

# FORE!

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## Spring Flowers Abound!

Spring flowers came to life in early April when daffodils and tulips brought color to Oakland Hills common areas, clubhouse gardens, and some natural areas.

Over 600 bulbs were planted last Fall by resident volunteers and, aside from the loss of some tulips to deer foraging, their efforts were certainly rewarded with great color. Our “thanks” to all who helped make the Spring Flower Project such a great success!



## **\*\*Flower Planting Date Set\*\***

For those who enjoy getting a little dirty, come join us as we plant annual flowers in the beds at the entrance and at the clubhouse. The planting date is Wednesday, June 2, 1:00 pm, with Thursday, June 3, 1:00 pm as the rain date.

Many volunteers are needed, according to Landscape Committee member Larry Smith, who is co-chair of this event. Last year 13 residents made short work of planting. The flowers will be purchased from the Condo Association budget, and will enhance the neighborhood for the June Parade of Homes, and be enjoyed by residents well into the Fall season. If you can plant, please send an e-mail to: [larrysmith9@msn.com](mailto:larrysmith9@msn.com), or call Larry at 329-1616.

## A 50's & 60's Party and Race Day Made Great Social Events

The Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 50's and 60's Party saw residents with gelled hair, bobby socks, rolled jeans, flouncy skirts and letter sweaters appear at the clubhouse for pizza, hot fudge sundaes, and many other treats. A sing-along with resident/entertainer James Burkett, and a 50's trivia contest with Chairs Sue Kovach and Kathie Tomlinson added to the fun.



The May 1<sup>st</sup> Kentucky Derby Party filled the clubhouse with the ladies' fancy hats, the men's flashy shirts, and roses, Roses, ROSES! Organized by Kay Kline, and her chief assistant Debbie Kucinski, a great Kentucky menu of Burgoo stew, cucumber sandwiches, bourbon balls, walnut pie and mint juleps was provided. Watching the race together topped off the event.



## May 22<sup>nd</sup> --Two Special Events Planned

**THE RESIDENTS GARAGE SALE** is planned for Saturday, May 22, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Fourteen residents, so far, have indicated their interest in participating, according to Chair, Sue Kovach. If other residents find they have enough sale items to join this group of 14, please notify Sue at [suekovach@charter.net](mailto:suekovach@charter.net) or call 327-2933.

A pre-Sale for residents is planned for Friday, May 21, at 7:00 pm. Those participating will have their garage doors open.

**The Annual Spring BBQ** is also planned for that Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm in a different venue: outdoors in Gray Oak Cove circle, weather permitting. If the skies pour rain, the clubhouse will be used, according to the event chairs, Jeanette and Bill Davis and Debbie and Bob Kucinski.

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME:** Bring a chair and your beverage. A fee of \$5.00 per person will cover the dinner of brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, etc. This event is always a great kick-off to summer! Please call Jeanette at 323-1284 if you plan to attend.

## **Birding Update & Bluebird Success!**

Spring has brought sightings of a few new birds to Oakland Hills. Dick Lovins spotted several mute swans leaving the clubhouse lake, and an Eastern wild turkey recently visited the pond on Gray Oak Cove. Tree swallows have nested in the north and south bird houses of the nature area and a bluebird now resides in the middle birdhouse. One out of three nests isn't too bad!



**Eastern Wild Turkey**

**We are saddened to report that our good neighbor,  
Bob Lennon, 8832 Silver Oak Cove, passed away  
on May 7, 2010. Bob will be truly missed.  
Our condolences to his widow, Kay.**

## New News Notes

- The deadline for *Wicked* reservations is Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Ladies Card Group is suspended until September, when its future it will be discussed, according to Chair, Betty Simonds.
- The dates for the Condo Advisory Committee meetings are: June 9th, 9:00 am, August 11th, 9:00 am, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am  
[dalovins@aol.com](mailto:dalovins@aol.com)
- Speaking of the Condo Advisory Committee, Sue Kovach has accepted the position of Secretary for the committee.
- The Resident Directory will be updated in late July this year in order to include our new residents moving in this summer. Send any changes or additions to Babs Smith [bjjsmith@msn.com](mailto:bjjsmith@msn.com).
- The water feature planned for placement behind units 31 thru 34 should be started sometime in May or early June – depending upon weather conditions.
- The new entrance sign “Private Community” has been installed under the “Welcome Home” sign.
- The proposal to develop a Nuisance Goose Management plan was agreed to by a vote of 17 positive and 4 opposed. A formal plan proposal will now proceed to be developed. Further information to come.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

**\*\*\*Please save for future reference\*\*\***

### MAY: (Last half of month)

Men's Breakfasts: Mondays, May 10 & 24, 8:00 am. Places to be announced.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE: Saturday, May 22, 8:00 am-2:00 pm.

Sue Kovach chairs. Pre-Sale for Residents: Friday, May 21, 7 pm.

ANNUAL BBQ: CLUBHOUSE: Saturday, May 22, 6:00 pm. Place: Outdoors

at the end of Gray Oak Cove, or at the Clubhouse if it rains.

Jeannette and Bill Davis will Chair.

### JUNE:

Men's Breakfasts: Mondays, June 7 & 21, 8:00 am. Places to be announced.

Flower Planting: Wednesday, June 2, 1:00 pm. Places: Entrance and Clubhouse.

\*Rain date: Thursday, June 3, 1:00 pm. Larry Smith chairs.

\*5:31 Party: Thursday, June 17, 5:31 pm. Clubhouse. Bring the usual.

### JULY:

Men's Breakfasts: Tuesday, July 6 & Monday, July 19, 8:00 am. Places to be announced.

\*5:31 Party: Thursday, July 15, 5:31 pm. Clubhouse. Bring the usual.

Summer Pool Party: Saturday, July 31, 6:00 pm. Julie and Tim Stewart host.

### AUGUST:

Men's Breakfasts: Mondays, August 2, 16, 30, 8:00 am. Places to be announced.

\*5:31 Party: Thursday, August 19, 5:31 pm. Clubhouse. Bring the usual.

Social Planning Coffee: Thursday, August 26, 10:00-11:30 am. Clubhouse

### SEPTEMBER:

Men's Breakfasts: Tuesday, September 7 & Monday, Sept. 20, 8:00 am. Places to be announced.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Friday, September 10. Milham Golf Course. Bill Davis Chairs.

BBO PARTY (Last of the Summer): Friday, September 10. Clubhouse. Details TBA.

\*5:31 Party: Thursday, September 16, 5:31 pm. Clubhouse. Bring the usual.

*\*For those of you who are new to our Community, our 5:31 Parties are monthly resident gatherings at the Clubhouse on the third Thursday of every month. Dress is very casual. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share (the usual). Snacks, appetizers, or desserts may be purchased or made! This is a very good time to get to know your neighbors.*

## **Golfers Alert!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oakland Hills Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 11, at Milham Park Golf Course. The outing will be a best-to-the-pin, and low score foursome. A box lunch will be served at the turn, and door prizes at the end of the outing. For information contact Golf Chair, Bill Davis at 323- 1289 [bill@atlantisplaymakers.com](mailto:bill@atlantisplaymakers.com), or Larry Smith [larrysmith@msn.com](mailto:larrysmith@msn.com) 329-1616. Further details to come.

## **New Model Home Reveal...**

Katie Smith Vanlonkhuyzen, AVB New Home Consultant, has scheduled a “sneak preview” open house for Oakland Hills residents at the new home at 8667 Oakland Hills Circle on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This will be the first opportunity for residents to see the new floor plan in this home that will be in the Parade of Homes. Mark your calendars! And, “thanks” to Katie.

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