



Brookside Estates HOA

Winter 2007

Newsletter



Visit the official Brookside Estates HOA website for news and announcements
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.

Current Items of Interest

We are looking for people interested in serving on the following committees:

*Architectural Committee
Community Events Committee
Bylaws/ Rules and Regulations Committee*

If you would like to serve on any (or all!) of these please contact the board by dropping us a line at:

*Brookside Estates HOA, 925
C/O Mid-Atlantic Management Corp.
90 South Newtown Street Road, Suite 7
Newtown Square, PA 19073*

Or

*Brookside Estates HOA
P.O. Box 313
Oxford, Pa. 19363*

Or

*Via e-mail through the "Ask the Board" link at
www.Brookside-Estates.org*

Property inspection time is approaching!

Mid-Atlantic Management Company will be performing property inspections at the

end of March. Now is a good time to take a look around and make sure that your property is "inspection ready".

Nominations for board positions are being accepted

Two board positions will be up for election at this year's Annual Meeting in June. These are three year terms. If you would like to run, please send us a note at:

Brookside Estates HOA
P.O. Box 313
Oxford, Pa. 19363
ATTN: Nominating Committee

The deadline for nominations is April 17, 2007.

Take note if you paid your HOA dues with the "installment plan":

Your second payment of \$150 is due by June 1st. There will not be a billing for this second installment! So please mark your calendar to get that final payment in on time to avoid being delinquent and having fines added to your amount due.

Important Dates

Sunday, March 4 - Sunday, March 11

The 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show
"Legends of Ireland "

Pennsylvania Convention Center
12th & Arch Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2299

Sundays, March 4 & March 11: 8 am to 6 pm

Monday, March 5- Friday, March 9: 10 am to 9:30 pm

Saturday, March 10: 8 am to 9:30 pm

(Best viewing hours are after 4 pm)

Box Office closes one hour before Show closing on all days.



Upcoming Brookside Estates HOA Meetings

Open board meetings will be held on the following dates. Unless stated otherwise meetings will be held at the Oxford Public Library (48 South Second St.) and will begin at 6PM.

Thursday March 15, 2007

Thursday April 19, 2007

Thursday May 17, 2007

Thursday June 14, 2007 Time/Location TBD

The Recipe Box

Irish Soda Bread

A nice treat to serve on St. Patrick's Day!

INGREDIENTS

- *4 cups all-purpose flour*
- *4 tablespoons white sugar*
- *1 teaspoon baking soda*
- *1 tablespoon baking powder*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1/2 cup margarine, softened*
- *1 cup buttermilk*
- *1 egg*
- *1/4 cup butter, melted*
- *1/4 cup buttermilk*

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and margarine. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on prepared baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf.

Bake in preheated oven for 45 to 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, about 30 to 50 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

In the Garden

You can get a jump on the weather by starting your garden seeds indoors. Most sources suggest starting your plants four to six weeks before they will be transplanted. Items from the recycle bin, such as yogurt cups and milk cartons, can be washed out and used to start your seeds. Be sure to punch a couple of small holes in the bottom to allow for drainage. Purchase planting mix to give your seeds a good start. Keep in mind that you will need to provide lots of light for your seedlings to keep them from getting "leggy" and toppling. Good results can be achieved with inexpensive fluorescent tubes and a fixture from the local discount store. Cool white ("daylight") 40-watt tubes throw even light of the sort plants thrive on. Hang the fixture from chains so that you can raise it as plants grow, keeping the light about 1" above plant tops. And don't forget to water the new plants regularly. One week before transplant time, place the seedlings outdoors in a shady spot that's protected from any wind. If the nights are still cool, bring the plants inside before the sun goes down. Gradually move the plants until they're getting full sun during the day. If you would like more information on starting plants indoors, visit the Oxford Public Library, your local garden center, or go online for tips and tricks to make your garden spectacular! Here are just a few websites with good information:

www.gardeners.com/How-to-Start-Seeds/default/5062.page

www.essortment.com/in/Gardening.Growing.How.To/



HOA Contact Form:

Many of you are probably wondering why this contact form keeps popping up. The fact is that by finding out how residents of Brookside Estates would like to be contacted the HOA can potentially save a significant amount of money on postage (each time a mailing goes out to all homes the postage alone is over \$53). If you could please take a moment to fill out the information it will permit the board to better serve our neighborhood. Thank you for your assistance!

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Contact Method:

U.S. Mail _____

E-mail: _____

Do you have access to the internet?

Yes: _____

No: _____

Are you interested in serving on a committee?

Yes: _____

No: _____

Committee(s):

Please send the completed form to either of the following:

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