

Buckingham Gazette

Official Newsletter of the Buckingham Subdivision Homeowner's Association

Our Mission: To help preserve, strengthen, and enrich the homes and lives of the homeowners and residents of the Buckingham community by providing helpful information and inspiration.



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President's Message

One of the enjoyable duties of being the President is that I get to thank Association members and homeowners whose dedication and hard work go a long way to make our neighborhood one in which we can all take pride in to call home. Many thanks to the "flag crews" that make our neighborhood the stand-out during days of recognition and National holidays and Anne Glaberson volunteering to keep our Official website in order. Many hours are put in to make it all work.



Elections are coming up

"WE WANT YOU"

If you would like to run for the 2023-2024 Board, please contact a current Board member or email board@buckinghamhoa.org. We requested names for the 2023-2024 ballot at the Picnic and had a less than stellar response. Homeowners need to be more involved so the same people aren't on the Board year after year after year. Speaking with the H.O.A. lawyer on what options are available if we are unable to seat 7 Board members and a few of the options are very expensive to what we are paying now for yearly dues. The final day to get your name on the ballot is **June 1st**. Once the election is completed, the newly elected Board members will be contacted.

Subdivision Business

People who visit our neighborhood comment on how well the neighborhood looks with it being over 30 years since its inception. It is through the voluntary service of neighbors and all of the past and present Association members that we have been able to keep the neighborhood one that we can be proud of to call home. A fellow Board member pointed out that the H.O.A. Board should be as "least invasive as possible with Rules and Enforcements, but also have the tools to get the job done when required to do so." The Board is aware that Buckingham is a unique subdivision that has attracted a lot of people to live here for many years and we will work to preserve that as we move forward.

The 2023 Annual picnic was a fun time to be had by all. There was a slight breeze and limited sunshine so the weather was perfect. The brisket, pulled pork, sausage and sides were a hit and it was nice to be able to have homeowners show off their "side dish" skills with the many dishes and desserts that were available. The annual egg toss was won by Rex Slay and Tyler Cobb and the runner-ups were Paul Kutcher and Kelley Sarsfield. Many Homeowners offered thanks for how well everything went and they had a great time. There were many "behind the scenes" people helping to make it all happen and I want to mention a few. Fellow Social committee members Leon Dubois ordered the BBQ and Jeanne and Bob Rupp grabbed the refreshments. Rex Slay, Susan Slay and Michelle Celadon coordinated supplies, set up, and food placements. Many homeowners jumped in to help clean up and break everything down. I can't thank everyone enough that helped make it a success this year.

Quick note from the ARC:

As we get deeper into spring and the weather warms many of us will have projects for improving our homes. Please remember that any alteration to the exterior appearance of your home requires approval by the Architectural Review Committee before you begin work. No matter the size of the project, if in any doubt, please ask the ARC if an approval is required. It could save the Board and the Homeowner a lot of time and money. Examples of changes are altering the driveway, sheds, changing walkway and front door colors and applying new exterior colors to your home. Requests need to be accompanied by specifications and drawings, and/or paint chips or other samples necessary for the committee to determine suitability. In addition to these items the ARC will, in the case of new exterior colors, want to see a representative portion of your home painted in the colors proposed before granting approval.

You can reach the Architectural Review Committee by email at arc@buckinghamhoa.org or by submittal of PDF file from the H.O.A. Website.

Summer is here

Keeping the grass green and the yard trimmed seems like a never-ending weekend job! **The number one grass killer is a sprinkler system that is not working properly or not at all.** A quick check up on your system and a few repairs will be a lot cheaper than replacing the yard. If you receive a letter about your yard, realize the Board isn't singling you out, we are pointing out a non-compliance issue that needs to be addressed and hopefully will be caught in time to save the homeowner grief and money.

Homeowners Points

Homeowner's have asked me to place a few points in the newsletter:

Please clean up after your pet when walking your dog.

Please keep your back yard as cleaned up as your front yard, this will prevent a tirade of bugs and rodents from taking up residence and causing issues with everyone's peace of mind.

Please respect your neighbor's property lines. Homeowners put a lot of work and pride in their yards and flower beds. While cutting corners and walking through the yard may seem like no big deal to some, it may be an issue to others. Please give respect and you will receive respect.

Please ask your guest when parking for graduation parties and summer get-togethers to take into consideration the neighbor's driveways and staggering the parking to let homeowners, and more importantly, emergency vehicle traffic to pass through when time is of the essence. The same goes for the waste collection vehicles on Monday and Thursday morning. Please leave room for them so they can do their job efficiently, I'm sure they will appreciate it also.

New Arrivals

3821 Cliffdale – Javier Alcala and Teresa Flores

Please welcome them to the neighborhood, if you greet them with a wave and a "Hello" I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Directory Information

Please review your Buckingham Subdivision neighborhood directory for any changes that need to be made to your information. Forward the needed changes to treasurer@buckinghamhoa.org. as soon as possible or contact a Board member or your block captain to get them in next year's directory.

