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## **MANAGER'S MONDAY**

### **APRIL 2024 -TOWN HALL MEETING**

The Briar Chapel Board of Directors is conducting a Town Hall on Wednesday, April 17th, at 7:00 p.m. This is a *Question and Answer* style meeting (more information next week). This will be at the Clubhouse with the option to attend virtually as well.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88960461256>

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### **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.

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### **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

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## YARD WASTE PROGRAM UPDATE

Effective April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## COVENANTS CORNER - When do you need a Landscape DRC?

**When are Design Review Committee (DRC) applications needed for landscaping changes?**



Minor changes to landscaping, such as: adding a few additional plants to an existing planting bed, adding mulch, or replacing a dead plant, shrub or tree with a similar plant does not require a DRC application. Please find DRC Guidelines and CCR's rules [HERE](#).

DRC applications should be submitted for these changes to your landscape, such as:

- Installation of raised beds/ in-ground beds (for flower or vegetable gardens)
- Adding metal/plastic/masonry edging including:
  - Rock Borders
  - River Rock Mulch Beds
  - Masonry Edging
  - Garden Fence Borders
- Turf Area Reduction/ Plant Bed Expansion
- Installation of isolated plant beds
- Installation of planting beds in utility easements or abutting public sidewalks
- Installation of plantings in the alley right of way
- Installation of plantings within "Devil-Strip" or Public Rights of Ways
- Adding a new tree or removing a tree that will not be replaced
- Removing and not replacing foundation plants in the front of your home
- Installation of additional landscape screenings for utilities/generators/HVAC/trash bins

Please note that all Landscape DRC Application Submittals will require additional information.

Please include:

- list of plants including mature size
- list of trees (if applicable) including installation size
- an 8.5" x 11" rendering/plan of the area where they will be planted
- minimum of 3 current lot photos of the project area
- list/photos of colors and measurements for edging materials
- variance/ easement letters as needed

For any additional DRC questions, please contact Management at [bcca@briarchapellife.com](mailto:bcca@briarchapellife.com).

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## 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.

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## POOL RELATED ITEMS

Summer is just around the corner and, in 2024, Briar Chapel will offer swim lessons through our lifeguard contractor, AquaTech, and their partner, [The Swim Social](#). Lesson registration begins **March 29, 2024**, after which information will be provided regarding the starting date of the lessons. Be sure to save the date!

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](mailto:Mark@AquatechPM.com) for more information and to apply.

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## 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 and Service Area Committee.

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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