

The Brentwood Buzz

Brentwood Estates HOA

Fall 2015

2015 Annual Meeting

A full room of great neighbors attended the 2015 annual meeting in October. After the official opening, Keller Police Chief Michael Wilson presented an overview of crime and safety in Keller. The good news is that crime is down. Wilson said the department's goal for this next year is to keep the downward trend in major crimes and traffic accidents. We can help by reporting any dangerous or suspicious behavior in Brentwood Estates.

New Brentwood Estates Homeowners Association (BEHA) President Jim Weaver recognized long-time

acknowledgement of the board members.

Jim also discussed plans in 2016 to complete an analysis of a professional management service for our HOA. He emphasized that nothing other than an analysis is slated, and the findings from the analysis will be presented to the neighborhood for any considerations.

Neighbors expressed concerns about speeding in the neighborhood. Apparently, some folks have a lead foot and fly through the

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neighborhood contributors for their service. He then addressed several topics including budget, social activities, communications, facilities and maintenance, adherence to covenants, and

neighborhood. The funny thing is, you probably save a total of five seconds traveling 40 mph in a 25 mph area. The risk of hitting an unsuspecting child is not worth saving five seconds. Please slow down!



Covenants Corner

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Our new board is working hard to preserve our park-like neighborhood. The board's goal is simply to keep up our neighborhood valuations and beauty. Did you know that our 125 homes represent an estimated value of \$39 million? Brentwood Estates is certainly one of the more pleasant neighborhoods in the city. Let's continue working together to keep it that way.

The purpose of Covenants Corner is to review and better understand the Deed of Covenants that each homeowner agreed to when buying their home. Homeowners can find the Deed of Covenants on the Brentwood Estates HOA website under the drop-down menu: Documents, Legal Documents, Covenants.

If you cannot access this on the website due to website difficulties, please email webmaster@brentwoodestateshoa.com.

If you need a hard copy and are unable to print it, send an email to board@brentwoodestateshoa.com.

In this edition of The Brentwood Buzz, I want to highlight the issue of Membership, (Article 111-3.01).

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Brentwood History Minute

Do you know where the name Brentwood Estates came from?

Well, the Black family owned much of the property around Keller Town Center, including property in our neighborhood. In fact, until recently, the family maintained the ranch-style house built in 1970 on the top of the hill at 545 Rufe Snow. That house, on the right just before Keller Pointe, was demolished this year to begin construction on a new residential development. One of the Black sons was named Robert Brent Black.

The Blacks and the developer (Wayne Lee) combined Robert's middle name (Brent) with the word 'wood' since our neighborhood was heavily wooded. There you have it: Brentwood Estates!

One thing is certain about Brentwood Estates: our neighborhood is defined by its neighbors, and through the years we've had great families living here. This past year, we have welcomed new families to move our history forward. If you get a chance, offer them a warm welcome.

New Brentwood Residents:

Christopher and Alexis Horton	1520 Rockwood Dr.
Derek and Janina Hamby	1501 Brentwood Tr.
John and William Shultz	1604 Brentwood Tr.
James and Adrienne Yule	1522 Brentwood Tr.
Rayn and Amber Dekok	1516 Rosewood Dr.
Jason and Amber Mahon	1522 Rosewood Dr.

This and That

The plentiful wildlife in and around Brentwood Estates is a pleasant surprise to most new residents. Living in a city, one does not expect to see this variety of wildlife in a residential area. We have foxes, raccoons, armadillos, possums, squirrels, rabbits, turkeys, and ducks. These are in addition to the many birds and reptiles. Mostly, these are harmless and fun for all of us to enjoy, but occasionally, they can be a nuisance. One neighbor lost several koi fish to the Blue Herring. Another had to replace attic insulation after a family of raccoons had nested there. For the most part though, they are wonderful, and I personally enjoy the presence of these wonderful creatures.

Another example of the plentiful wildlife in our fine neighborhood.



A neighbor's camera catches one of the Brentwood foxes.



Covenants Corner (cont.)

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As a member of the Brentwood Estates Homeowners Association (BEHA) in good standing, you have the right to vote on actionable items brought before the neighborhood. Some of these are routine; for instance, the approval of the upcoming budget. You can vote either in person at BEHA meetings or by proxy. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you can use your proxy card to designate someone to vote for you. Residents usually allow the BEHA secretary to vote for them. However, you can choose someone else, like another neighbor, to vote your proxy for you. What is important is that you VOTE! This past annual meeting we had a 40% participation rate of our neighborhood vote. We would like to see 100%.

*Jim Weaver
2015-2016 President of the
BEHA*

Did You Know?

The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days!

Foods that were not present at the first Thanksgiving feast include: mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, milk, corn, or cranberries.

So, what foods were at the first Thanksgiving? Lobster, rabbit, chicken, fish, squash, beans, nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese.

The pilgrims didn't use forks. They ate with spoons, knives, and their fingers!