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Arbour Meadows Neighborhood Newsletter

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Neighborhood Yard Sale Set for Saturday, May 15

The Arbour Meadows Homeowners' Association (AMHA) will sponsor ads in local papers and post directional signs promoting our annual neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, May 15.

In designating just one day for a large, multi-family yard sale, AMHA Board members hope to maximize the number of "salers" who visit the neighborhood in search of a bargain – and minimize the number of

yearly disruptions for residents who choose not to take part in the sale.

Official yard sale hours, which will be advertised in the newspaper, will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Homeowner help needed with spring spruce-up

Owners of properties that are adjacent to Arbour Meadows commons areas are urged to help out with maintenance of these areas.

Trees and shrubs that hang over the walking trails should be trimmed to allow easy passage for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Residents also are asked to let any Board member know if they notice any safety or nuisance issues in commons areas.

Got any extra bloomers?

We'd like to make a good thing even better by adding some thorn-free, low-maintenance perennial flowers to the playground and gazebo area behind the homes near Jay Street at Wesley Ave.

An assortment of peonies, daylilies, irises and other (non-thorny) perennial flowers would add a welcome splash of color to the landscape. Some ornamental grasses might be a nice addition, too.

Many perennials actually benefit from being divided every once in a while – so your generosity may even do your own garden some good!

If you have any healthy perennials you'd be willing to donate this growing season, please call Joyce at 217/351-4092. We'll work with you to schedule the best time to pick up your extras and plant them in one of our commons areas.

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Spring/summer repairs planned for "dry" basin

Homeowners who live adjacent to the dry basin in the SW corner of Arbour Meadows (north of the Savoy Recreation Center) have noted that parts of the basin were more wet than dry last summer. The basin is a detention basin that was designed to hold water for a few days following heavy rains.

AMHA Board Member Leon Follmer has been working with the Village of Savoy to find out why it seems to be taking longer for water to flow out of the basin after a rainstorm.

An original design map shows a drain tile running north from the SE corner of the basin to the NE corner and then to a manhole in the middle of the north side.

Schoonover Sewer Service examined the problem and cleaned the tile from the SE corner to the first manhole to the north. The flow increased somewhat, but it appears that the tile is not in the ideal location for best results.

Another factor is the buildup of sediment in the SE corner. A 6-inch-deep test trench was dug by hand from the willows to the outflow culvert in the SE corner.

The standing water disappeared south of the willows. Extending the test trench to the north may be enough to achieve the drainage we need. We may find that we need to lay a new tile to drain the low spot west of the willow patch.

Additional earth work may be needed to make conditions more permanent, but the homeowners' association doesn't own any power equipment.

We are looking for an Arbour Meadows resident who would be willing to lend or rent us a small tractor -- one that would be large enough to dig and move dirt in the dry basin and to fill in a few other spots with topsoil.

Volunteers also are needed to help with these projects.

Please call Leon Follmer, 359-2090, or email him at lfollmer@illinois.edu if you can help.

Have you paid your annual assessment?

If not, please send it to PO Box 30, Savoy, ASAP. If you're not sure – or you need another copy of your statement – please contact Joyce Amacher at 217/351-4092 or arbourmeadows@hotmail.com Thank you!