

Brownsboro Woods Neighborhood Association

Newsletter – Spring 2008

Hi Everyone ~

My name is Kim Seifers and in February I was elected President of the neighborhood association. I have just recently moved into the neighborhood (April 2007) and I am excited to meet my new neighbors and help Brownsboro Woods stay a wonderful place to live.

We have great things planned for this year, so please mark your calendars!



A few of the upcoming events:

Neighborhood Block Watch / General Neighborhood Meeting – Tuesday May 6 @ 7:00 pm

Location: National City (next door to Walgreens on the corner of Chamberlain Lane and Brownsboro Rd)

Our first ever neighborhood watch meeting + a general neighborhood meeting. Officer Scott Pickett will be on hand to help us start our neighborhood watch. Also planning to attend is Kevin Triplett for the Department of Neighborhood to share what Metro Call services can do you. Councilman, Glen Stuckel has graciously agreed to attend our 1st meeting in support of our efforts.

Annual Neighborhood Yard

Saturday May 17th @ 8:00 am

If you are interested in participating in this annual event, please send a \$10.00 check to 10100 Day Lilly Court, made payable to BWNA. The fee is to help cover the expense of advertising the yard sale in the classified section of CJ.

Annual Neighborhood Cook-Out

Sunday, September 21st

More information to come.

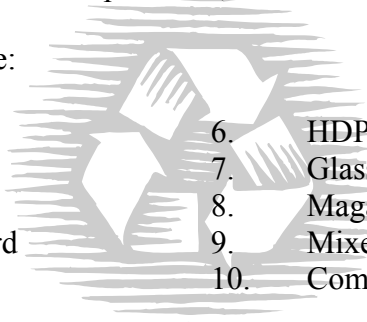
Did you know?

If you recycle aluminum 25 cans a week that is equal to saving enough energy for 75 hours of TV viewing.

If you recycle 10 plastics containers per week, that is enough fiber to make 104 t-shirts per year.

The Top 10 Items to Recycle:

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| 1. Aluminum | 6. HDPE Plastic Bottles |
| 2. PET Plastic Bottles | 7. Glass Containers |
| 3. Newspaper | 8. Magazines |
| 4. Corrugated Cardboard | 9. Mixed Papers |
| 5. Steel Cans | 10. Computers |



Yearly Dues -Yes, it is that time year again. I know that paying the dues can seem like an unnecessary expense. But the money goes to many great things..such as snow removal, maintenance of the common lawn areas, paying for the streetlights + more! So look for your invoice in your mail box.

More recycling information can be found at: <http://www.nrc-recycle.org/> or for local resources visit:

<http://www.louisvilleky.gov/SolidWaste/recycling/>. If you are interested in starting recycling in your home, please call Rumpke at 1-(800)-678-6753 to set up your curb side recycling.



On **Tuesday, May 6th** we will start the first ever neighborhood watch for BWN. The goal of the neighborhood watch is not to become nosy neighbors but to create a stronger sense of community and safety knowing that neighbors are looking out for other neighbors. Active involvement and participation of citizens in a Block Watch Program will:

Increase Personal Safety *** Increase Crime Awareness **** Increase Reporting of Suspicious Activity
Increase Cohesiveness and Community spirit *** Increase the Safety and Protection of Personal Property by
increasing knowledge of security measure *** Reduce Crime Rates *** Reduce the Fear of Crime

We will have light refreshments at the meeting.

Home Computer Security Tip:

Home computers and identity theft

Most homes today have a computer or two, often connected to the internet via cable modem or DSL (digital subscriber line) which uses the telephone line. Email and internet shopping have become commonplace.

Further enhancing home computer versatility has been the widespread use of wireless or WiFi network connections. This makes it convenient to use laptops and other mobile computer devices without connecting a cable to a central location.

As with most conveniences there are also shortcomings. Many people install their wireless devices with no security or what is known as WEP encryption. Although WEP stands for Wired Equivalency Privacy, it is easily broken and is therefore of little security against a hacker or other person attempting to steal valuable information about you and your family.

Many people feel that there is little information of interest on their computers that would entice hackers or others. However, if you have ever bought anything on the internet or sent information like social security number or other identifying information using the internet, that information remains on your computer and only requires a knowledgeable person to extract it.

While it is perfectly safe to use credit card information and other personal information on the internet as long as you are prudent about your web browser security settings and diligent about only buying from reputable sources, it is not safe to allow strangers to access your computer or your wireless network.

To avoid easy access to your wireless network, you should refer to the instruction manual that came with your wireless router or access point and see if security protocols like TKIP, WAP-TKIP or WAP2 are available. If so, any of those methods provide extremely secure protection of your wireless network. If only WEP (or no encryption) is available for your devices, you should check with the manufacturer to see if they have upgraded firmware available for your device or replace the device(s) with one(s) having the enhanced protection methods.

Remember that it is usually easier to protect your identity than it is to restore it after it has been compromised.

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