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Almadale Farms Newsletter

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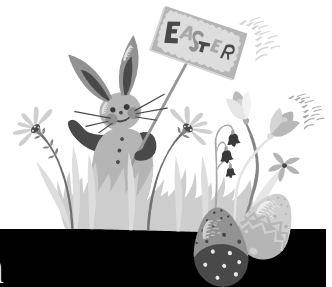


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Annual Homeowners Meeting Recap

Kathie Jones

Thanks to all of the homeowners who attended the association's annual meeting and those who sent in their proxies on February 16th. Although we didn't have quite enough homeowners present to have a quorum, (about forty households were represented), we had an interesting evening of updates and refreshments. Almadale homeowners Jon and Cari Hurt, the owners of **PJ's Coffee and Wine Bar** in Almadale Crossing, kindly provided us complimentary coffee, tea and delicious pastries.

While everyone enjoyed the treats, the current Board reviewed the accomplishments of 2005, the goals for 2006 and answered questions in a neighborhood forum. The largest project for 2006 is the installation of lights around the old lake. Ten lights will be installed from the clubhouse east to the first residence on Hartwell Manor West. Additional funds are being provided for the many activities of the social committee and another major improvement for this year will be the resurfacing of the oldest pool. If any homeowner has questions or concerns, please call or email a Board member.

Lacking a quorum, the 2005 Board (according to Article V, section 6) voted from the slate given by the Nominating committee to fill one open position. We are delighted to welcome **Bobby Haygood** to the Board of Directors.

We always need new members for our committees and encourage everyone to get involved by volunteering. The association continues to benefit from those who can spare a little time to help out with neighborhood events such as the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, Pet Registry Day and the First Annual AF/St Jude Miracle Mile Walk. Suggestions are always welcome, so please contact us with your ideas and share with us your time!!

Garage Sale May 5th & 6th

Appreciating Our Wetlands

Will Stafford



The term “wetlands” is very general since there are many different types of wetlands, each with its own unique properties and characteristics. The Wolf River Blvd area likely comes closest to being a marsh. Wetlands are important for many reasons. The prevention of flooding and the filtering of water are especially important functions of this area, one of the largest of its type in Shelby County. Just as important is the mix of aquatic life and habitats which provide a variety of food sources and cover for nest sites and the rearing of the young. Migratory and wading birds such as cormorants, herons and egrets as well as hawks and owls favor wetlands because of the abundant food.

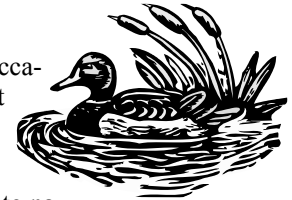
Almadale Farms is very fortunate to be located near the wetlands which adjoin our subdivision. Standing dead trees provide nesting habitat for woodpeckers, bluebirds, bats, squirrels, deer mice and other animals. There are also lots of insects which can lay their eggs in the wet, low areas. The insects are too numerous to reference but my favorite is the dragonfly, a major source of protein for many birds but especially the purple martin. Mayfly and dragonfly larvae are in abundance.

Some trees to be found are cypress, oak, willow, hickory and other varieties. Those of you who live in east Almadale Farms can attest to the abundance of wildlife which is heavily dependent on the wetlands. These include beaver, deer, bobcats, foxes, rabbits and coyotes. All of these have been seen in our area.

Plant life includes mosses, ferns, grasses, sedges, wildflowers and other shrubs. The wetlands are also vital to thousands of frogs and crayfish. Unless you are a light sleeper, the summer frog choruses are an unforgettable experience. Several harmless snakes



as well as the poisonous water moccasin and copper head are permanent residents of the wetlands.



Our wetlands make Almadale Farms a special place—especially to nature lovers. My only concern is that someday these wetlands will be “developed” into oblivion. If our wetlands are destroyed, wild animals and birds won’t be the only ones to suffer. Pollution levels will rise because the wetland vegetation won’t be filtering the water. Flooding will increase because there won’t be wetlands to store the water. Although the future looks grim, there is some hope. Some local residents have joined the **Wolf River Conservancy**.

If you are interested in visiting what is probably the most beautifully preserved segment of what was here when America began, then I encourage you to visit the Okefenoke Swamps, a half million acre swamp park located near Waycross, Georgia and Ft. Stewart. I had the privilege of being stationed there briefly many years ago. It would be a great vacation for those interested in nature.

Pet Registry Day May 20th, 10:00–12:00

MJ Doran & Pat Sisterhen



Is your pet listed on the Almadale Farms Pet Registry?

Join us at the clubhouse on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 until noon for a Pet Registry Day. We can take your pet’s picture and information to be listed in the Registry which will then be posted on the website.

Jody O’Brian, an animal technician from the Collierville Pet Hospital in Almadale Crossing will be there to answer your questions about the clinic, regular visits, microchips and more.

Almadale Pet Registry is helping lost animals in our neighborhood find their way home. Our web site has over 40 dogs and cats registered.

