



BROOKSHIRE BREEZE
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President's Update

Neighborhoods are somewhat like people in that they evolve through various stages of development. They are young and growing as they develop a certain character, then stabilize during a mature middle age and then eventually start showing their age. Like a person, the neighborhood can extend the healthy mature period with the proper effort and attention.

The Association Board has been following a multi-year program of executing projects to give the Clubhouse, Common Grounds, and the amenities improvements in appearance and functionality. Many of these projects have been covered in past reports. Going forward there is a list of things to be done in the near future. The lanai floor is being redone with ceramic tile; the sliding glass doors are repaired and will be recessed into pockets behind expanded book cases. The lanai HVA/C will be upgraded so that this area will be very similar in quality to

the main clubhouse space. The second and final phase of the office furniture installation and painting will occur around mid-May.

A new recumbent bicycle was just added to the exercise room equipment. The tree removal contractor is about to remove between 50 and 60 queen palms and old trees in preparation for the second phase planting of low maintenance trees. This planting will be done along with the Daniels Parkway berm planting at the start of the rainy season.

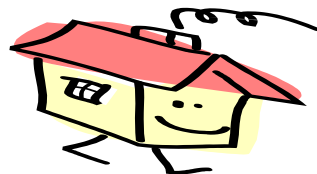
Quotations are being secured for the re-lamping of the two racquetball courts for better lighting and improved energy efficiency. The courts will be painted along with the new lights. The proposal to equip the

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small pool to use salt conversion cells in place of liquid chlorine is expected shortly.

These are things that can be done unilaterally by your Board. The Board has another area in which they have a duty to take action. The Deed Covenants and the Rules and Regulations define the obligations of the various members concerning the condi-

tion of their lot/unit in relation to lawns, trees, shrub/flower beds, commercial vehicle parking, maintenance of a mail box light, etc.

The healthy mature phase of Brookshire can be extended indefinitely when all the members maintain their property at the standards to which they agreed at the time they purchased the unit/lot. A series of inspections

have started and letters are being sent by Ms. Cheryl Sczesny, our CAM at Alliant Property Management, to alert owners of conditions which do not appear to be in compliance with the documents. Please co-operate with these efforts to improve the general appearance of Brookshire, and help us all to protect the quality of life and the sizeable investments that we have in our property.



The Board of Directors would like to thank all those members that attended the Annual Meeting and/or mailed in a proxy form to vote on a long list of proposed amendments to the Master Documents. Unfortunately, the response was not sufficient to take any action on the amendments and it was necessary to continue the meeting for several more sessions. The significant need to amend the documents motivated a number of members to conduct a neighborhood campaign to contact those members that did not attend the Annual Meeting or send in a proxy on the proposed changes.

On April 27, 2010, the final tabulation of the proxies was made and all of the proposed amendments were approved, with the exception of #2, which

concerned the conversion of a racketball court to a general recreation room.

Of the 569 Master Association members there were 55 ineligible to cast votes due to being more than 90 days delinquent on their unit assessments. To approve an amendment it required an affirmative vote of 50% +1 of the eligible membership, or in this case a minimum of 258 affirmative votes.

There were a total of 298 proxies submitted, including 5 ineligible ones, for a net total of 293 valid proxies. Amendments #1 and #3 through #21 received in excess of the minimum of 258 affirmative votes. Amendment #2 received 249 affirmative votes and failed to be approved by a 9 vote mar-

gin.

The affirmative votes were as follows; #1—261, #2---249, #3---290, #4---287, #5---283, #6---280, #7---274, #8---276, #9---268, #10---279, #11---280, #12---290, #13---290, #14---287, #15---288, #16---275, #17---291, #18---291, #19---291, #20---283, #21---274.

With the passage of a resolution to accept the results of the tabulation completed on April 27th, the Association's attorney has been instructed to proceed to have the approved amendments recorded in the public record of Florida and Lee County. Once recorded they will become part of the current controlling documents of the Master Association.



A Wet Dry Season

Jeff Key

wet season. This year, we have experienced nearly 20 inches of rain far surpassing the average of only 9 inches by May 1st. Let's hope for a dry May before wet season officially starts marked by a daily line of thunderstorms in the afternoon to the east that expand over us dropping their water taken up from the Atlantic and the Gulf that surrounds us. Thought should be given though to protecting your belongings from possible flooding during high rain events. In the mean time, take time to observe the pond water and enjoy the wading birds as they search for spring fry in the shallows.

Our water levels are very high this year. Take a look at our ponds in Brookshire and notice the water levels at the very top of the banks. This line is marked by a transition from turf grass, which has little tolerance for long periods of water inundation, to a zone of special aquatic plants that tolerate both drought and flood at different times of year. This latter

area, called the littoral zone, is usually high and dry until mid June when the wet season fills up our storm water detention system. The water normally peaks from June to September and then slowly recedes to its lowest levels each year by mid or late May. This year, however, the ponds appear on May 1st, when they are normally very low, as they would at the height of wet season. Lee county receives an average of 60 inches of rain per year with 40 inches falling over 4 months from June to September which marks our

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TREASURER'S COMMENTS

Vince Hayes

The financial operations for the past several months have been fairly normal for this part of the annual budget cycle. We are tracking closely on the overall budget with no significant unplanned or unexpected expenses.

