



**Brookside Estates HOA
Spring 2011
Newsletter**



IMPORTANT REMINDER – Please don't start any modification to the exterior of your home without an APPROVED Architectural and Landscape Change Form. Failure to get approval before you start a project can end up costing you in fines and materials. Make sure that the materials you intend to use are permitted by the Brookside Estates Homeowners Association Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants, and Easements. You can obtain copies of the Architectural and Landscape Change Request form and the Declaration at www.brookside-estates.org or by sending a request to:

Brookside Estates HOA
Attn: Architectural and Landscape Committee
P.O. Box 36
Oxford, PA 19363

The next scheduled Brookside Estates HOA meeting will be held on Wednesday June 15, 2011 at the Oxford Senior Center at 6:00 pm.

Mark Your Calendar

Brookside Estates Neighborhood Clean-up – Saturday April 30. Meet us at the retaining basin on Sebastian Drive at 8 a.m. and help make the neighborhood look its best!

Spring Plant and Garden Sale – Saturday May 7 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Corner of 3rd and Locust Streets (in front of Fulton Bank).

Primary Election Day – Tuesday May 17

Borough-Wide Yard Sale – Saturday June 18 from 9 a.m. to ? Rain or shine. Send your address to oxfordadmin@zoominternet.net for advertisement on the Oxford Borough website. For additional information call 610-932-2500 Ext. 303.



Need to contact the Brookside Estates HOA Board of Directors?

*1. Use the "Ask the Board" link at **www.Brookside-Estates.org***

or

2. Mail them a letter at the following address:

*Brookside Estates HOA
P.O. Box 36
Oxford, PA 19363*

or

3. Give them a call:

*Dave MacQuaid, President - (610) 998-1313
Peny Ward, Secretary/Treasurer - (610) 220-8743*



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



*With warmer weather here, please be extra watchful of children playing in our community. The posted speed limit on all roads within the Brookside Estates development is **25 mph**.*

Parents - please advise your children that it is not safe to play around the storm drains and wetlands. A word of caution could help prevent an injury.



Reminder – Please don't blow grass clippings into the street! This is a Borough ordinance. Grass clippings and other lawn debris in the street end up in the storm drains, and that causes problems for all of us when we have heavy rains. Please be considerate and blow grass clippings back onto your lawn, or sweep them up and dispose of them in trash bags. Thanks!



Community Announcement



**Beef and Beer Benefit for the Eli Seth Matthews
Leukemia Foundation**

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Celebration of Life

Beef & Beer

Proceeds benefit the Eli Seth Matthews Leukemia Foundation

Saturday, May 14th 2011

6:00 - 11:00 P.M.

Oxford Red Men's Pavilion

Live Music

50/50 Raffle

Basket Raffles

\$25 per person

(Beef, Beer & set-ups provided)

Tickets may be purchased from Paul Matthews at 107 West Hillside Drive. If you would like more information please call Mr. Matthews at 610-945-4423.



Nominations for Board Position Being Accepted

Three Board of Directors positions will be up for election at this year's Brookside Estates Homeowners Association Annual Meeting in June. These are for three year terms. If you would like to run, or would like to nominate one of your neighbors please send us a note at:

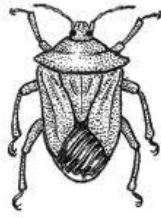
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P.O. Box 36

Oxford, Pa. 19363

ATTN: Nominating Committee

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2011.



Hot Topic: Stink Bugs



They infiltrated the house last fall, and now that the weather's warming up, they're on the move again. How can you get rid of these pests? The following information has been taken from the website of the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and the Rutgers University Agriculture Experiment Station website.

The brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB), an insect not previously seen on our continent, was apparently accidentally introduced into eastern Pennsylvania. It was first collected in September of 1998 in Allentown, but probably arrived several years earlier. These insects are not known to cause harm to humans, although homeowners become alarmed when the bugs enter their homes and noisily fly about. The stink bug will not reproduce inside structures or cause damages. If many of them are squashed or pulled into a vacuum cleaner, their smell can be quite apparent.

Management For BMSB In Homes

To control BMSB, the best method is to prevent them from entering. Placement of screens over windows, doors and vents, removal of window air conditioners and caulking cracks in windows and door frames will deter the adults from entering. If small numbers occur indoors, they can be removed either by hand or by using a shop-vacuum.

If numerous bugs are entering the living areas of the home, attempt to locate the openings where the insects gain access. Typically, stink bugs will emerge from cracks under or behind baseboards, around window and door trim, and around exhaust fans or lights in ceilings. Seal these openings with caulk or other suitable materials to prevent the insects from crawling out. Both live and dead stink bugs can be removed from interior areas with the aid of a vacuum cleaner - however, the vacuum may acquire the smell of stink bugs for a period of time.

It is not advisable to use an insecticide inside after the insects have gained access to the wall voids or attic areas. Although insecticidal dust treatments to these voids may kill hundreds of bugs, there is the possibility that carpet beetles will feed on the dead stink bugs and subsequently attack woolens, stored dry goods or other natural products in the home. Although aerosol-type pyrethrum foggers will kill stink bugs that have amassed on ceilings and walls in living areas, it will not prevent more of the insects from emerging shortly after the room is aerated. For this reason use of these materials is not considered a good solution to long-term management of the problem. Spray insecticides, directed into cracks and crevices, will not prevent the bugs from emerging and is not a viable or recommended treatment.