

February/March, 2009

Arbour Meadows Neighborhood Newsletter

Arbour Meadows Homeowners' Association
Phone 217/351-4092

email: arbourmeadows@hotmail.com
web: www.dspgweb.com/amha

New Arbour Meadows website goes live

It just got a lot easier to look up back issues of this newsletter, subdivision covenants, or the dates of the next neighborhood yard sale.

The new Arbour Meadows Homeowners' Association (AMHA) website recently went live at www.dspgweb.com/amha

Derryl Singley volunteered to do the initial design work if members of the

AMHA Board would provide and maintain the content.

Residents also can update their subdivision directory forms online, or request a PDF copy of the Arbour Meadows resident directory that was printed in November of 2008.

A calendar of events, list of Board members, links to selected Village ordinances, and info for

home buyers and sellers are posted on the website, too.

Like any other new website, the AMHA site is a work in progress.

Residents and property owners are invited to check out the new site and provide feedback via a "two-minute survey" linked from the homepage.

Annual assessments due March 30

If you are an Arbour Meadows property owner who received this newsletter the old-fashioned way – via postal mail – you'll find a statement for your annual AMHA assessment in this mailing, as well.

Statements are mailed to owners of record around March 1st and payment is due within 30 days.

Income from the annual assessments pays for the maintenance of commons areas including drainage swales, the detention pond and dry basin, walking trails and the

playground that belongs to the Association.

Each year, AMHA sets aside several thousand dollars for the eventual dredging of the pond. The pond is not just a recreational resource; it is essential for flood control.

So while your annual payment is a short-term expense, it also is a long-term investment that helps maintain property values within the neighborhood.

The assessment for a single-family home is \$105. Owners of partial lots – duplexes and other

multi-family dwellings – are assessed proportionately.

If you are a renter who received this year's bill by mistake, please pass it along to the owner of your residence – and let the AMHA office know that you received the bill in error.

A reminder: Property owners with assessments that are at least a year overdue may have liens placed on their property, or may find themselves in Small Claims Court this summer.

Arbour Meadows Homeowners' Association

P.O. Box 30
Savoy, IL 61874

PHONE:
217/351-4092

FAX:
217/351-4832

E-MAIL:
arbourmeadows@hotmail.com

2009 Neighborhood Yard Sale Dates:

Friday and Saturday,
June 12 & 13
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar --

Neighborhood Cleanup Day set for Saturday, April 25

After a long, cold winter, many of us are eager to take advantage of our neighborhood walking trails, playground and pond when the weather gets a little warmer.

The AMHA Board arranges for mowing and weed control in our commons areas – but they can always use some help keeping the greenspaces and playground in tip-top shape.

A neighborhood cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, with a “rain date” of Saturday, May 2.

Cleanup Day mini-projects may include:

- Picking up litter, twigs and small branches;
- Inspecting the playground and equipment for

sharp edges and other hazards;

- Clearing storm drain inlets of leaves and other debris;
- Spreading mulch and trimming perennials.

Between now and April, we'll identify other tasks that need to be done, too. Here's how you can help:

Volunteer a few hours of your time. Even an hour or two will make a difference.

Involve the whole family. The kids will learn a valuable lesson about giving back to their community.

Call problem areas to the attention of the

AMHA Board so we can put them on the project list. Email or phone the AMHA (contact info at left) if you know of any maintenance or cleanup needs within one of our commons areas.

We especially need **project captains** to coordinate work within specific areas – at the subdivision entrances, on the playground, walking trails, etc. This may involve a commitment of 3 to 4 hours, and the willingness to coordinate the work of a few other volunteers.

If you're willing to serve in any capacity, please get in touch with any Board member.

And watch for more details about the Cleanup Day in the next Neighborhood Newsletter.

Neighborhood Newsletter distribution in transition – thanks for your patience!

On the January issue, you may have noticed a new name for this newsletter: *Arbour Meadows Neighborhood Newsletter*. While it is still a publication of the Arbour Meadows Homeowners' Association, Board members are taking steps to ensure that renters and non-resident property owners get the same newsletter information provided to those who live in owner-occupied homes within the subdivision.

Any resident and/or property owner may receive newsletter PDFs via email upon request. If you did not get this newsletter electronically, but would like to be added to the email distribution list, please get in touch with the Board secretary (contact info above-left.) *Email addresses will be used only by the Board for AMHA business*; the Board will not lend, sell or publish your email address without your direct consent.

The Board's hope is to move most newsletter distribution to email within the next year or so – but paper copies, sent by postal mail, will still be available upon request. For now, all subdivision residents will continue to receive “hard copy” newsletters if we do not have an email address on file for them. (Newsletters will be addressed to “Resident.”)

Non-resident homeowners who wish to continue receiving the newsletter in either form – via emailed PDF or by postal mail – should let the AMHA secretary know which form of the newsletter they would prefer.