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Brentwood Hills

# We need you!

It's not always easy or convenient to give up precious time and energy and commit as a volunteer to anything. Each of you can write your name in the blank. I, , will volunteer to serve as (in addition to working 14 -16 hours a day, washing load after load of laundry, staying up late paying bills on www. paymybills.com, changing diapers 2, 3, 4 or... Washing cars, windows, messes and faces.) The list goes on. You are needed. In every corner of your time-filed lifestyles your talents and skills are needed for 'life stuff.'

And incredibly, there's yet one more area where you are needed. As a valued member of your neighborhood, a citizen and a friend, you are needed to step up to the challenge of your community.

We are putting out a call to all in the coming months to be active participants at Brentwood Hills. We need volunteers for committees. We need help with ideas and plans for futures.

The BHHOA Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. We have set a goal of 250+ homes represented. Come share, discuss, volunteer, find solutions which will help us all build on common goals. We've got the best community in area with 1,000s of individuals waiting to contribute their talents and skills to serve others and learn the value and rewards of being great neighbors!

> Chris Andrews BHHOA Vice President

# 2009 Annual Membership Meeting



Monday June 15th 7:00 p.m.

**Pavilion** 

Goal - 250!

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With the longer days and warmer temperatures, comes more time and people at the pool. These times are spent together as a family, but also as a community. Here are a few things I noticed while at the pool with my daughter recently and wanted to share.

I saw many people there enjoying our common area and most following the posted rules and regulations. Some, however, were not as respectful to those rules or the others around them. We all want to have fun, but sometimes what you consider fun, puts yourself and those around you in danger.

I saw several teens doing flips in the pool and a couple even dove head first into the pool. This is very dangerous, which is why the "No Diving" signs are posted all around the pool. It also sets a bad example for the younger children that are there, as well. There have been accidents and even visits to the emergency room due to these "stunts."

Also, I observed clothing that is

clearly not allowed in the pool and children not wearing proper attire. Swimsuits are the only clothing allowed in the pool, not shorts and T-shirts or any other cotton material. Children should be in swimming diapers, not just plain diapers.

If your children are sick, with runny nose or diarrhea, please keep them out of the pool. If your child needs to blow their nose or use the bathroom, please take them out of the pool and take care of it. Also, wash hands before returning to the pool.

These rules and regulations are there to keep our community clean and healthy. We need to respect those around us and all the rules that are posted in several places around the pool.

I think the easiest thing to do is to treat everyone else the way you would like to be treated and that includes taking care of our common areas. Thank you for caring for our community.

#### Annual Brentwood Hills Community B-B-Q

Saturday, August 8th – 12 - 6 pm at the Pavilion — Pick up FREE Tickets at Pool Office (BH Residents Only!) Tickets available until August 2nd.

If you would like to volunteer there is a sign up sheet for the following: Serving, grilling, operating popcorn/cotton candy machines. Please, bring a sidedish, salad or dessert to share!

## Lap Swimming!

Your pool is available for lap swimming. A lap rope is now installed. We encourage all to enjoy this new feature. Please, always be careful for others and show courtesy!

#### Summer Pool Hours

#### Come cool off! The pool is open from 8 AM - 10 PM

every day including weekends. Remember the rules and remember to swim with a buddy!

## Hey, neighbor!

Present income levels are 25% below what it costs to operate the pool and maintain the common areas.

Consider your budgets and obligations carefully as you navigate difficult financial times.

Homeowner Association dues are accessed annually based upon the BHHOA Board of Directors careful review of budget and income.

Payment is due on the 1st of each quarter and billed through the management company, Communities of America. We're neighbors! We can do this, together! For more information on the community, please contact us:

#### Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association

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#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Our common grounds are in excellent condition. Moles, insects and weeds are always a problem in Florida but we have the upper hand and will stay ahead of the curve to remain that way. Weed control along the right of way at the two main streets in the community will be addressed this summer and fall. All palm trees have been trimmed. Our sprinkler system is in excellent working condition.

We applied to the County for an extended sprinkler time because watering once per week in narrow zones was not enough water for ourgrass to stay healthy. Our requestwas granted, having our own well was an asset.

We extended the mulch in ourplayground to comply with insurance requirements. The stairs and deck on the pool tower were

# **Mendin' Fences!**

Our common fence is now 19+ years old. Though the wood is decayed in many places, efforts have been made to replace and/or repair sections along Mt. Carmel and Brentwood Hills Blvd.

Some long-term solution must be found. We need to investigate the options we have for this ongoing challenge. This is a costly and time intensive project to pursue but certainly one that is very important to every homeowner. The BHHOA is searching for volunteers who could collaborate and offer a solutions for this issue.

For information, please contact the BHHOA President, Ken Belsley.



Ken Belsley President

removed because the metal stairs were rusted beyond repair and the deck was in poor condition. This eliminated an unsafe part of our playground and an "eye sore" from view.

New fascia has been installed around the entire pavilion and pool tower. And the quality of new material we used should last a lifetime. This was all necessary because of the poor condition of the old fascia.

Ladies, the rest room doors were in poor condition. Just for you, we installed proper type hinges and stabilized the partitions. Privacy, again!

# Advisory Committee

In order to make a great decision regarding our fence, we need the best information available and input from community members.

If you are interested in sitting on an advisory committee, please let the board members know. We would like this committee to convene by the mid- June and bring a report to the BOD for review!



# Hat's Off!

Brentwood Hills is fortunate to have so many talented and creative neighbors. 'Hats Off' to those who have been a tremendous asset to our community. We offer a few words of gratitude...

Sam Jones System Engineer — Advanced Automation Systems Inc.

Sam has installed our surveillance and gate identity system providing all of the expensive electronic equipment at his cost to the HOA.

On numerous occasions he has come to the HOA's rescue by providing his services FREE to deal with electrical surges and equipment malfunctions. When asked why he was so accommodating, he said that "Brentwood Hills was his home and this is his way of helping our community."

Thank you, Sam!



#### Ken Belsley

— Belsley Construction Inc. During the past year and half, Ken has come forward to offer his services. When just labor is involved, such as replacing shingles on our pavilion, cement around the entrance to the pool, and a sidewalk on Mt. Carmel Rd. that buckled up 9 inches, he provided his labor to repair these items FREE.

When we get bids from contractors for work, Ken is always the lowest bidder, not by a few dollars but sometimes by thousands of dollars

He has helped us on items like cleaning out accumulated sand in the retention pond culverts, removing the rusty iron stairs and deck on our pool tower, shingle replacement, removal of the old BBQ chimney and support tower and recovering all of the fascia around the pavilion and tower roof.

Ken says this is his home and he wants it to be the best it can be for his family.

Thank you, Ken!

#### Got a great neighbor? Let us know! Send your suggestions to the editor!

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### Congratulations Seniors!!!

Communities of America, Inc. our association management com-



pany, is funding four \$250 college scholarships for graduating high school seniors in 2009. These scholarships will be given to four students living in communities managed by the company across the Tampa Bay Area.

The scholarship is based upon student grades, extracurricular activities and community service/volunteerism. To receive a scholarship application, e-mail your request to manager@communitieso famerica.com or download application from the BHHOA website. Application deadline is July 1, 2009.



## School's Out (well almost)!

Just a few more weeks left to go. We're proud of the students and their accomplishments this year. This is a great time of the year with many outdoor activities and outings. Remember bicycle safety. Wear your helmets! Walk the neighborhoods always being careful for vehicles and other walkers/runners. Folks, please keep an open eye out for students playing after school.

Let's round out this academic year with an A+ in safety.

