



Home Owners Association Newsletter

February 2006

HOA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Brookeville Farms Homeowners will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM at the Remax Building, 3300 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney. We will meet in the first floor Conference Room. Please use the building's back entrance. There will be two openings on the Board to be filled. ❖

President's Message

by Kerry W. Hemphill

Well it's that time of year again, and we look forward to many of you volunteering for the openings on the Brookeville Farms HOA board of directors. At present, we have seven returning members and will require two new volunteers to complete our desired board of nine.

Over the past year we have accomplished many of our goals and continue to maintain a sound fiscal strategy. Our current operating expenses are within budget and we are currently building a needed reserve to cover future expenses for general repair and maintenance.

This spring, we are planning to replace several trees on Lubar Way, paint the fence, and upgrade some of the landscaping.

During the recent snowstorm and power outages, it was great to see everyone helping each other out. Just

one of the many reasons we enjoy living in the Brookeville Farms community. The HOA has contacted BG&E to express our collective dissatisfaction and demand a resolution.

It's been an outstanding year and I would like to thank all the members of our current board for a job well done. You guys have made my job very easy!

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Hallen/O'Bryan Party

The Fifth annual Hallen/O'Bryan Brookeville Farms and neighbors party will be held on Saturday, June 10 starting at 5:00 PM, at 2120 Bordly Drive. Burgers, hot dogs, munchies, beer, and soda will be served. Please bring a side dish, dessert, beverage, or something to put on the grill. More information will be provided closer to the date. ❖

HOA Board Meetings

Regular HOA Board meetings will be held at the Longwood Community Center from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on the following dates: Thursday, April 20; Wednesday, June 28; Thursday, September 14; and Wednesday, November 15. All homeowners are welcome to attend. An open forum for homeowners is scheduled for the last 10 minutes of each meeting. ❖

Trash Collection Service

We received a number of complaints over the past two months regarding the performance of our trash collection contractor, Waste Management. After

several Board members had stern discussions with them in January, they seem to be back to a point where we can rely on them to pick up the trash on all streets in the neighborhood on the scheduled days of Wednesday and Saturday. If your trash does not get picked up on the scheduled day, please call the Waste Management dispatcher at 301-840-0211 ext. 523 or ext 522. As a reminder, please have your trash by the street no later than 7:00 A.M. the day of pickup. All trash should be contained in cans with lids. ❖

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Landscape and Grounds Committee. If you would like to help, please contact the HOA President. ❖

HOA Web Site

The Brookeville Farms HOA web site is located at <http://www.geocities.com/bfmdhoa/>. This site includes information pertaining to the HOA such as ARC forms, minutes from previous board meetings, current and previous newsletters, as well as contact information for board members. ❖

Newsletter Articles

If you would like to submit information to appear in the next HOA newsletter, or for any inquiries, please send them to David Sager (david.sager@jhuapl.edu or 2105 Bordly Drive). ❖

HOA Board Members

The following are the names and contact information for the volunteer board members:

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Emergencies Fire/Rescue, Police .. 911
Police Non-emergency .. 301-279-8000
Fire Non-emergency 240-777-0744
American Red Cross 301-588-2515
Verizon Telephone repair 301-954-6260
BG&E 800-685-0123
Comcast 301-424-4400
Montgomery County Emergency Management 240-777-2300

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The Story Behind the Street Named Riggs Hill Way

by John O'Loughlin

In a previous newsletter, we noted that the land that is now Brookeville Farms was originally owned by Thomas Bordley and was known as Bordley's Choice (the origin of our misspelled Bordly Drive). Upon the death of Thomas Bordley in 1726, all of his property passed to his wife and children. His youngest son, John Beale Bordley, was not even born until four months after his father died, yet John eventually inherited Bordley's Choice when his older brother Thomas Bordley Jr. died. Like his father, John Beale Bordley was a successful lawyer in colonial Annapolis and never actually settled on the land that bore his name. In 1751, Bordley sold Bordley's Choice to John Riggs.

The lack of decent restaurants around Brookeville must have been just as bad in those days, because John Riggs, the fourth owner of the land, never settled Bordley's Choice either. (Come to think of it, the town of Brookeville was not founded until almost 50 years later, so the lack of good restaurants was understandable. Maybe it was the lousy power supply and trash service, which hasn't really improved in 250 years, but we digress.) Eventually, Samuel Riggs, the ninth child (out of twelve children!) of John and Mary Riggs became the first to create a permanent home at Bordley's Choice. Although there may have been a house on the property before Samuel Riggs and his wife Amelia Dorsey took possession in 1768, they are credited with establishing the farm that became known as Pleasant Hill.



Samuel Riggs 1740-1814

So, if the property was first known as Bordley's Choice and then was renamed Pleasant Hill, where does the name Riggs Hill Way come from? It's a little unclear, but the estate owned by John and Mary Riggs in Anne Arundel County, in the area known now as Annapolis Junction, was called Riggs' Hills. There are some references to Sam and Amelia's property also being called Riggs' Hills, but most of the historical records refer to Sam Riggs' farm as Pleasant Hill. Either way, you get the sense that people in those days were prone to exaggeration. Whether you call it Riggs Hill or Pleasant Hill, it's really not much of a hill. (For comparison, the creek that runs under Brighton Dam Road just beyond the eastern entrance to Brookeville Farms is called the Hawlings River. Evidently everything was much bigger and more exciting in those days.)

Several generations of the Riggs family enjoyed the land where we now live for almost 150 years. We'll explore a little more of their history in a future newsletter.