

NEWSLETTER

HOA Board Meetings

Regular Board of Directors meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. For 2014, the meeting dates are: Tuesday, January 7 (Sager residence); Wednesday, February 12 (Annual meeting, Buffington/ReMax Building); Thursday, April 17 (Sands residence); Tuesday, June 10 (Stine residence); Wednesday, September 10 (Hanson residence); and Thursday, November 13 (Craig residence). All homeowners are welcome to attend. Come hear what is happening in the community. ❖

HOA Web Site

The Brookeville Farms HOA web site is located at <http://www.bfmdhoa.org/>. 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.

For those with a smartphone and a QR code (Quick Response code) application, you may scan the following QR code to quickly access the HOA web site.



Community E-Mail List

The Brookeville Farms community maintains an e-mail distribution list to make it easier to communicate with our neighbors. The e-mail address is "bfneighbors@prstech.com".

This list has been used to find recommendations for service providers, find carpool buddies, and to participate in joint

purchasing agreements (like, propane and whole-house generators). The Homeowners Association newsletter is also distributed to this list. ❖

Trash Collection

Our trash collection contractor, Waste Management, is scheduled to pick up trash on Wednesday and Saturday. Please have your trash by the street by 7:00 A.M. the day of pickup.

All trash should be contained in cans with lids. 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.

If trash collection day falls on a holiday, that day will be skipped and trash will be collected on the following Wednesday or Saturday. The charge for trash pickup is included in your HOA dues. ❖

Recycling

Montgomery County collects recyclable paper, cardboard, newspapers, bottles, and cans on Thursday. Please use the blue containers provided by the County. You should place your recycling containers at the end of your driveway late the night before or early in the morning. Please retrieve your recycling containers as soon as possible following pickup.

If recycling day falls on a holiday, the recycling will be picked up the next day. The charge for recycling is included in your County tax bill.

If you want a reminder about recycling collection service changes due to upcoming holidays, you may sign up for email reminders at:

<http://goo.gl/JH70TK> ❖

What to Do in Case of an Auto Accident

Stop

No matter how minor an accident may be, the failure to stop can result in serious criminal consequences. If possible, stop your vehicle at the point nearest the

accident scene without obstructing traffic more than necessary.

Render Aid

If anyone is injured:

1. Render first aid to the extent you are qualified;
2. Stop bleeding
3. Call a doctor or an ambulance or both;
4. Do not move an injured person in any way that could possibly add to his or her injury.

Protect the Scene and those Involved from Further Damage or Injury

If the accident has obstructed the roadway, take measures to adequately warn approaching drivers. If the highway is obstructed at night, illuminate the accident scene if possible. Use the warning flashers that are standard equipment on most vehicles.

Call a Police Officer

State and local police officers are trained accident investigators. Their expertise may be invaluable in establishing the reason the accident occurred.

Gather Information and Write It Down

Don't trust your memory. Write down the facts, including the names and addresses of witnesses; skid marks and distance measurements; and the names, addresses and license plate numbers of the drivers involved.

Participants in automobile accidents are required by law to exhibit their driver's licenses and provide their vehicle registration numbers, insurance carriers, insurance policy numbers, and names and addresses of their local insurance agents to each driver involved in the accident. The following information should be collected:

- Name(s) Address(es) of Driver(s)
- License Plate Number(s)
- Insurance Carrier(s)
- Policy Number(s)
- Name(s) and Address(es) of Agent(s)
- Name(s) and Address(es) of Witness(es)
- Skid Mark Measurements
- Distance Measurement

Be Careful What You Say

Do not admit fault even if you think the accident was your fault. You may discover later that the other driver was equally or more at fault. Statements made during the excitement of an accident may be misconstrued or later misquoted by others. Discuss the accident with the investigating officer, your attorney and your insurance company.

See Your Doctor

Serious injuries do not always result in immediate pain or bloodshed. Consult a doctor or hospital if there is the slightest chance you may be injured.

Inform Your Insurance Company Immediately

Your insurance company employs trained investigators who will attempt to develop all evidence for your defense. Failure to promptly notify your insurer may void your policy and leave you without insurance coverage for damage resulting from the accident.

Consult Your Lawyer Promptly

If you anticipate filing a civil claim for damage or facing a trial on a traffic violation charge, the sooner your lawyer is brought into the matter the better he or she can advise you and protect your rights. Your lawyer can obtain statements from the witnesses while their memories are fresh and assure that the true facts are preserved.

Get your lawyer's advice before giving any interviews or statements, except to representatives of your insurance carrier.

File an Accident Report with the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)

Regardless of fault, the operator of every motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in death or personal injury within the State of Maryland must report the accident to the Motor Vehicle Administration. You are not required to file an accident report with the MVA if the accident has been investigated by the police and a report has been filed with the Maryland State Police or if the accident resulted in property damages only. ❖

Quote of the Month

"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." – Lao Tzu ❖

