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MANAGER'S MONDAY

APRIL 2024 -TOWN HALL MEETING

The Q2 Townhall meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17th from 7PM until 9PM virtually and in person at the Clubhouse. We want to ensure that as many people have an opportunity to speak as possible. In an effort to do so, we ask that those who would like to address the Board email BCCA@BriarChapelLife.com with their name and topic by Tuesday, April 16th at 5PM. We will take those who have signed up to speak first and allow those who did not sign up a chance to speak after, time permitting. To make the Town Hall as productive as possible, please see the structure below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86266653773>

1. Members will have up to two minutes to ask the Board a question.
2. The Board will allow for anyone else who has signed up about that topic to ask their question at the same time, and the Board, if appropriate, will provide an answer.
3. Once the Board has completed its response to the question, the Moderator will choose another Member to ask a question.
4. The Moderator will alternate between In-person and Virtual attendees.
5. Members will be permitted to ask an additional question provided all Members in attendance have had an opportunity to ask one question.
6. Members who ask questions will be required to provide their name and street.
7. Members who attend in person will be required to approach the microphone so members who are attending virtually can hear.

BRIGHTVIEW CONNECT

We are pleased to launch BrightView Connect which provides Briar Chapel residents with current information on the landscaping services and schedules planned by BrightView for:

- BCCA maintained common areas
- Service areas (Serenity Hill, Boulder Park, and Endor, Tobacco Farm Way, Great Ridge Parkway and Winkler Way townhomes)
- Buffer maintenance

To get access to the website, you first need to set up an account for BrightView Connect using [this link](#). Once you have access to the site, there are two areas that you'll want to focus on:

- Maintenance Schedule- which provides maps for all of the maintained common areas and service areas with planned schedules. Note, we are currently under the winter schedule. Summer schedules will be starting later in April and will be posted at that time.
- Heads Up- this section includes updates on services that are starting or underway in the community, such as: herbicide turf applications, buffer maintenance, pine straw or mulch applications.

We hope you find this site helpful in staying informed on landscape services scheduled for your area of the community.

NEW ID CARD ACCESS SYSTEM

Dear Neighbors,

This spring, we will be rolling out a new amenity card access program in conjunction with upgrading our security systems throughout our amenities. This new “one pass” program will grant every resident, regardless of age (cards for kids, teens, and adults), their own amenity card. Additionally, the program will be Bluetooth enabled, allowing residents to have their card on their phone for easier use. We are highly encouraging Bluetooth usage for those residents who are able.

There are some added benefits to this access card program. With each resident having their own card, it makes it easier for all residents to access amenities. The new amenity access card program will help us maintain better security and easier access to sport courts and the pools.

Residents will be able to sign up and upload photos for their new cards/Bluetooth device online, should they opt to have a card printed, and pick up cards in the clubhouse at a later date.

We will be rolling out more information in the weeks ahead and posting details at all amenity access entrances on how to obtain your cards and when the turnover will occur. We anticipate this transition to happen in mid-May and hope to be able to start issuing cards and Bluetooth access in the coming weeks, well ahead of the transition.

For more information on the revised Security Policy that went into effect in February 2024, click [HERE](#).

Your BCCA Board

YARD WASTE PROGRAM UPDATE

After April 29th, 2024, the BCCA will no longer be offering a yard waste program. This is due to cost, lack of widespread participation, and the lack of storage location for a yard waste container. We do understand this will be a disappointment to those of you who do use the program and hope you are understanding of the current situation. Please remember that dumping on BCCA property, including the natural spaces, is prohibited and violators will be held responsible. As part of our upcoming Fall RFP process for waste management, we will be searching for a viable, sustainable, and cost-effective solution for yard waste in the community.

There was an issue with the link earlier last week to sign up for pickups, that has since been fixed.

COVENANTS CORNER - LANDSCAPING VIOLATIONS SUMMARY

Last year, Briar Chapel's Management Company handled over 998 complaints concerning Landscape infractions of our HOA covenant rules. That number will likely be even higher this year since the community is still growing. This was by far the most “popular” category. Because of that, we would like to use this article to help the community understand what kinds of issues are involved.



Landscaping violations are widespread. When a landscaping violation is issued, it is because lawns are not mowed, weeds are proliferating in flower beds, or ornamental beds have received no, or not enough, mulch. Sometimes, landscape projects have been executed without approval, or trees that overhang the sidewalks need trimming, so it does not impede the public right of way.

Here is the breakdown of the 2023 Landscaping violations:

Mowing/Edging/Weeds: 219
Weeds/Grass in beds or tree rings: 369
Lack of Mulch/ Pine straw: 53
General Yard Maintenance: 166
Dead grass: 10
Pruning of trees/shrubs: 129
Dead Trees/ Shrubs: 18
Landscape Project (No DRC Approval): 46

Keeping the lawn mowed and edged and keeping landscaped shrub and tree beds free of weeds goes a long way to having a beautiful community.

If you plan a significant landscaping revamp, submitting a complete plan to the DRC for approval is essential.

If you have questions, please get in touch with Kuester Management at BCCA@BriarChapelLife.com or call 919-240-4955.

TRAIL UPDATE

The area of the trail behind Hawk Point rd. (circled in yellow) is closed due to new build construction happening for the next 90 days. There is signage up and the area should be blocked off to prevent people from entering that area.



CELEBRATORY SIGNS

The Board has approved the use of Celebratory signs for graduates between the dates of **May 12th- June 9th**. Signs will be allowed in homeowner lots only, please do not put any in the common areas. This temporary variance is just for Graduation signs, all other signs are still governed by the rules.

POOL RELATED ITEMS

Briar Chapel will offer swim lessons through our lifeguard contractor, AquaTech, and their partner, [The Swim Social](#). Lesson registration began **March 29, 2024**.

Additionally, the Cabana at Briar Chapel is looking to hire a full-time pool concession manager. Please see [the attached job description](#). Contact Mark Otto at Mark@AquatechPM.com for more information and to apply.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Briar Chapel has multiple residents who help shape the community's future by participating in our BCCA Committees.

Committees are integral to Briar Chapel's maturation, and ~~we're~~ looking for new members! If you're interested in serving on one of our Briar Chapel Committees, there are openings on the Communications Committee, DRC Committee, NRAC, Landscape Committee and Service Area Committee.

The Service Area Committee would be a new one and would consist of representatives of each service area in the community, to give a bit of context.

If you want to serve the community and shape its future, please complete the [Committee Application](#).
If you have already applied, thank you! You will receive an email to set up an interview.



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