On the favorable side, the rebidding of our insurance cover-

age produced a thirty five percent reduction in premiums, for improved coverage, by a provider rated "A" for financial stability.

Cost control is only one part of the picture, with collections still the 800 pound gorilla in the arena. Foreclosures are being processed at a glacial pace by the court system. As units are processed and resold to

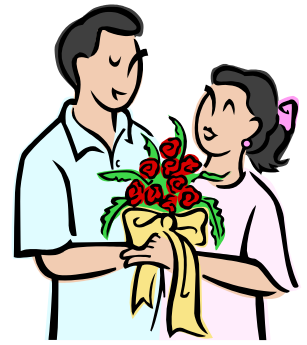
new dues paying members, it seems that another account joins the list of units with assessments in arrears.

From all the indicators for the general economy and the local real estate market, it will continue to be a major problem for many individuals, as well as for the Association.



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McQuilkin and Devich

Young Brookshire Residents of Distinction



It seems in the news or through the grapevine we always hear about young adults getting into trouble and little do we hear about those who have truly worked hard and for whom we should be proud. Within Brookshire, two young men who have been residents of the community

since kindergarten are now graduating from high school and have been accepted into the two very well known and distinguished state universities. Brendan McQuilkin, son of Mary Soucek - Brookshire resident for 12 years, will be graduating from the Fort Myers IB High School Program June 12th. He recently completed his Eagle Scout Project, has been running Cross-Country and Track and playing Lacrosse for Fort Myers High School. Brendan will be attending University of Florida in Gainesville and majoring in nuclear engineering. Brendan is the recipient of a NROTC scholarship. David Devich, son of Derek and Belinda Devich, and a long time Brookshire

resident, will be graduating from Dunbar High School. David has been busy working designing web-pages while going to high school. David has been accepted into Florida State University in Tallahassee. David intends to major in marketing and film. He will continue to work as a web-page designer while going to school at USF. Congratulations to the both of you! You make our Brookshire community proud!!



Social Committee Update

Eileen Shiemke



We would like to report we had another successful party as we bid farewell to our “snowbirds”. The Farewell Party was held on April 23, but unfortunately, most of the “snowbirds” had already gone home due to an early Easter this year. The few remaining “snowbirds” enjoyed a quiet party with the other residents and were able to catch up in some of the events of the season. We cele-

brated a few Birthdays and Anniversaries together and had a great time.

Due to the maintenance work on the Lanai and one of the offices, May’s Pot- Luck Dinner date has not been set. Please watch the Bulletin Board in the Lanai for the sign up sheet. We will post it as soon as we know the status of the work.

There will be no Picnics, Potluck Dinners, or Cocktail Parties for the Months of June, July and August, as 2/3 of our Committee will be out of town. Watch the Bulletin Board or Breeze for something in late September.

We will continue the Lunch

Bunch on the first Wednesday of each Month if there continues to be interest. The sign up sheet generally goes up one week before the Lunch date. Please let Wilma Tarencz know if you have any suggestions for restaurants to try.

These events are only as successful as the participation is. Please support your Social Committee and let us know if there are any particular events you would like to have.

Please have a safe journey if you are traveling or a safe summer if you are staying here. Thank you for all your support. Remember that you are the ones who make up the development.

Starting Summer with a Splash

Mary Soucek



It is that time of year again! That’s right, - for the past 12 years, during the months of May and June, the sounds of giggling and playful splashing can be heard every Saturday morning at the beautiful Brookshire Clubhouse pool as chil-

dren as young as two and as old as 16 gathered together in their specialized class designed to teach them how to further enjoy and master the art of swimming. Whether it is learning the “Seahorse Stomp” (a water safety procedure) or learning to perfect the art of swimming a properly executed front crawl or butterfly stroke, young residents of Brookshire Bath and Tennis club take part in the Spring Swimming Session provided by American Red Cross Water Safety Swimming Instructor and Brookshire resident, Mary Soucek. The suc-

cess of this year’s program, in large part is due to the support given by the Brookshire Master Association Board who realized the benefit and once again have given permission to offer this series of swimming sessions. **Lessons will begin Saturday, May 15 and run through June 26.** Registrations forms can be obtained at the Brookshire Clubhouse or you can contact Ms. Soucek at 561-1089 if you have any questions. Individual lessons can be arranged as well. These lessons are FREE to the residents of Brookshire however, donations are kindly appreciated.

