



Brookside Estates HOA
Summer 2007
Newsletter



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Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's annual meeting held at the Oxford Senior Center on June 14. For those who couldn't attend in person, here are some of the highlights:

The Board of Directors has had a few changes. Kathy Curry did not run for a second term so that she could devote more time to her family. Dominic Pirocchi and Peny Ward were elected to the Board. A few hats were switched, and the following line-up is the result:

Brookside Estates HOA Board of Directors

President

Paul Galdes - Conducts Board meetings, oversees all Board duties & projects.

Treasurer

Dominic Pirocchi - Monitors HOA finances

Secretary

David MacQuaid - Records and keeps the minutes for all Board Meetings.

Member

Doris Trader-Moulden - Helps with miscellaneous projects.

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Peny Ward - Helps with miscellaneous projects.

There were not enough votes to pass the two Declaration Amendments on the ballot. Unfortunately, the votes can not be carried forward (inaccurate information was provided by the MAMC representative at the meeting). If these are issues the community wishes to pursue, they can be addressed again at a later date.



*It's 10 o'clock...
Do you know where your children are?*



Please note - the Borough of Oxford has established a curfew for the hours between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. Persons under the age of 18 who are not on their property during these hours must be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. For the safety of your children, and to avoid the consequences of being in violation of the law, please make sure that your youngsters are home for the night when the clock strikes 10!

Over the past few weeks there have been several incidents involving youngsters ringing the doorbells of neighbors and then running away. At least one of these events occurred after 10:00 pm. Others have taken place during daylight hours. Please make sure your children are aware that this type of prank disturbs neighbors and is not appreciated. This is another matter that is handled by the Oxford Police, NOT the HOA.

If in doubt, here are some examples of who to call with complaints:

Call the Oxford Police to report...	Contact the HOA to report...
<i>Trespassing</i>	<i>Untended lawns</i>
<i>Mischief</i>	<i>Sidewalks in disrepair</i>
<i>Illegal parking</i>	<i>Clutter in the open space</i>
<i>Loud music at a party</i>	<i>Above-ground pools</i>
<i>Suspicious persons</i>	<i>Cutting of live trees</i>
<i>Dog off leash or improper pet waste disposal</i>	<i>Mountain bikes being driven around the retaining basin</i>

The Oxford Police can be reached at (610) 932-2500. For emergencies or calls after regular business hours, call 911.



THE SPEED LIMIT WITHIN
BROOKSIDE ESTATES IS 25 mph !



Please be on the lookout for children playing in the community. Driving above the speed limit could put a child's life at risk! Stay alert!

The Recipe Box

Bread and Butter Pickles

This is a great way to use up the last of the cucumbers from your garden (or those that came as gifts from generous neighbors).

INGREDIENTS

- *5 cucumbers, thinly sliced*
- *1-1/4 onions, thinly sliced*
- *3/8 green bell peppers, diced*
- *5/8 clove garlic, chopped*
- *1 tablespoon and 1-3/4 teaspoons salt*

- *1/2 cup and 1 tablespoon and 2 teaspoons cider vinegar*
- *1 cup white sugar*
- *1-1/4 teaspoons mustard seed*
- *1/4 teaspoon celery seed*
- *1/8 teaspoon whole cloves*
- *1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric*

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, mix together cucumbers, onions, green bell peppers, garlic and salt. Allow to stand approximately 3 hours.

In a large saucepan, mix the cider vinegar, white sugar, mustard seed, celery seed, whole cloves and turmeric. Bring to a boil.

Drain liquid from the cucumber mixture. Stir the mixture into the boiling vinegar mixture. Remove from heat shortly before the combined mixtures return to boil.

Transfer to sterile containers. Seal and chill in the refrigerator until serving.

In the Garden

Late summer is the time to take care of odds and ends around the yard. This is the perfect time to over-seed or put down sod in bare patches. Do not apply weed control for several weeks before or after seeding so that seed can have a chance to germinate. It's a good idea to de-thatch the areas to be seeded by raking so that seed can come into direct contact with the underlying soil. Add a starter fertilizer and distribute the seeds by hand or using a broadcast spreader. Next apply a light covering of topsoil. Finally, make sure to keep the area moist until the seeds sprout or the sod sets roots.

This is also a good time to prune many plants. For azaleas and rhododendrons pruning can be done now, but will impact next Spring's flowers, as buds have already been set on these bushes.

Now is a good time to add evergreen trees and shrubs as they will still have time to take root before the cold weather arrives.

Putting down a broadleaf weed killer now will give you a head start on next Spring's weed war by stopping the germination of dandelions and other lawn weeds.

Deadhead spent blooms and weed. If annuals are looking a little worse for wear, go ahead and remove them. Fill in empty areas with hardy mums, asters, coleus, salvia, and Russian sage. These plants provide gorgeous color through the Fall. Be sure to keep the new plants watered, as we still have some hot weather ahead. Keeping the soil moist will help them get established.

Lettuce, spinach, and radishes can be planted now for a late harvest.

Take a few minutes and note changes that should be made for next year. Should different plants be put in flower beds? Was too much zucchini planted? Would tomatoes do better in a different location? This is the time to start planning and preparing for the year ahead.

