

## Spring is *HERE!*

### *Meeting Notice!*

**April 19, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Connections  
Community Church  
(Old Mussleman  
Plant)**

**303 True Apple  
Way**

### *Agenda Items*

- **Dues**
- **Safety & NW**
- ♦ **Nominations**
- **Yard sale!**
- **General Concerns**

#### **ELECTIONS**

It's that time of year! The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching and it's time to get nominations for positions. The following positions are up for grabs:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
3 At-large Board members  
Welcoming Committee

Nominations will be accepted up to and at the April 19th HOA meeting. You can submit your nominations by:

- ♦ Emailing them to [sylvangrovehoa@gmail.com](mailto:sylvangrovehoa@gmail.com)
- ♦ Going to the "Contact Us" link on our website at [www.sylvangrovehoa.com](http://www.sylvangrovehoa.com)
- ♦ Contacting any officer or Board member
- ♦ Providing it in person at the April 19th HOA meeting

*Before nominating someone, please verify with that person that they accept the nomination.*

Once nominations are received and confirmed, ballots will be sent out in early May for voting by the community. Ballots will be tabulated and the new officers and Board will be announced at a meeting in July. Early announcement will be made via email and on the website.

#### **DUES**

With warmer weather comes dues collections! The new fiscal year begins July 1st and annual dues of \$120 will be payable by no later than September 30th. Failure to pay by then will result in a \$40 late fee. All outstanding amounts not paid by October 31st will result in legal action at the homeowner's expense. Invoices will be sent out in June to each homeowner.

In March, liens were placed on 29 homes in the subdivision for failure to pay HOA dues.

HOA dues are necessary in order to keep the neighborhood functioning properly. The dues pay for grass maintenance in common areas, snow removal, road repair and streetlights. Please pay your dues on time!

#### **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

The next Sylvan Grove Community Yard sale is scheduled for Sat., June 23rd. Ads will be placed in the Journal, Valley Trader, Buyers Guide and through online resources, like Craigslist. Please remove your signs and left over yard sale items by the end of the day (or the end of the weekend if you choose to extend your yard sale through Sunday).

**Speeding**

Adults and teens alike are speeding through the neighborhood, making it dangerous for kids playing and walkers on the streets. NW patrolers are collecting plate numbers for those found habitually speeding or driving recklessly on our streets and we WILL turn this information over to BCSD if such behavior continues. Be considerate of your neighbors and be safe. It doesn't take THAT much longer to travel the one mile on First Street at 25 MPH.

**NW Patrolters Needed**

Our NW patrolters have been carefully selected and trained. We mention this in light of the recent shooting of a teenager by a NW patrolter in Florida. Bottom line: such an incident would NOT occur here.

We are in need of additional patrolters to become trained and familiar with the problem areas. Late night/early morning and weekend patrols are needed. Contact Mike McDonald at 304-261-6907 to participate.

**Drug Activity**

NW, BCSD and other law enforcement agencies are working together to identify all of the homes, vehicles and individuals involved in drug activity in our community. Be aware that all agencies know where the majority of the activity is occurring and are being monitored. If you are a homeowner and drug activity is occurring in your home, be warned: you ARE being watched.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATES**

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of our NW patrolters and their professionalism, we've noted a significant drop in petty criminal activity over the last couple of years, i.e., egging of houses or vehicles, petty vandalism, destruction of mailboxes, etc. However, it does still occur at times.

IMPORTANT- if you see criminal activity occurring or simply suspicious activity, do NOT hesitate to call BCSD at 304-267-7000. We hear over and over again - "I don't want to face retribution for calling the police". First, the chances of retribution are slim at best and if this is truly a concern, you can always call anonymously. Second, only WE can retake and retain control of our neighborhood by working together

BCSD to mitigate crime. When criminals know they are being watched and calls to BCSD WILL be made by homeowners, crime rates reduce significantly for the community.

Bottom Line: Be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Be aware, take care of each other, and do NOT be afraid to help us retake and retain our community.

**Visit our website!**

[www.sylvangrovehoa.com](http://www.sylvangrovehoa.com)

You can download past newsletters, copies of covenants, and keep up to date with the happenings in the neighborhood!

**AUTO DECALS**

In support of the neighborhood watch efforts, HOA automobile decals have been made. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Department suggested the use of these decals as it helps them identify homeowner vehicles that should be in our community and of course, vehicles that do NOT belong in our community. Decals were distributed last summer but

we've noted MANY vehicles in the community do not have decals.

Please contact our NW Coordinator, Mike McDonald, at 304-261-6907.

Please put the decal on the bottom left hand corner of the rear window of each vehicle.

**SPRING CLEANING!**

Now that spring is here, it's time to break out the lawn mowers, rakes, and trash bags. Be courteous to your neighbors by keeping your property properly maintained. No one wants to live next to a jungle or trash heap.