Contribute to the Brookshire Breeze



Please feel free to email, call or drop off any information about activities here in our community at the clubhouse. You may also email to: emailbrookshire@gmail.com



ETHEL MARGARET (GALIK) SAVICKAS



Ethel Margaret (Galik) Savickas, 86, of Fort Myers passed away peacefully from natural causes on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010, with her loving husband at her side.

Born in New York City October 3, 1923, Ethel grew up in Jersey City and Bound Brook, NJ. Lovingly married to Felix Savickas for 60 years this coming May. After marriage, Ethel lived happily in Colonia, NJ raising her family for 36 years and upon retirement, moved to Ft. Myers where they lived together for 22 years. During the war, Ethel worked for General Electric coordinating blueprints. She earned

a college degree while balancing the life of a mother of two and advancing her professional career in banking and finance. Ethel moved quickly, advancing to branch manager and loan officer winning company awards for financial investments.

Ethel was active in many organizations, giving her time and talent freely to better the lives of others. A devout Catholic, Eucharistic Minister and Lector, she was known for her clear voice in reciting scripture readings as a member of the Women's Guild at The Church of the Resurrection in Fort Myers. Ethel was also the secretary of the Diocese of Venice Christian Charismatic group, praising God from whom all blessings flow.

Ethel was active in her community, helping to shape the Brookshire Bath and Tennis Club as one of its first Presidents. She was also a former editor and reporter for the Brookshire Breeze community newspaper and a member of the Fort Myers Alliance for the Arts. She was an avid bridge player, an accomplished painter whose works decorated her home and those of

close friends and a master gardener whose work around her house and town were notable for her attention to detail.

Loving mother of 2 boys Thomas (Shera) and Philip (Elaine); 4 grandchildren Lori (Donald) King, Stacy (Lee) Howell, Ethan and Patrick and 1 great grandson Brayden. She was preceded in death by her brother Steven Galik.

Ethel was quick to lend a hand of help when needed and ready with a joke to make her grandchildren laugh or smile to make them proud. She was honored to touch the lives of 4 generations of the Savickas family.

The family would like to pass along its praise and gratitude to the staff of Gulf Coast Hospital in Ft, Myers.

The family would like to pass along its praise and gratitude to the staff of Gulf Coast Hospital in Ft, Myers. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions in Ethel's name to the Hope Hospice of Lee County 9470 Healthpark Circle Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

Ethel Savickas and the Spirit of Brookshire

Vee Gee McCort

If a community can be said to have a spirit or soul, Ethel was a prime factor in the Spirit of the Brookshire Community. For the 22 years Ethel lived in Brookshire, she was actively involved in making our community a fun and happy experience for all the residents. Ethel served on the first Board of Directors and was involved in the always difficult turnover from Developer run to Homeowner Association run community. Shortly after turnover, the then Activities Director needed medical leave and Ethel took over her duties for an ex-

tended period.

Ethel again served on the BOD including two years as President. She took on the task of first amending the Master Documents to change the initial voting requirements on amending documents designed to protect the interests of the Developer. It took an all-out 2-year effort to accomplish this task, and she then moved on to a complete revision of the Master Documents. (She did not want to leave the difficult task to a later BOD.)

All these years Ethel has been involved in reporting on meetings, happenings and events at Brookshire. For many years she was an active organizer of our social activities. All these years Ethel has been the fill-in person in the office for staff vacations and sick days.

Until a few months ago she was a regular part-time staff member where she put her excellent paper-work and organizations skills to good use. We miss you Ethel.



Bits and Pieces

When you **walk your dog** you should try to respect the property of your neighbors. I (Jeanne Biery) have received a complaint that dogs

are allowed to go too close to houses. Even though you pick up the “do-do” they would prefer that you keep your dogs along the edge of the lawn nearest the road.....Because of **construction in the Brookshire Clubhouse** one **RB Court** starting tomorrow

Apr29th will be used to store all the lanai furniture and tables in the large area for a period of two weeks until May 12th or until floor tiling is completed. Play over the last month has fallen off so if it continues to be small perhaps we can get by with only one court. I will be at the **one court each day** that will be available on regular scheduled days. (Gerry French)

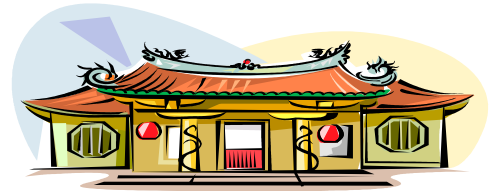
New Architectural Control Requirements

Vee Gee McCort

At the completion of the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at the Brookshire Clubhouse, most of the proposed amendments to the Brookshire Master Documents were passed. A couple affect requests for architectural approval. First, the color and/or material used on

driveways must now be submitted for architectural approval. Also, maintaining, watering and trimming trees and shrubs were added to required lawn maintenance. Basically, any change, improvement, alteration, addition to or deletion from the exterior of the single family homes in Brookshire

must be submitted **in advance** for architectural approval.



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