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Guess What? The Holidays are here!!

Message from the Board

Where has the time gone? Seems like just yesterday we were taking down the garlands and preparing to head back to work for another year. So much has happened this last year and yet so little has changed. We still have the best little neighborhood in Colleyville and our hope is that all of our neighbors are enjoying good fortune and good health.

As you read this, you and your family have done major damage to the Thanksgiving turkey and fixings. We have so much to be grateful for, a great country, a great neighborhood, and great neighbors. Much has been done behind the scenes to keep our community the best it can be. You should start to notice the wonderful new plantings at each of our entrances and a facelift to our fountain plantings. Lori Falco, Laurie

Speights, and many others have worked hard to give us those nice changes. We appreciate all those that put in the hours and effort in a job well done. The Holiday decorations placed by the Holiday decorations committee once again look terrific. Nothing nicer than coming home to a community that has

the spirit of the holidays. Thanks to you all.

Our Social Committee has also been hard at work. It is the hope of all of us that you have been able to take advantage of 'pow-wowing' with your neighbors at our "Last Tuesday" events. We have so much fun kicking around the latest stories and finding out how fun our neighbors are. If you have not attended, please do... one of the things that make a neighborhood a great place to live is the interaction between the great people living there. This is a fun and simple way to interact. Because of the holidays, no "Last Tuesday" event was scheduled for December, but will begin once again in January.

There are three major events scheduled for the Brook Meadows Holidays. All our neighbors are invited to attend each of these events:

- THE Train Display Open House – This year is being held on Saturday, December 8th from 1:00 – 5:00PM at the home of Stan Pirzchalski, 4832 Lakeside Drive. Come by to see the 'MDAK Railroad'. If you have never been to see this display, you will be shocked at the professionalism and detail Stan, and his beloved wife Karen, have put into this display. They even built a special large room to house this year-round hobby. BRING THE KIDS!!! The price of admission is only a toy or canned goods which will be donated to 'GRACE'. DO NOT MISS THIS...
- Ladies Ornament Exchange – Thursday, December 13th from 7:00 'til? This

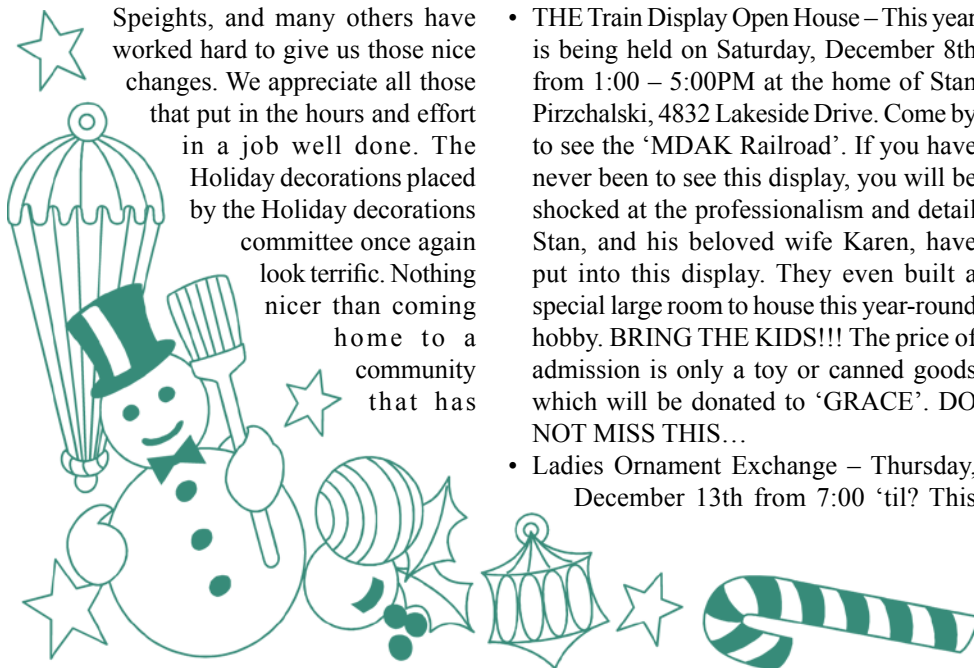
popular annual event is hosted this year by Susan Wilson at 4506 Shadywood Lane. This is an annual favorite and is always well attended. Each lady will bring a special Christmas ornament under \$15 and the fun begins there. Good food and drink and some crazy ladies, make this a great way to kick off the holidays. Bring some good munchies or desert, and \$10 to help cover the cost of the drinks.

