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"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

#### Abraham Lincoln

#### Greetings Neighbors:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your association president. We have a great little neighborhood and I, along with many others in Briarwood want to keep it that way. Our association goals are to keep our Briarwood community safe, to protect our property values and to be a good neighbor. To do that we need your input, the sharing of your concerns and your involvement.

A neighbor recently commented that all the association does is worry about the front entrance. Well, that's not true. The front entrance is managed by a lawn service



company and they do a very good job. All we have to do is pay them each month for their services. What the association really worries about, and has to spend an inordinate amount of time on, is collecting the dues from homeowners so we can afford to pay for the service. It's perplexing to many of us why some folks choose not to contribute to the well being of our subdivision. We have homeowners that have never paid, and some that used to pay, but have stopped. Thankfully a large number of residents have faithfully paid every year. If you are one of the ones that have not paid or have stopped paying, I would appreciate knowing why. If we know what the issues and concerns are, we can try to address them. The benefits are obvious and have been repeated over and over again, so I will not belabor it here. We will continue to run our dues campaign as long as necessary, so that we can be assured that the Briarwood subdivision can continue to reflect the pride of the residents who live here.

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## **Bartlett City Beautiful Yard of the Month**

Congratulations to **Ronnie and Mary Cook** at 3070 Briarly Lane! Their yard was selected by the City of Bartlett for the Month of October. Indeed, as you can see from the pictures they have a beautiful yard!



# Caramel Dip



1-8 oz. Cream Cheese

¾ cup light brown sugar

1-teaspoon vanilla

Cream all ingredients together with a mixer. Serve with apples and bananas.

Got a recipe to share with us? Send your favorites to: <a href="mailto:cgish@earthlink.net">cgish@earthlink.net</a>. (Subject: Briarwood recipes)

### Get to Know Your Neighbors...

Meet.... Fred Morton. Fred has a BA from Princeton University in Princeton, NJ, a Bachelor of Divinity from Duke Seminary in Durham, NC and a Masters in Psychology from Murray State in Murray, KY. In 2005 Fred retired from full-time ministry with the United Methodist Church. He makes us all "real tired" at all he still does! He is a part-time counselor at Bartlett UMC Church, volunteers at Highland Heights UMC, and works with the Boy Scouts as a Scout Leader. Fred lives at 3231 Woodsman Lane. His son, Greg, who is a lawyer, lives with him. Fred lost his beloved bride of 48 and one-half years, Shirley, last year on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Fred has a daughter (Dana Watson) who is married, has 2 beautiful children and lives in Jackson, MS

Fred is a three-time cancer survivor! He swims and does yoga at Bartlett Recreation Center and his hobbies include painting portraits. Fred is passionate about racial reconciliation. He tutors at Treadwell Elementary School. He also writes non-fiction. Fred has completed a book called "Christian Roots of our American Republic" and he is working on a biography of his brother, James Edward Morton, Jr. who was killed in Vietnam in 1969.



## **Briarwood Neighborhood Information**

Copies of the Briarwood Covenants, Briarwood Association Bylaws, Briarwood Duties of Officers, and Plot Maps are available online at:

## http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Briarwood/home Emergency / Informational Phone Numbers

Emergency Fire / Police	911
Bartlett Police Dept	385-5555
Bartlett Fire Dept	385-5533
Bartlett Animal Control	385-5570
Bartlett Water Dept	385-5585
Bartlett City Hall	385-6400
MLGW Power Outage Line	544-6400

#### Thank You

We want to give a special thanks to Emily Elliott, RN of Mid-South Dermatology and Tawny Walker, Director of Bartlett Recreation Center for contributing to our homeowner's association welcome packets.



## Keep Briarwood Beautiful!

Our **storm drains** are not for dumping garbage. Storm water is recycled into our drinking water! Please inform your children, neighbors and friends that it is unsightly and also against **FEDERAL** law to litter by throwing cans, bottles, paper items, and dumping liquids, such as oil, into these storm drains. If you see someone littering you can report this to Bartlett Code Enforcement at 385-6426.



## Attention: Parents!

Please remind your children to be courteous and **not** litter in the lawns at the school bus stop. Litter is litter – no matter where it is.... and that includes Pop-tart bags!

## M.O.B. Meetings!

Attention: **Men Of Briarwood** (M.O.B.) breakfast meetings are once a month at Bob Evans Restaurant – Wolfchase. All men of Briarwood are encouraged to join us at 8:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting of the M.O.B. will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Vernon Tabor for more information.





## **Briarwood Beautification**

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 14<sup>th</sup>. You must be a member of our association to be selected.



## **Budget Concerns**

We have 83 out of 109 homeowners participating in our Budget this year. We have not raised our Association fee in over 10 years. We strive to maintain the front entrance and keep up our property values for all 109 homeowners. Are you paying your fair share of our expenses? We have had \$200.00 above Association dues contributed towards repairs on the front lighting by concerned homeowners. Our budget needs with mowing, repairs to lighting, repairs to sprinkler system, water bill, and MLGW bill are projected to be approximately \$1043.86 more than the 83 families dues collected so far. **PLEASE** encourage your neighbors to pay their fair share so we can maintain our entrance and keep up our property values.

OCTOBER 19, 2010 - UPDATED

# BRIARWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ESTIMATED FINANCIAL EXPENSES FOR 10/1/10 THROUGH 9/30/11

DUES DEPOSITS FOR 9/1/10 THROUGH 9/30/11+3320.00
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE REPAIRS ON FRONT ENTRY+ 200.00
TOTAL\$4306.14
ESTIMATED YEARLY EXPENDITURES:
RELIABLE LAWN SVC.(MTNCE FRONT ENTRY) 10/01/10-9/30/11\$2400.00
SPRINKLER SYSTEM 400.00
REPAIR WORK FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM 1300.00
PLANTS FOR ENTRY 300.00
CITY OF BARTLETT (WATER) 250.00
MLG&W (ESTIMATED PAYMENTS) 600.00
PRINTING & SUPPLIES 100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10/1/10 THROUGH 9/30/11\$5350.00

SUBMITTED BY GLORIA OWENS TREASURER

83 FAMILIES HAVE PAID THEIR DUES FOR 10/01/10 THROUGH 9/30/11.