



Harvest Bend The Meadow June Edition



Happy Father's Day

We would like to wish the entire Father's in the neighborhood a very Happy Father's Day!! We hope you have a blessed day!



Play Group for young Children

Are you looking for a play group? If so, contact Kim Bohot at kim.bohot@sbcglobal.net.

This will be the first play group for Harvest Bend The Meadow families. Kim looks forward to hearing from you regarding your ideas on creating this group. Below are some ideas to work from, but we are in need of your in-put as well:

1. Meet at playground a couple of times a month or once a week.
2. Set a schedule to allow some meetings to be in the morning and some in the afternoons to accommodate different schedules.
3. Parents must accompany their children. This is great way to meet other parents and children in the neighborhood!
4. Target age range 0-5 years (siblings are welcome too!)

Vacation Bible School

Now that summer is here, VBS is starting!!!! If you are interested in having your children in VBS **Foundry**

United Methodist Church is having their VBS **June 9 – 13 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**.

This is open to children that have **completed** Kindergarten thru 5th Grade. Register online at www.foundryfamily.org.

Click on: "Register for an Event". For more information call 713-937-9388.



Yard of the Month

Congratulations to 10818 Spring Shadows. Congratulations to a yard well kept.



Corner Mailboxes

Attention homeowners it has been reported that junk mail has been left scattered on the ground at mailboxes.

Therefore, the homeowners living next to a mailbox has to pick up and discard mail that is not theirs. Please be courteous and look around to make sure that your mail has not been dropped. If you have mail that is not wanted throw it away when you get home. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



HBTM Senior Adult Group

If you are 60 years or older and interested in joining a senior's group contact: **Wilma & Jerry Maple at 281-469-5612.**

Activities include: games, ballroom dance classes, book exchanges, exercise, and whatever else you may be interested in. This is a great opportunity for social engagement with your neighbors.

Safety Reminders

We want to remind everyone about safety when out and about. Below are some tips for review:

1. Remain alert for suspicious activity and do not hesitate to call 911.
2. Look around for suspicious persons or vehicles when leaving or returning home.
3. When possible, walk or shop with a friend. There is safety in numbers.
4. When driving, keep your doors locked and windows up.
5. Check rear view mirror when returning home (if followed drive to a well lit, populated area).
6. Survey parking lots for suspicious persons/vehicles before leaving your car and keep your keys handy. Park in a well lit populated area if possible.
7. Keep all doors locked and dead bolted at all times and never open your door to a stranger.

Summer Reading Fun

If you have school aged children this may be something you may be interested in. The Harris County Public Library is having their Reading Club Jubilee starting June 6, 2008. For more details: visit www.hcpl.net.



1. **Q:** What must I do to have a birthday party at the pool? **A:** During normal business hours, a homeowner can bring up to ten (10) non-HBTM guests to the pool. (This means only 10 guests per household; it does not mean that each person in a household who is 18 years or older can bring 10 guests.) The homeowner must stay with their guests and ensure that their guests comply with Pool Rules. The fee for each visitor is \$0.50 and is payable after the homeowner and guests sign the Pool Attendance Log and before entering the pool area. Should a homeowner like to invite more than ten (10) guests during normal business hours (for example, in the case of a sports team event, etc.), the homeowner shall contact H-Rec as well as the Board seven (7) days prior to the event to make arrangements for additional lifeguards. The cost of each lifeguard (\$25.00 per hour per

lifeguard) plus the \$0.50 cost per visitor is at the homeowner's expense. After their party, the homeowner must help with the cleanup. **Q:** Can I have a private family function at the pool? **A:** Private Parties: 1. Private parties may be held in the pool area **before** or **after** regular pool hours or on a day when the pool is closed. There is no usage charge by HBTM, HOA. 2. Private parties shall end by 11:00 pm. 3. You must reserve a lifeguard for each 25 guests. Arrangements for the lifeguard are made through Houston Recreation Management, Inc. and the cost is \$25 per lifeguard for each hour worked. You should contact H-Rec at least fourteen (14) days before your party date. 4. Let the Board know of the date and time of your party. The Board requires a \$100.00 cleaning deposit from the homeowner. This must be given to the Board fourteen (14) days prior to the event. The cleaning deposit will be returned to the homeowner after it is verified that the homeowner properly

cleaned up after the party and that there was no damage to the property. 5. Once the pool closes for the season, typically no additional private parties will be allowed (as lifeguards may not be available) Should you have such a request, please contact the HBTM, HOA Board at least four (4) weeks before your planned date to discuss the details and reach agreement on whether this is possible. 6. The playground area cannot be reserved for private parties; however, any children attending the private pool party can use the playground with appropriate adult supervision and by following all rules and regulations with regard to playground usage. 7. And, obviously, you and your guests must at all times adhere to the stated rules and regulations as well as clean up after the party is over.

