

NEWSLETTER

HOA Officers Elected

The homeowners association Board of Directors have elected the following officers for the 2012 calendar year:

President: David Sager

Secretary: Randy Sands

Treasurer: Russ Craig ❖

HOA Board Members

In addition to the officers listed above, the following neighbors are At-Large members of the Board of Directors:

Jim Hanson

Chuck Leffler

John O'Loughlin

Peter Schmidt

Bret Stine

Mark Wesolowski ❖

HOA Board Meetings

Regular Board of Directors meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on the following dates: Wednesday, September 12 (Wesolowski residence) and Thursday, November 15 (Schmidt residence). All homeowners are welcome to attend. ❖

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. ❖

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. ❖

“Man’s Best Friend?”

By Dr. Steve Velling, Ashburn Village Animal Hospital

Sometimes, contrary to the old saying, a dog can be man’s worst enemy. With the recent publicity surrounding a Denver television news anchor who was reporting on a rescued dog and then was bitten by the same dog as she leaned to pet him, I thought it prudent to write about dog bites.

In a typical year, 12 people in the United States are killed and more than 1 million require medical attention for dog-bite injuries. Well over half of all dog-bite victims are children, and more than half of children over age 12 report being bitten by a dog at least once.

The Humane Society of the United States has several tips to reduce the chance that your pet will attack:

- 1) Spay or neuter your dog. Dogs that are not spayed or neutered are three times more likely to attack or bite.
- 2) Train and socialize your dog so that it is comfortable being around people.

- 3) Never play “attack” games. A dog won’t understand the difference between play and real life.
- 4) Never approach a dog you don’t know or a dog that is alone without its owner.
- 5) Don’t disturb a dog that is sleeping or eating.
- 6) Don’t pet a dog without letting it see and sniff you first.
- 7) When approached by a dog you don’t know, don’t run or scream. Instead, stand still with your hands at your sides and do not make direct eye contact. Teach children to “be a tree” until the dog goes away.
- 8) If knocked down, curl into a ball, cover your ears, and lie still until the dog goes away. ❖

Teach Children To Study and Boost Their Lifelong Success

Studying may be the key to doing well on spelling quizzes and math tests, but it’s a crucial success skill beyond the school walls. The ability to concentrate and prioritize without the prospect of earning a letter grade is crucial to children’s success in college, and throughout their career. Help your child master the art of studying by sharing these tips:

- Use your time effectively. When are you at your brightest? Are you an early bird or a nighthawk? Are you sleepy and distracted after lunch? Try to schedule study time during your peaks.
- Develop your concentration. How long is your concentration span? Find out by recording your start time when you read from a textbook or other course material. As soon as your mind begins to drift, record the time again. Try this several times until you can gauge your average concentration span. Most people take nearly imperceptible “refresher” breaks every few minutes.
- Read actively. Keep your mind alive while you’re reading. Use a highlighter to mark important passages; write down questions about items you don’t understand; try to predict what will be on the next page or connect what you’re reading with other material you’ve read.
- Manage your internal distractions. When random thoughts surface, don’t try to suppress them. Instead, quickly jot them down for consideration at another time. Sometimes a memory or a thought that appeared to be unrelated to your reading yields interesting insights into the subject upon later
- Create the right environment. Be aware of your optimal study conditions, and use this awareness to reduce distractions around you. Are you more relaxed with absolute silence, or with music in the

background? Do you have enough light to read without straining? How is the temperature? Is your chair comfortable?

- Reward yourself. Remember that making the most of your study time means having more time for your other activities. ❖

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS.

This summer at Strathmore (in North Bethesda) there’s music in the air, with family-friendly free concerts that make it easy to incorporate the arts into everyone’s lives. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your blankets or low beach chairs. Join them a little early and enjoy dinner on the lawn before the show. For more information call (301) 581-5225.

July 18 - Elijah Balbed Quintet (jazz)

July 25 - Lyndsey Highlander (country rock)

August 1 - The Bachata Legends (Dominican folk)

August 8 - Marti Brom (roots rock)

August 15 - UkeFest (Hawaiian). ❖