- Annual Brook Meadows Holiday Party – this event will be held on Saturday, December 15th at the new home of Mary and Ken Cornelius, 4402 Shadywood Lane. Don't know about you, but we are looking forward to seeing the inside of the latest addition to our neighborhood. The festivities will commence around 7:30 PM. If you cannot make it at 7:30, then come anytime thereafter and enjoy the company of your neighbors. The dress is holiday festive (not formal) and would love for you to bring a holiday favorite to munch on. As is normal, we ask that each person contribute \$10 to cover some of the cost of the event.

We look forward to seeing each of you at one or all of our fun Holiday events. We have the best neighborhood and the best neighbors... come and enjoy them.

Our best wishes to each of you for a safe and wonderful Holiday Season...

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Social Committee Outlines Year End Festivities

Neighbors, this year has been a very exciting year and many of you have had an opportunity to take part in several of the events that the Social Committee has coordinated. Well, believe it or not, the year is quickly coming to an end and we have the schedule for our Holiday events. This is yet another wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors and reconnect with others you haven't seen in some time.

Here is the schedule of events. Prior to each event, an email invitation/reminder will be send out, so make sure we have your updated email address on our contact list.

- Train Display Open House
Saturday, December 8th from 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Hosted by Stan Pirzchalski
- Ladies Ornament Exchange
Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 PM
Hosted by Susan Wilson
- Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December 15th at 7:30 PM
Hosted by Ken & Mary Cornelius

We know there are may other holiday events starting to materialize. Please mark your calendars and come to these wonderful events in our neighborhood. 'Tis the season to be jolly, so come join the holiday spirit. We hope to see you there.

Your Social Committee

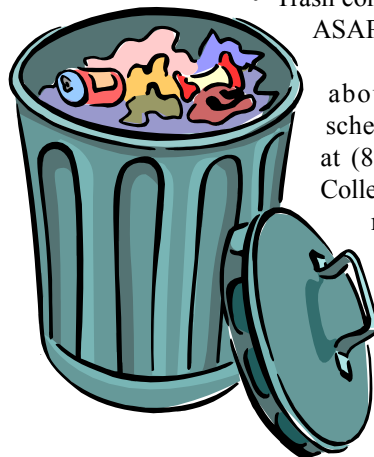
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Have you been to New York City lately? If you walk down virtually any street on any evening, the major problem you will have is dodging the garbage bags on the sidewalks. We do not want the streets of Brook Meadows looking like the sidewalks of Brooklyn. The Board has received numerous comments, bordering on complaints, from homeowners that some of our neighbors are not following the Colleyville rules on Trash Pickup. Please open the attached file and review the rules... Two important items that have been requested by your neighbors and the City of Colleyville:

- Trash to curb NO SOONER than 24 hours before pickup.
- Trash containers removed from street ASAP after pickup.

If you have any questions about the rules and pickup schedule you can contact IESI at (817) 222-2221 or go to the Colleyville website for a list of the rules: <http://www.colleyville.com/content/view/298/0/>

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Recipe of the Month:



Hot Christmas Punch

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| 1 Cup brown sugar | 3 Cups water |
| 1 Tall can pineapple juice | 3 T whole cloves |
| 1 large jar cranberry juice | 3/4 tsp. salt |
| 6 sticks cinnamon, broken | |

Dissolve sugar in water and pour in percolator. Add juices. Place cinnamon sticks, cloves, and salt in basket. Percolate.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe please email it to articles@peelinc.com.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The recent weather has many of us replacing our roofs and performing other maintenance, or upgrading construction, to our properties. The new CC&Rs require us to obtain approval from the ARC by using the Form available on the website:

www.BrookMeadows.com/architecture.htm

Projects that can be seen from the street, or will impact the view of your neighbors, must be presented to the ARC -- BEFORE the project begins. Any changes to your property including:

- Major Landscaping*
- External Structural Changes
- Out Buildings
- Exterior Painting*
- Driveway Resurfacing or Paving
- Mailboxes*

Other Projects that will affect the External Appearance of your Property*

* Small plantings in current beds, or structural maintenance of your property with "like kind and color", does not need approval.

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