Non-Residents of HBTM – In no case, can non – residents of HBTM make arrangements to use the pool for parties at any time. Further non-residents cannot use the pool during normal pool hours unless

they are the guest of a homeowner.



Board Meeting was held May 13, 2008, with two guests attending.

To report any crime (includes but not limited to vandalism) - Call 911 or Precinct 4 Lakewood Constables Dispatch at 281-376-3472.

Property Manager –

Patricia Ortiz of TCM. Her direct telephone number is 832-660-0705. The main number is 832-660-0700.

Committee Reports

ACC – Nancy Nichols and Paul Behrend – one ACC request has been processed.

Pool – Sue Daniels – Pool tags will be distributed on May 18 and May 21. After those dates, anyone wanting pool tags need to contact Patricia Ortiz at TCM.

- Ms. Beryle Faier has volunteered to assist with checking ID's, etc., at the pool this summer. Thanks Ms. Faier.

Communication Committee - Patty Hodges

- The communications committee is selling advertising space in the newsletter. A business card size ad is \$25/month and a double business card size is \$42.50/month. TCM advised that they can accept cash for advertising space so other arrangements are being made.
- May yard of the month was award to Mr. & Mrs. Swonke.

Recreation Committee -

Patty Hodges – 2008
 Community events include:
 National Night Out
 End of the Year Pizza at Pool (Dorothy Walker)
 Halloween Party (10/31)
 Hayride & Santa in the Park

Senior Functions – Jerry and Wilma Maple
 Organizing meeting will be held @11:00 a.m. May 17, at Reid Road MUD #1 building

Welcoming Committee –
 Patty Hodges and Sylvia Teague – A "Welcome to HB, The Meadow" packet will be put together in 2008.

Open Discussion

- We are in discussions with TCM to make available on their website ACC forms

and other information.

- Pool Tags – If you missed getting your pool tags in May, you will need to contact the management company to obtain pool tags. When contacting TCM, be prepared to pay \$5.00 for each tag, with a maximum of \$10.00 per family. This is payable to HBTM, HOA
- Ray Walther, Communications Manager for Crime Stoppers gave a presentation on how we might work with crime Stoppers. The special flier inside the Newsletter gives more details on the Crime Stoppers program. Typically they pay anywhere between \$50 and \$5000 for information leading to charges being filed. They, typically, do not pay on misdemeanors, exception their highly successful School Programs, including with Cy-Fair. Mr. Walther

did encourage us to have a strong Neighborhood Watch Program. More on that in future newsletters. He also gave us some hints on how to protect ourselves when shopping: do not leave purse or valuables on front seat of car or in plain view; put purse or valuables in trunk while still at home - never at the mall; women - keep your purse close to you person at all times; men - keep wallets in a front pocket; take only needed cards and ID with you - leave all else at home.

- The financials and deed non-conformances were discussed and agreed to. Several law suits have been filed against homeowners who continue to be in non-compliance with their responsibilities as homeowners.
- Thirty-four (34) homeowners have not yet paid their 2008 maintenance

fees. That's 11.5% of homeowners here at HBTM. It is acceptable to make arrangements for a fee -payment plan. Please contact Patricia Ortiz at TCM to do so.

- Reminder: you will not have pool until you are current on your maintenance fees or have made arrangements for a fee - payment plan. Pool privileges will be rescinded if you do not pay your agreed to fee-payment plan on time.
- To enhance communications during this pool season, the owner of H-Rec is being invited to our next meeting to review the rules and requirements.
- Sylvia Teague offered to contact the Salvation Army to determine if any activities may be available this

summer at their local facility. Positive reinforcement activities are important to our children. Parents, if you have any ideas how we, as a community, can have summer activities with positive reinforcement for our children, please contact TCM or one of the Board members.

Update on non-compliances – We are sure that you've noticed several properties in our subdivision that require attention. The board shares your concerns and we are working diligently to resolve these issues through the required legal process, including filing suit as needed.