

Pat & Melinda Watson
330 Arbors Circle

**Juan & Olga Colmenero
and Anastacia Tamez**
116 Spanish Oak Trail

Larry & Jana Nance
111 Maple Leaf Trail

Association Meetings
January 13, 2010 at 7 pm
Frontier Bank of Texas
Hwy. 290 & Hwy. 95 N

National Night Out

by Sharon Lakings

Twenty-three Arbors residents and eight Bastrop area law enforcement officers celebrated National Night Out together, on Tuesday, October 6th, in the Arbors Community Park. Bastrop Sheriff Crime Prevention Deputy, Officer Wood, brought us lots of goodies, discussed common community safety issues and offered advice on good safety practices for residents.

See Page 4 for pictures!

Yard of the Month

by Welcome Committee

August 2009

Pat & Susie Anderson
110 Spanish Oak Trail

September 2009

Bob & Dorothy Baker
565 Arbors Circle

October 2009

Larry & Rebecca Moseley
584 Arbors Circle

November 2009

Brenda Cardwell
197 Arbors Circle

CHRISTMAS TOY EVENT

For the last few years a group of your friends and neighbors have gotten together to cut, assemble, finish, and distribute wooden toys to several charitable groups in Central Texas.

This year the recipients will be The Dell Children's Hospital, The Bastrop County Sheriff Department's Victim Services Unit, The Elgin Police Department Blue Santa Program and The Marine Corps. "Toys for Tots" Program.

The Woodworkers group has hand made over 400 toys that will be donated to these groups in December.

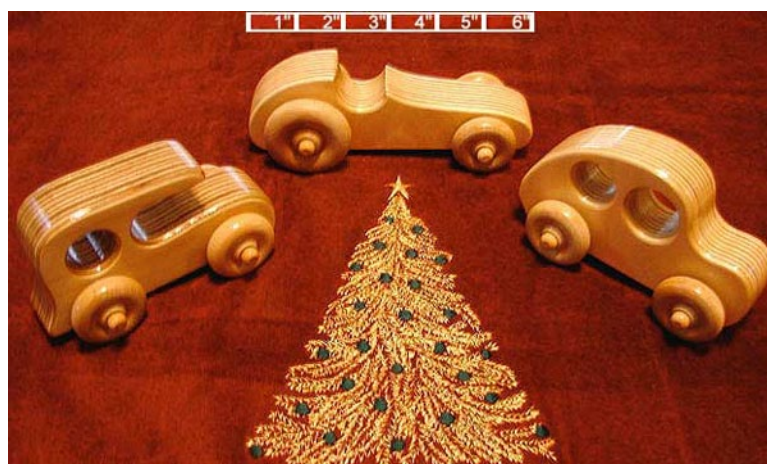
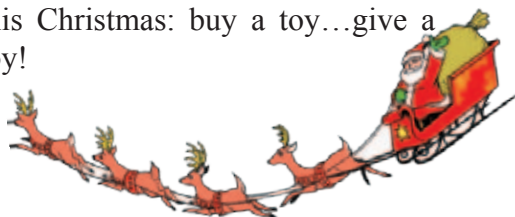
There will be a limited number of these toys available for purchase at the upcoming Arbors Chili Cook Off on November 14, 2009 and the Santa in the Park event on December 12, 2009.

We will only sell a limited amount of toys because we are only trying to recoup the costs for the wheels, axles and finishing materials.

When the sale toys are gone, they're gone.

These wooden toys make a great Christmas gift. You don't see this kind of craftsmanship very often, and these are toys that will last into the next generation.

So put a smile on someone's face this Christmas: buy a toy...give a toy!





National Night Out October 6 2009





DOC CARDWELL Memorial Chili Cook-Off

First Place



Tom Henderson & Eva Stough Arroyo
Connie Vestal pictured in center

Second Place



Veronica Dunne & daughter Mia
with Connie Vestal

