

# Brentwood Hills Home Owner

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## Annual Family Picnic, 100% Fun!

100% Fun. Bouncy Castles. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs with BBQ baked beans, watermelon and cold sodas. Cotton candy with buttery popcorn, and a pool full of splash-happy giggling kids! (The children had fun, too.)

That is the report of the BH-HOA Annual BBQ held on Saturday, August, 8 at the community pavilion. Several hundred people came out for the afternoon. This attendance represents a significant ongoing involvement in our terrific neighborhood.

Tables were set with information brochures and board members were on hand to serve up chilled watermelon.

Many, many words of thanks should go out to the volunteers who helped to stage this event and create a huge success. We are fortunate to have so many step up and help out when we really need it.

If you have any ideas for community activities, please share those with the board. Several have suggested a game night or even a movie night for our younger members. We'll do all we can to make that happen.

Suggestions are always welcome.

Without a doubt this event is on the calendar for next year. Make your plans to join us.



Flipping burgers!



Slip sliding away



Can you do this?



Coastin' along



"Marco Polo"



## Speed Traps: Mt. Carmel & Brentwood Hills

Since the opening of Mt. Carmel road and the installation of Lowe's several months ago our neighborhood has seen a significant increase in local area traffic. The posted speed limit signs are often ignored. Several accidents have occurred at the intersection of Brentwood Hills Rd. and Mt. Carmel.

In the next few weeks, the sherrif's office has agreed to increase their vigilance on speed limit enforcement.

Larger signs will be placed and perhaps even a radar-trailer could be found along the roadside. Sherrif's deputies will be handing out tickets to violators.



Speed tables may be installed long term. These measures are being carried out for safety. Thankfully, no serious injuries have come about because of these accidents.

**Friendly Reminder!**  
Slow down, be cautious!

Fines and fees for traffic violations are established by Florida Statutes, Hillsborough County ordinances, administrative orders, rules of court procedures and special legislative acts.

**Website:** [http://www.hillsclerk.com/publicweb/Traffic\\_Fees\\_Fines.aspx](http://www.hillsclerk.com/publicweb/Traffic_Fees_Fines.aspx)

### Property Management Company Changes!

Communities of America, Inc. has been the association management company for Brentwood Hills for the past three years. The company has resigned from their contract to provide management services.

BHHOA will be in a transition period for the next months as we interview and hire a new company. We all need to exercise patience and cooperation as we work together for a great solution. We look forward to this change. It will be an opportunity to chart a growing, positive direction for our community's future.

# Shade Trees



A local grant program through the county extension office will provide funds for projects throughout the county. Our playground has been earmarked as a candidate. We have applied for 3 6" shade trees. These will be planted near the playground area in the northeast grassy lot beside the tennis courts. Also, we've applied for some new soccer nets. Hopefully those will be approved and installed too!

*For more information on the community, please contact your board:*

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# One fantastic community!

*Chris Andrews  
Vice President*

Sitting on the Board of Directors conducting business for 1,034 homes is no small effort. Selfishly, I want to recognize the many volunteers who give thousands of man-hours to keep our neighborhoods safe, comfortable and enjoyable.

In the next few weeks the board will make important decisions on bids submitted for a new property management company and landscape company. These two contracts make up a the bulk of our budget and these changes could mean a large cost-saving stimulus for our HOA. During the time of transition, we could use your support.

This is a step of progress! These moves will help us in the future.

We are also considering ways to cut our overhead costs. Being frugal and careful with our funds, we are trying to faithfully to act on your behalf as elected officials. We are working diligently to make the best decisions.

Input from the community is welcome. The residents of the community are welcome to come to any of the board meetings. And, if you have comments/questions/suggestions, please contact one of your board members. Remember, this is **OUR** community and **OUR** neighborhood!

## Drought resistant plants!

Planting trees and plants more specific to this area, especially natives, is a smart efficient way to save our natural resources and our environment.

Lynn Barber, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods is an agent for the UF Hillsborough County extension office.

"Aesthetics are always important, and they are a key component to Florida-friendly landscaping," Barber said. Water quality and conservation also are critical, she said.

"If people have questions on when to fertilize and prune, we have a great Hillsborough County gardening calendar online. Look up the month and it tells you what to plant and when and what to fertilize. It even talks about specific pest infestations."

The website is: <http://hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu> click on Home Gardening and Garden Almanac. *Reprinted by permission - TampaBay Online*

## Going green ... with vinegar

Distilled vinegar is one of the most useful and cheapest cleanup product you can find anywhere. I find it is easy to use, inexpensive, and it doesn't pollute! Here are a few of its many uses for cleaning:

1. Toilet Bowl - Pour in undiluted white distilled vinegar and let stand for 5 minutes; then scrub.
2. Bathtub - Wipe down bathtub with vinegar and soda to remove film buildup. Rinse clean.
3. Grease - Greasy residue can be removed from stove and refrigerator by wiping with vinegar.
4. Chrome - To polish chrome and stainless steel, moisten a cloth with vinegar and wipe clean.

5. Coffee Maker - To remove stale coffee residue, fill the reservoir with vinegar and run through a brewing cycle. When cycle is finished, run two cycles of water to rinse.
6. Glassware - 1/2 cup of vinegar added to rinse water will remove soap film from glassware and make it shine. *\*Probably not in dishwasher\**
7. Ants - Ant invasions can be deterred by washing countertops, cabinets and floors with distilled vinegar. Can also be used to control fire ant colonies.
8. Grass or Weeds - Kill unwanted grass on sidewalks and driveways by pouring on vinegar.

Go green with distilled vinegar!

## School's Back

We are proud to present a fresh new crowd of excellent students eager to tackle any academics thrown at them. Always a word of caution as buses start rolling and students



begin walking on sidewalks en route to bus stop or home. Students do a great job! This community is proud of you!

**Hillsborough County School Websites**  
<http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/>  
<http://bloomingtondale.mysdhc.org/>  
<http://burns.mysdhc.org/>  
<http://brooker.mysdhc.org/>