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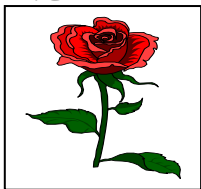
This may be your **LAST NEWSLETTER** unless we can bring some new participants onto our Committee. We have been fortunate enough to have neighbors who have volunteered for some time to provide current information to everyone in Brittany Knolls.

The newsletter is a great way to know what's going on in our neighborhood, but the truth is that we need some help for this to continue.

Individually, it is not a time-consuming committee. We meet after every Board meeting (about 4x a year) and divide up the duties, formatting and typing the content, writing the articles, and printing the newsletter. Our property management company will take care of mailing to the neighborhood. Quick, easy and fun!

Can we sign you up? Call Janet G. McNulty, 419-6563 or EM: Janet@JanetMcNulty.com

AT LAST! THE ENTRY SIGN AREA HAS FLOWERS!



Have you seen the new look at the entry sign at Lemay and Brittany? If you haven't, take a walk, or drive by. It's had a wonderful facelift.

The design was by Brittany Knolls resident Vicki Mohr, of Mission Landscape Design. Irrigation and installation was completed by Mill Brothers.

The shrub roses and barberry plants in the new design were chosen to discourage unwanted activities in the area behind the sign. Right now, the plants are small, but it won't be long before

the colorful roses will be seen above the masonry, and the barberries and ornamental grasses will fill in the area under the pine trees. For extra color, there are several butterfly plants. Day lilies will bloom at the point of the wall, where they won't obscure the sign's lettering.

There are annuals at the front of both sides of the sign, and each year, the Association will organize a volunteer springtime work day to replant those areas. Suggestions will be welcome, for different annual flower species.

We know you've all been waiting, so enjoy!

Just when you thought everything was going well, Something comes up to put a damper on it. Mill Bros. reported that **3 day lilies have been stolen** from the newly landscaped entry sign. The plants were taken sometime between July 21, and July 22. If you have any information about this, please call a Board member.

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting in November is going to be more important than ever and I want to encourage you to attend rather than sending in your proxy.

We will need everyone's ideas and views on our common areas, especially the future of the fences on our perimeter. There will be at least one board position vacant this year, consider serving in this way. Also, there are small committees such as the social committee or the committee that brings this newsletter to you, we would welcome you to be a part of these groups.

Being on the board and on a committee is a great way to get to know your neighbors and contribute to the welfare of this neighborhood. Remember, everyone can come to the regular board meetings and the next one will be on September 14th at 6431 Edgeware street at 7pm. Our next newsletter will give the date of our mid-November annual meeting. Plan on coming and helping us make

decisions for the future of Brittany Knolls. We all want it to be a great place to live.

WEEDS WEEDS & TREES

It's every homeowners fun time of the year, WEED PULLING TIME! Having been blest with plentiful spring rains we are now blest with plentiful weeds. They are all over. Those of you with corner beds have a larger area on display.

Jokes aside, Folks, take some extra care to check out those areas and pull those pesky weeds, no, don't just cut them off and use an herbicide if you must. Your neighbors will love you for it.

If you have trees that have become sickly looking you must prune those branches and might need to have the whole tree removed. City ordinances also require this to prevent diseases from spreading. Also, remember to keep shrubs and trees trimmed near sidewalks. Ah, the joys of homeownership.

THE FENCE PROJECT

One of the subjects of the June 29th Special Meeting of the Brittany Knolls Homeowners' Association was the much-belabored fence along the common area on Trilby, Lemay, and Brittany. The Board suggested treating the situation as if the Association is the next-door neighbor to all of the individual homeowners who have fence along the common areas. In such a situation, Neighbor A may suggest to Neighbor B that the fence on Neighbor B's property could use a facelift, so that Neighbor A's view would be a bit more attractive. In such a case, with Neighbor B's permission, Neighbor A can paint or stain the fence at his/her own expense, to create a nicer view. With this example in mind, the Association can, with the permission of the fence owners, powerwash and stain the side of the fence that's exposed to the common areas and the general public.

The funding had been approved at the Board meeting held just before the Special Meeting, and the amount set aside comes to less than \$20 per

household. There will be no special assessments. The majority of those present at the meeting felt that a more attractive neighborhood was well worth the investment of less than \$20.

This is a one-time project, and it buys time to think about the fence's future, and how we want the general public to view Brittany Knolls. The stain will last 3-5 years. During that time, the homeowners can think about a permanent solution to the issue. The subject will be added to the agenda for the Annual Meeting in November 2005.

The Board would like to be able to schedule the power wash and staining for late August. This will give the fence owners time to make repairs. There will be a voluntary work party to help with repairs on Sat. Aug. 13 (rain date Aug. 20), if you're handy with a hammer, please join the party. If you need help with repairs, call 206-1290.

If repairs are completed by Aug. 20, we may be able to get the powerwashing and staining completed in time for Labor Day weekend.

FOUND: on Marshall St., near corner of Compton Rd., 1 single-use camera, and on Buchanan St., near Compton Rd., paperback novel. Darci Monroe is the main character. Call 206-1290 to claim.