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Arbour Meadows Neighborhood Newsletter

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Please plan to join us!

Neighborhood Cleanup Day set for Saturday, April 25

Here's an opportunity to enhance the quality of life for you, your family and your neighborhood:

Arbour Meadows Cleanup Day is just around the corner – Saturday, April 25 with a May 2 rain date.

Join other neighborhood residents as we spruce up the children's playground and gazebo area, trim overgrown vegetation, and take care of other tasks that need to be done in our commons areas.

When and where to meet

Cleanup day assignments will be given at 8:30 a.m. at the white Gazebo in the playground area behind the homes at the intersection of Wesley Ave. and Jay Street.

If your schedule will not permit you to start at 8:30 but you would still like to help, just come to the Gazebo or pond area on Saturday morning – or call 621-5502 (Saturday a.m. only) for further info about tasks that could use a few extra hands.

If you join the Cleanup Day in progress....

Please be sure any cleanup work you do is either on your own property or in our commons areas.

Cleanup Day volunteers should be extra careful not to trim vegetation on *private* property without the permission of the owner.

If you need help in determining where commons areas end and private property begins, please ask!

What to bring with you

You don't need to bring anything – but if you have any of the following items handy, they might be helpful for some tasks:

- Work gloves, gardening gloves and/or vinyl gloves
- Pruners, loppers, hedge trimmers, pruning saws, weed-whackers, rakes and other landscape tools

- Heavy-duty trash bags and/or paper yard-waste bags
- Wheelbarrows, 5-gallon buckets or anything else you usually use when cleaning up your home landscape.

For your own protection, be sure to wear heavy-duty shoes – preferably not sandals or flip-flops.

There is no age limit for volunteers, but parents should carefully supervise young children. Under no circumstances should unsupervised children be working near the pond or areas of standing water.

For further information on Cleanup Day activities between now and Saturday, call the AMHA 351-4092.

Rain Date May 2

If rain is in the forecast or the ground is too soggy for cleanup activities to take place on April 25, Cleanup Day will be postponed to Saturday, May 5.

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2009 YARD SALE
DATES
June 12 and 13

What if I can't make it to Cleanup Day but I'd still like to help?

Call the Homeowners' Association number – 351-4092 – or email arbourmeadows@hotmail.com and let us know you're willing to do your part at a time that's better for your schedule.

After Cleanup Day, a member of the AMHA Board will be in touch to let you know which tasks still need to be done – and see if you'd be able to help with any of them at a time that's more convenient for you.

Wanted: Your help in identifying problem areas

Cleanup Day volunteers' efforts can make a big difference – especially if those efforts are targeted to areas of greatest need.

Please give the Homeowners' Association a call at 351-4092 or email arbourmeadows@hotmail.com if you are aware of any problems that need attention in these commons areas:

- Playground and Karen Anderson Memorial Gazebo
- Walking trails and benches

- Drainage swales
- Pond
- Dry basin in the SW corner of Arbour Meadows
- Flower gardens and signs near subdivision entrances
- Culverts

It would also be helpful if homeowners would check any storm-sewer grates on the street and in their back yards to be sure they're free of leaves and other debris that can slow

the drainage of stormwater.

Owners of property adjacent to commons areas:

Please keep an eye out for volunteer crews on Cleanup Day and welcome their efforts.

We hope you will make your garden hoses, outdoor spigots, spray nozzles and outdoor electrical outlets available to them as needed.

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Homeowner assessments payable now

Thank you to the vast majority of homeowners who have already sent payment for their 2009 AMHA assessments. If you are a property owner who has not yet paid your 2009 dues, please send them to PO Box 30, Savoy, today!

If you did not receive an invoice, contact treasurer Cheryl Van Ness by calling 351-4092 or email arbourmeadows@hotmail.com