



Bits From the Board

by AIA Board

Another year has come and gone here in the Arbors! We've welcomed several new residents and we've said goodbye to some as well.

And as always, we are grateful to all the volunteers who gave, and continue to give freely of their time and expertise. As a result of their efforts, we have been able to maintain the dues at the current level for the year 2010.

One big news item is that we have finally gotten some rain and if you believe the long range weather forecast, we should continue to see more as we get into Spring, which also means thunderstorms and severe weather as well.

Another news item concerns the Austin Community College proposal to build a campus in Elgin. This will be on the ballot in November for your vote. The Elgin newspaper will be carrying more information on this issue in the upcoming months.

We continue to enjoy the peace and quiet of country living punctuated sometimes by the "Sounds of Freedom" coming from Camp Swift, as America's finest men and women train for deployment to areas of the World that are neither

peaceful nor quiet, nor friendly and safe. Godspeed to them and their families in these troubled times.

Some of the other sounds we hear from time to time are vehicles traveling much too fast on Arbors roads. As we enjoyed an increase of families in the Arbors, we have also seen an increase in the number of folks walking and bicycling on our roads. This fact, combined with vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit in our community points to the potential for a serious accident. Our roads are not marked for passing nor is it safe to do because of the hills and limited field of vision when rounding a curve or topping a hill.

The Board would like to appeal to all residents to please observe the 30 miles per hour speed limit which is in effect throughout the Arbors. So far we haven't had a traffic mishap in our community. Please make sure you are not the person involved if and when we cannot make this statement any longer.

Another issue that needs to be reiterated is the ongoing concern about fire hazards in our community during dry weather. Currently with all the rain we've had, outdoor burning isn't such a big worry, but

Ladies Tea

by Welcome Committee

The tea will be held on Saturday, March 6, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Kathy Mowrey, 333 Arbors Circle. This function is open to all ladies over 21 years of age who live (or own property) in the Arbors. The dress is casual but we're asking you to wear the hat of your choice if you have one – just for fun. We're asking every lady who enjoys hot tea, to bring a teacup and saucer, and we'd like everyone to bring some food to share for a light luncheon. Call Kathy at 281-4601 or e-mail her at kmowrey@austin.r.com to RSVP for this event, let her know what food you're bringing, and for any additional information needed. This will be our third ladies gathering and it has always been a lot of fun and a great opportunity to make some new friends so please make plans now to attend!

Yard of the Month

by Welcome Committee

January

Kevin & Letha Wiley
518 Arbors Circle

February

Jeffrey & Lorie Schroeder
122 Sycamore Trail

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as we get into the windy months there will be instances when burning is prohibited for a specified amount of time. Unlike a "Burn Ban" these instances occur when a cold front is passing through and is accompanied by high wind gusts and low humidity indexes. In these cases, a "Red Flag" warning is posted by the National Weather Service. Before burning outdoors, please check the conditions by logging on to the Arbors website and click on the forecast linked to the Arbors site.

And this last item is great news for our community! The contract to install a left turn lane on Highway 95 at Dogwood Drive has been awarded by TxDOT and construction will start February 22, 2010. Because of this work, there may be some inconveniences to Arbors residents as there will be a closing of the Main Gates (North entry) while a culvert is moved to accommodate the wider lanes constructed on Highway 95.

This closing will only last a day and the contractor has assured us that we will have 48-72 hours notice in order to inform our residents to use the South Gates. Unfortunately, this project will require the existence of a construction zone mandating lower speed limits, and lane closures that may cause some temporary traffic congestion.

The results however, should be well worth the inconveniences, as this turning lane creates safer driving conditions at our entry gates!



Santa in the Park December 12, 2009

Photos Courtesy of Robin Cooksey





Arbor's Valentines Party

Valentines Party

by Welcome Committee

A special thanks to John and Anita Schnell for once again hosting the annual Arbors Valentine's Party on February 12th. About 40 people attended and everyone had a chance to visit while enjoying all the delicious food that each couple brought to share. It was a special evening and everyone had a wonderful time.



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