

Happy Spring Brookwood Neighbors! Many things have been happening around the neighborhood since last fall. In February at the 2011 Annual Meeting a new member was elected to the Board of Directors. Joe Romano of Greencreek Court replaced Richard Percival following his three year term of service on the board. **Thank You Richard** for all of your volunteered time and efforts, and **welcome a "board" Joe!** The unofficial version of the annual meeting minutes are available on the Brookwood website if you are interested in catching up with the rest of the meeting. Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Community Center; all are welcome to attend!

The software that runs the key card system for the pool has been updated. Prior to the pool opening Memorial Day weekend, all homeowner information will be re-installed so that only current homeowners will have access to the pool. Make sure before the pool opens you have your key card; if you are new to the neighborhood and need a key or if you have lost your key from last year, contact Leann via email after May 9th to make arrangements to get your key. There is a \$10 charge for new homeowners' cards, and a \$25 charge for replacement cards.

Spring Reminders: If you closed your crawl space **vents** during the winter months don't forget to open them back up now to allow for circulation. Check your **gutters** for leaves and debris that may have accumulated over the winter; plugged up gutters during spring rain showers may cause water to get closer to your foundation than you want. Don't forget to switch the direction of your **ceiling fans** if you switched them in the fall. And lastly, keep your home well lit and all bushes trimmed up from the ground to deter any criminal activity!

SPRING LAWN MAINTENANCE TIPS:

(provided by Summer Lawns)

Spring is a sensitive time for your yard - the soil is spongy, the plants are tender, and the weather is unpredictable. Your lawn will thank you for being gentle this time of year, but it will also thank you for addressing a few important spring tasks. Here's how to go about taking care of your lawn in the spring.

Weed Control and Pre-emergent: Spring is the best time to prevent weeds by using Pre-emergent Weed Control, which works by preventing weed seeds from germinating. Your first application of a pre-emergent herbicide should occur just as the forsythia bushes finish blooming in spring; that should stop crabgrass and other weeds before they have a chance to grow. Both cool-season and warm-season lawns benefit from weed prevention in the spring. Pre-emergent herbicides work for about 3 months so plan on a 2nd summer application.

Fertilizing: As lawns come out of dormancy, a dose of nitrogen rich fertilizer will often help accelerate green up without the dependency of water. Resist the urge to heavily fertilize your lawn in the spring. Spring feeding encourages rapid tender growth that will struggle to survive the heat of summer. Be sure to fertilize *lightly* in spring with a balanced nitrogen-based fertilizer. Save heavier feedings for fall when cool-season grasses are at their peak growing season.

Light Clean Up of Winter Leftovers: Avoid heavy yard work in the spring until the soil dries out - foot traffic and hard raking can compact or disturb soggy soil and damage tender, new grass shoots. Once the soil is good and dry, give your lawn a good spring cleaning to encourage grass growth and discourage pests and diseases. Remove leaves and fallen debris, and gently rake to fluff up and separate the grass shoots. Once conditions allow, a key factor in achieving a healthy start is to mow off the dead-wintered tips of the grass blades. This is key to a healthy start and sets the pace for a lush, thick green lawn this year.

Cool-season grasses include fescue, bluegrass and rye. They have two growth spurts - a moderate one in the spring, and a big one in the fall. They go dormant and can struggle in hot summer months, so the focus of spring care is strengthening the plants for summer.

Summer Lawns offers residential services at a discounted price for Brookwood homeowners; call them today for a quote on your individual needs 208-939-8469.

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A WORD OF CAUTION IF YOU RENT YOUR HOME IN BROOKWOOD:

If you rent or lease your home, make sure on each rental agreement you implement that you include a statement that the renter agrees to abide by the Brookwood CC&R's, and they will not make any alterations or additions to the exterior of your property without notifying you and obtaining written Architectural Approval first. Please furnish your renters with a copy of Brookwood's CC&R's and the website address for contact information and important updates.

