

NEWSLETTER

HOA Officers Elected

The homeowners association Board of Directors have elected the following officers for the 2022 calendar year:

President: David Sager
 Secretary: Randy Sands
 Treasurer: Phil Craig ❖

HOA Board Members

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

Allen Bell
 Valerie Carlson
 John Hallen
 Chris Milke
 John O'Loughlin
 Mark Wesolowski ❖

HOA Board Meetings

Regular Board of Directors meetings are held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on the following dates: Tuesday, June 7; Tuesday, September 6; and Tuesday, November 10. Until the coronavirus crisis is over, these meetings will be held via teleconference. Contact the HOA president for access information. All homeowners are welcome to attend. ❖

HOA Web Site

The Brookeville Farms HOA web site is located at www.bfmdhoa.info. This site includes information pertaining to the HOA such as Architectural Review forms, minutes from previous board meetings, current and previous newsletters, as well as contact information for board members. ❖

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@bfmdhoa.info". This list has been used to find recommendations for service providers, find carpool buddies, and to participate in group purchasing agreements (like, propane and whole-house generators). The Homeowners Association newsletter is also distributed to this list.

To add your e-mail address to the list do the following:

- Using your web browser, go to the HOA web site - www.bfmdhoa.info.
- Select "E-mail List" from the left column.
- Fill in the form at the bottom of the page. ❖

Community Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 2 was the Community Cleanup Day. The weather was good and a lot of trash was collected from the neighborhood common areas. Many contractor-size trash bags were filled. Among the items picked up were numerous water bottles, soda cans, beer cans, wine bottles, coffee cups and masks. Also, there were three large yellow construction barrels, three rusted-out steel barrels, and a safe. Thanks to all of our neighbors who participated. Special thanks to Randy Sands for coordinating the event and for hauling the collected trash to the County dump and to Marianne Sands for the photographs (see last page). ❖

Please Care

If you see trash on the common grounds, please pick it up. This could be from someone's overflowing recycle can or from a walker who discarded an empty water bottle. No matter the source of these "eyesores," this is our neighborhood and its condition reflects on all of us. ❖

First Aid Kit for Dogs

The ideal first aid kit for dogs should include items that the dog owner feels comfortable using. Some dog owners are trained in first aid and can make their kits more elaborate. But, for the average dog owner, the following list will make an adequate first aid kit:

- Three rolls of three-inch gauze
- Gauze pads, a variety of sizes is ideal
- Adhesive tape (nonstick)
- Self-clinging wrap
- Antibiotic salve
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Alcohol and alcohol wipes
- Tweezers

- Scissors
- Liquid diphenhydramine elixir (Benadryl)
- Eye wash liquid or sterile water
- Cotton balls
- Paper Towels
- Bath towels
- Large plastic garbage bags
- Veterinarian contact information, including emergency clinics and poison control numbers

In addition to these items, a blanket or large towel can be used as a stretcher to transport an injured dog. Empty, cleaned, two-liter soda bottles can be filled with warm or cold water to warm a cold animal or cool an overheated animal. Cold water also helps to reduce swelling. If these extra items cannot fit into the first aid kit, they can be kept nearby for easy access.

The first aid kit items should be stored in an easy to open, transportable box that has a handle. Plastic tackle or toolboxes work well. They have compartments or trays that help organize the first aid items. Clearly label the box "Dog First Aid Kit".

For items that have a shelf life, be sure to date the item with a permanent pen and replace the item before it expires. Marking the item this way will serve as a reminder to check the date, as well as make it easy to spot.

If an emergency should occur where there's more than one person on site, let the person most trained in first aid handle dressing injuries. This is especially true if the dog's owner is too emotional to make the correct decisions. Keep in mind that the purpose of administering first aid is to stabilize the dog until he can be taken to the veterinarian. If the incident occurs away from home (beyond traveling distance to your regular veterinarian), having the contact information for a local emergency veterinary clinic with you can save your dog's life.

It's always a good idea to take a canine first aid course. Study a book, video, or ask your veterinarian for tips. Being prepared is the first step in first aid.

(Source: HomeAgain.com) ❖

Top Social Media Scams

While social media is a fantastic way to communicate, share, and have fun with others, it is also a low-cost way for cyber criminals to trick and take advantage of millions of people. Don't fall victim to the three most common scams on social media.

Investment Scams

Have you ever seen a post about an investment opportunity that promises a huge return on investment in an extremely quick amount of time with allegedly little to no risk? The reality is, these guarantees are really investment scams. Fraudsters simply steal your money after you pay them. These scams often include ads or success stories from past customers to promote

the investments, but those are just fake testimonials to increase your trust. Often these investment scams are about investing in crypto-currencies or real estate, and payment is often made in crypto-currencies or other non-standard payment methods. If an investment seems too good to be true, it most likely is. Remember, there is no such thing as guaranteed, high-return investments. Only invest your money in trusted, well-known resources, not strangers you meet online pushing a get-rich-quick scheme.

Romance Scams

When criminals develop an online relationship with someone they've identified as lonely or vulnerable to trick them out of money, this is known as a romance scam. The criminal will use whatever tactics they can to build trust, including exchanging fake photos or sending gifts, then share a tragic story about needing money to pay for expenses such as hospital bills or for travel costs to visit the victim in person. To avoid actually meeting in person, these criminals may say they work in an industry that prevents them from doing so, such as construction, international medicine, or the military. They often request money as a wire transfer or gift cards to get cash quickly and remain anonymous. These types of scams are not only common on social media but with online dating apps. Be careful with people you meet online, take things slowly, and never send money to someone you have only communicated with online.

Additionally, if you believe someone you know may be vulnerable to such an attack or is in an online relationship that raises these flags, offer to help them. Sometimes it can be very difficult for someone engrossed in an emotional connection to see just how dangerous the situation has become.

Online Shopping Scams

Online shopping scams happen when you purchase items online at extremely low or unbelievable prices but never receive them. Tempting ads on social media will promote incredible prices and have links that take you to sites that appear to be legitimate and sell well-known brands, but these sites are often fake. Be wary of websites that have no contact information, broken contact forms, or use personal email addresses. Type the name of the online store or its web address into a search engine to see what others have said about it. Look for terms like "fraud," "scam," "never again," and "fake." Be very cautious of online promotions or deals that appear too good to be true. It's far safer to purchase items that may cost slightly more, but from trusted sites that you or your friends have used before.

The good news is: You are your own best defense. You are in control. Just be on alert for scams like these and you will be able to make the most of social media safely and securely.

(Source: SANS Institute) ❖



Wilson Pauldin, Valerie Carlson, David Sager, Randy Sands, Ian & Evan Pauldin, Debby McCalpin. Not pictured: Bob Carlson.



Josh, Maggie & Danny Pomeroy



Marianne & Randy Sands, David Sager, Ellie & Kate Pomeroy, Debby McCalpin. Not pictured: Phil Craig, Miguel & Alyssa Belen.



Debby McCalpin

