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The

Briarwood Home Page

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New Officers Elected!

September 20, 2011 brought forth a new year for our association with neighbors greeting each other, refreshments being served and all having a good time at our annual meeting held at New Hope Christian Church. We found the “smartest” person in Briarwood to be Mr. Bob Cawthorn! Bob got the most answers correct in our fun game about Bartlett and Briarwood.

All 2010-11 officers enthusiastically returned to their duties for another year as nominated and elected by all present. We had a good turnout of Briarwood residents with around 35 people present.

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2011 Annual Meeting



Dossett Foster



Gloria Owens



Jeff & Traci Daniel



Missy Street



Brent & Vivien Li Smith



Charlene Kraft & Ken Hoskins



Colette Stobbe



David & Carolyn Gish



Carolyn Tabb



David Gish & Marti Tabor



Judy Cawthorn & Hazel Hall



Ginger Holt



Connie & Don Dykes



Rick & Melissa Douglas



Winston Owens & Amy Cavataio



Judy & (Smart!) Bob Cawthorn



A Word From The President...

"A friend is a gift you give yourself."

- Robert Louis Stevenson

Just a few comments about our association as we begin a new fiscal year. As previously stated, our goals are to keep our Briarwood community safe, to protect our property values and to be a good neighbor. In addition, my personal goal as your president was to try and add value to your membership, beyond just maintaining the front entrance. With your memberships come many other important intangibles: friendships, networking, social events, problem solving and a communication vehicle for discussing issues and concerns. It has been personally gratifying to me the response we've had over the past year. I don't think a week has gone by that someone in the neighborhood hasn't taken the time to call, email, or even drop by my house to express their appreciation for what your officers have done. The feedback has been wonderful and positive. So, on behalf of your BHOA officers, I thank you for your comments, your suggestions, your interest, your participation, and your desire to make Briarwood the best neighborhood in Bartlett. Please continue to let me know how you feel about our subdivision and how we can make it better.

All of our dining outs at Fox Ridge Pizza were well attended. New friendships were made and enjoyed by all. At our annual meeting, at New Hope Christian Church, we had more attendees than I can ever remember at a Briarwood membership meeting. Charlene Kraft's Christmas open house was a huge success last year and everyone appreciated her bringing the neighborhood together. We had so many beautiful yards this past summer that our beautification committee consisting of Missy Street, John Tyler and Marti Tabor, had a real challenge in selecting a winner each month. The Men of Briarwood continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month at Bob Evans, where we enjoy great food and fellowship. Last but not least, a special thank you to Carolyn Gish for all of her hard work to publish a quarterly newsletter and the great photos she takes and posts on our web site and Facebook page.

We live in a great neighborhood where neighbors know each other and help each other. We are blessed.

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Get to Know Your Neighbors...

Meet... Dossett Foster.

Dossett and his lovely wife, Linda, have lived at 3218 Woodsman Lane since October of 1995. They are very active in their church, Grace Presbyterian. Dossett is the volunteer Grounds Keeping Supervisor for the church and is very active in the Civitan Club here in the Bartlett /Cordova area. They have a son, Scott who is married to Melissa, has three children and lives in Murfreesboro, TN. They have a son, Todd and wife, Laurie, who also live in Briarwood and have three children!

Dossett graduated from Treadwell High School in 1960. Linda graduated from Kingsbury High School in 1961. They met at Highland Heights Presbyterian Church where Dossett's father was the minister. Dossett and Linda dated all through college while she went to Memphis State (now University of Memphis) and he went to Southwestern (now Rhodes College). They were married in 1964 two days before Dossett received his college diploma! They are longtime Memphis educators.

Dossett taught history at Frayser High School for 20 years. He also coached for those 20 years, 14 of which he was the Track coach and Cross-Country coach and then he cut back to just Cross-Country so he could attend his son's baseball games. He was the athletic director for the school six of those years. Dossett went back to school and received his Masters Degree from Memphis State in 1973. Dossett became an Instructional Supervisor for Memphis City Schools for four years and then was Assistant Principal at John P. Freeman Optional School for six years before he retired in 1995.

Pictured below with Dossett is another Briarwood resident, Cary Bawcum (6848 Briarfield Lane) who was a student of Dossett's and also ran on his Cross-Country and Track Teams. Cary graduated from Frayser High School in 1974. He and his wife, Daphne, moved to Briarwood in November of 1994. Cary was an Outstanding Senior at Frayser High School and now owns his own sporting goods store called Trigone Sports Inc., TSI.

Terry Brown, 6849 Briarfield Lane, was also a history student under Dossett at Frayser High School. Terry graduated in 1985 with Dossett's son and was voted Best Dressed in his class! Terry is now employed in Management at FedEx in Memphis.

When you see Dossett around the neighborhood or in Bartlett please be sure and thank him for his many years spent teaching, coaching and influencing the lives of many young people!



Briarwood Covenants

We thought it would be useful to highlight our subdivision covenants so that we may all become familiar with and understand the rationale behind them. Our covenants were written by the developers of Briarwood before any of us moved in. Their purpose, essentially, is to keep our homes and lots in a satisfactory condition, protect our property values and help insure our safety.

Briarwood Covenant Number 11:

Grass, weeds, vegetation and debris on each lot shall be kept mowed and cleared at regular intervals by the owner thereof so as to maintain the same in a neat and attractive manner. Trees, shrubs, vines, debris and plants that die shall be promptly removed from such lots.

This covenant is necessary to insure our homes and yards are maintained in a neat and attractive manner. We are very fortunate that Briarwood homeowners take such good care of their property. We have noticed on many occasions that fallen trees and broken limbs are cleaned up in rapid fashion and you rarely see debris or overgrown or dead vegetation in any of our yards.

Thanks
for
your
help!

Briarwood Beautiful!



Chip and Wanda Washington at 3080 Briarly Lane won September, 2011 Yard of the Month! Chip takes on the grass while Wanda keeps the flowers looking great!

Our Beautification committee will be on the lookout for Best Christmas Decorations for “Briarwood Yard of the Month” in December. Judging will occur no later than December 14th. You must be a member of our association to be selected.



Don and Connie Dykes of 6889 Hedgewood Lane (with special guest and grandson) have captured the October 2011 Yard of the Month with lots of beautiful blooms!

Bartlett City Beautiful – August, 2011



Jerry and Tina Ballard of 3181 Woodsman Lane won the August 2011 Bartlett City Beautiful sign in their yard! They have worked hard for the blooms and greenery. Tina and Jerry have lots of knowledge about plants, flowers and vines that they put to great use in their yard.

Briarwood Homeowners Association Financial Report

September 20, 2011

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| Balance on 9/01/11----- | \$ 624.99 |
| Deposits for Dues (9/01/11 Thru 09/20/11)----- | <u>1,650.00</u> |
| Total Balance on Hand ----- | \$ 2,274.99 |

Estimated Expenditures for 9/01/11 Thru 8/31/12:

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| Reliable Lawn Services----- | \$ 2,400.00 |
| Sprinkler System----- | 400.00 |
| MLG&W----- | 650.00 |
| City of Bartlett Water----- | 300.00 |
| Printing Supplies----- | 250.00 |
| Plants & Flowers----- | 400.00 |
| Miscellaneous----- | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total Estimated Expenditures ----- | (\$ 4,600.00) |

Submitted by: Gloria Owens, Treasurer