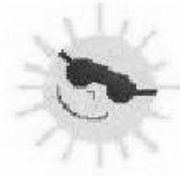


**Brookside Estates HOA  
Summer 2009  
Newsletter**



Visit the official Brookside Estates HOA website for news and announcements

**[www.Brookside-Estates.org](http://www.Brookside-Estates.org)**

You'll find meeting minutes, important announcements, HOA documents, and a link to let you e-mail the board with any questions or concerns.



**Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's annual meeting held at the Oxford Senior Center on June 24. For those who couldn't attend in person, here are some of the highlights:**

Louis Alexander was elected to a position on the Board of Directors. Dominic Pirocchi won his primary for a position on the Oxford Area School District Board. He will be running unopposed in November. To prevent any perception of conflict of interest, Dominic submitted his resignation to the Brookside Estates HOA Board of Directors at the end of the meeting.

Brookside Estates HOA Board of Directors

**President**

David MacQuaid - Conducts Board meetings, oversees all Board duties & projects.

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Peny Ward- Monitors HOA finances, records and keeps the minutes for all Board Meetings.

**Member**

Doris Trader-Moulden - Helps with miscellaneous projects.

**Member**

Louis Alexander - Helps with miscellaneous projects.

The amendment to the Brookside Estates HOA Declaration regarding fences received enough votes to pass with 91% of Brookside residents agreeing to the change. A copy of the amendment will be mailed to each Member after the document has been filed with the Chester County Recorder of Deeds.

**The next scheduled Brookside Estates HOA meeting will be held on Wednesday October 21, 2009 at the Oxford Public Library.**

**Mark Your Calendar:**

**Thursday July 30 - Chester County Town Tours and Village Walk**

6pm – 8pm Borough of Oxford - starts at Oxford Memorial Park. This tour is FREE but reservations must be made. To make a reservation please call the Chamber office at 610-932-0740

**August 8TH - Second Annual National Night Out Community Block Party**

Memorial Park 12 NOON - 9 PM. Find out how you can prevent crime in our community and learn about the Oxford Neighborhood Watch organization. Meet your neighbors, enjoy some good food, and listen to some great music featuring all local talent.

**August 21- Movies in the Park - "Kung Fu Panda"**

Previews begin at 8:30 pm, movie follows. Concessions will be available. Don't forget to bring a blanket.

**2009 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT**

Saturday, September 19, 2009 9:00 – 3:00PM New Garden Maintenance Building  
8934 Gap Newport Road Landenberg, PA 19350  
NO COMPUTERS ACCEPTED

**Saturday September 26 - Oxford Run**

5K Run, Walk, and Dash. Starts at 9 a.m. Contact Sue Cole or Christine Grove at Oxford Mainstreet, Inc. for more information 610 998-9494.



**Good News For Brookside Estates HOA Members – Reduced Dues in 2010**

The Brookside Estates Board of Directors have a preliminary budget for 2010, and the news is good for Brookside Estates HOA Members. Annual dues will be reduced to \$175 per home for next year. It is the goal of the current Board of Directors to make sure that Association dues are kept as low as possible, while still providing funding required to cover replacement and repair costs for the Association's common elements (our Capital Reserve Account) . The current goal for the Capital Reserve Account is \$100,000 based on recommendations from Reserve Advisors who performed an audit in 2007. Based on the budget figures, we will be more than half-way to that amount in 2010. The Board of Directors realize that everyone is being confronted with rising taxes and increased household expenses. By keeping the Association costs down through prudent spending it is hoped that the HOA dues can continue to be reduced in the years ahead. Dues have not been this low since 2003.

## **Ideas for a Fun "Staycation"**

*Just because you aren't going on the road for this year's vacation doesn't mean you have to be stuck staring at the television during your time away from work. Here are a few ideas for fun and inexpensive activities that don't require a significant amount of travel:*

- ★ **Free Family Film Festival** - Since 1991, Regal theaters have been providing a service called "Free Family Film Festival". This program lasts nine weeks and it provides free movies for kids and parents on selected weekday mornings. First-come, first served seating is limited to theater capacity. This is a safe, fun and great way for kids to spend a rainy summer day indoors. Tickets for the 2009 Free Family Film Festival are exclusively available at select theaters' box offices on the day of the show. You can go to the Regal's website for more information:  
[www.regmovies.com/now showing](http://www.regmovies.com/now%20showing) (click on free family film festival link).
- ★ **Visit the zoo** – You don't have to drive into Philly or Baltimore. The Plumpton Park Zoo is just down the road in Rising Sun, Maryland. The zoo is open from 10 am to 4 pm through September. Call 410-658-6850 for more information.
- ★ **Visit a "Pick Your Own" Farm** – A quick trip to Cecil County Maryland and you can visit Walnut Springs Farm (3910 Blue Ball Road, Elkton 410 398-3451) for blueberries, raspberries, and more. Millburn Orchards (1495 Appleton Road, Elkton 410 398-1349) has blackberries, grapes, and apples in the fall. For more locations around the area check out [www.pickyourown.org](http://www.pickyourown.org).
- ★ **Plan a Video Game or Board Game Night**
- ★ **Plan a "Pizza Night"** - Make your own and let the kids help with selecting the toppings.
- ★ **Camp Out in the Backyard** – The kids will have a blast. Pack some snacks and dust off the scary ghost stories.
- ★ **Go Fly a Kite** – What better way to spend a sunny summer afternoon than out in the fresh air with a nifty kite?

*With a little creativity you can find all kinds of entertainment close to home. A fun family vacation doesn't have to break the bank, and you'll be creating memories that you and the kids will cherish for years to come.*

## **The Recipe Box**

***This light summer recipe comes from About.com***

### **Avocado, Bean and Corn Salsa**

*This is a colorful, nutritious and delicious fresh salsa which makes a great accompaniment to baked tortilla chips, chicken and fish dishes or as topping for tacos.*

**Prep Time: 10 minutes**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1/2 avocado, diced
- 1 cup frozen sweet corn, thawed
- 1 cup kidney beans, black beans or pinto beans
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 large tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 tbsp freshly chopped cilantro

#### **Preparation:**

*Combine avocado, corn, beans, onion, tomato, jalapeno, lime juice and cilantro in a medium bowl. Refrigerate until ready to use.*

*Makes 6 servings.*

**Per Serving:** *Calories 110, Calories from Fat 32, Total Fat 3.5g (sat 0.5g), Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 78mg, Carbohydrate 15.9g, Fiber 3.8g, Protein 3.7g*



### **A Friendly Reminder: Curb Your Dog – It's the Law!**

*This issue was raised once again by one of our neighbors during the Annual Meeting. Homeowners or residents must immediately pick up and properly dispose of pet waste. To report any violation of Borough ordinances, please call the Oxford Police Department at 610-932-2500.*



### **BB Guns Have Neighbors Concerned**

*BB guns are not toys. If your child owns a BB gun or pellet gun, make sure that he or she is aware of the basic safety rules :*

- ◆ **NEVER** point a BB gun or pellet gun at a person
- ◆ Don't shoot at birds, dogs, cats or other animals
- ◆ Don't shoot at surfaces that may cause the BB or pellet to ricochet
- ◆ Before shooting at a target make sure no one is standing behind it or beside it
- ◆ Do not shoot at street lights or street signs
- ◆ Do not shoot at houses or vehicles

*If you witness any behavior that could lead to property damage or injury please call the Oxford Police Department at 610-932-2500.*