How the Registry works: If you find a lost pet, the first thing to do is check the Pet Registry page on our website. If you see a picture of a similar pet, call MJ at 861-7010. She will give you the name and number of that pet’s owner. Otherwise, MJ will post the lost pet’s info on the **Pet Alert** page in case the owner may be looking for it.

If your pet has wandered off, please check the **Pet Alert** page and then call MJ so she has the information.

Please do not leave your trash can at the curb after collection day. Store your trash can out of sight, either behind a fence or in your garage. This is a violation of our covenants and subject to fines. Also, **do not put trash or grass clipping at the curb until Sunday evening.** Please be sensitive to this situation and find a proper spot to conceal your trash. **Almadale CC&R’s Article 8 Section 2 (f) state: “All equipment, garbage cans, service yards, woodpiles or storage piles shall be kept screened by adequate planting or fencing so as to conceal them from view of the private drives and street....”**



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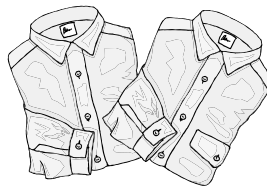
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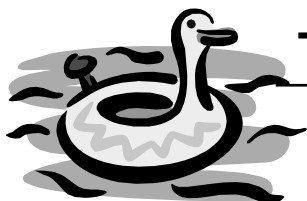
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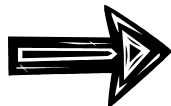
The Pools Open Friday May 12th!

All guests must be accompanied by an Almadale Farms Member and Members will be responsible for guest's behavior and safety.

- Children must be at least age 12 and able to swim to be at the pool without adult supervision. An adult (age 18 or older) must accompany children under 12.
- Persons with skin rashes, sores, abrasions or infections of the skin should not use the pool.
- Gate is to be kept closed at all times. Per the Heath Dept.
- No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed in pool or pool area.
- No diving, running, pushing, cartwheels, handstands, flips or horseplay allowed in pool or pool area.
- Pool rope must be in place at all times. No hanging or sitting on the pool rope.
- Life buoy is a lifesaving device not a toy. Buoy should be on fence in case it is needed in an emergency.
- Do not disconnect, remove or disturb the Polaris (automatic pool cleaner) if it is being used in the pool.
- No pets allowed in pool or pool area.
- No gum allowed in pool or pool area.
- No glass or breakable objects allowed in pool or pool area.
- No swimming after pool hours or if gate is locked
- Proper swim wear is required.
- Do not put the furniture in the pool.



Pool Hours: 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM



*The Pools will again be closed on Mondays for maintenance.
No one is allowed in pools or inside pool area on Mondays.*

Emergency Poolside Phone Service

An **Emergency Phone** is located on the Clubhouse west exterior wall (facing the pools). It has one button that connects to a service company who determines the exact emergency and contacts the required emergency service.

Emergency services are not always able to determine your location if you use a cell phone. So please, if an emergency occurs, use the wall mounted emergency phone.





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Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 15th

Courtney Dukas

Join us on Saturday, **April 15th at 11:00 at the Clubhouse** for our Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Last year's Hunt was a great success with over 75 children participating! This year we are trying something a little new.

We ask that parents **deliver a dozen plastic eggs filled with candy** to the Dukas home at 1807 Liles Lane by Friday the 14th, preferably no later than 7:30 PM. **Please number the eggs 1-12.** This will make the hunt for the older children a little more interesting as they will have to find a dozen eggs, one of each number. This way their hunt won't be over in 3 minutes!

Events will include **pictures with the Easter Bunny** prior to the hunt and snacks afterward. If anyone has questions or any other ideas that would be fun for the children please feel free to call Courtney at **850-1383**.



Mail Boxes & Lampposts

The Board of Directors has contracted with D & D Painting to repaint the lamp posts and mailboxes beginning with Phases I & II (lots 1-134) as well the island lamps posts in these phases. Each mail box will also receive new address numbers. The following two years will encompass the remaining phases.

This work will be paid for by the Homeowners Association as part of our ongoing effort to maintain the beauty and quality of our neighborhood.

D & D will remove the rust & old paint and then apply commercial grade black oil-based paint. **Work is expected to begin the week of April 17, weather permitting.**

D & D has done this type of work in Almadale Place, Plantation Lakes in Olive Branch and in Germantown. They do residential & commercial painting, interior, exterior & specialty finishes.

Around Town

Len Hostetter

On Wednesday, March 1st I attended Collierville Mayor Linda Kerley's Advisory Board Meeting and gained some insight into various initiatives underway around town that should be of interest to all of us.

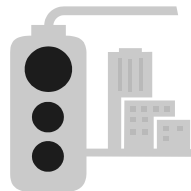
Houston Levee Road Widening: Engineering work is almost completed for widening of Houston Levee Road between Halle Plantation and Wolf River Boulevard. Acquisition of right-of-way is in progress and should be completed in the next couple of months. Bids are to go out in June with work to start during the summer. When completed, this section of Houston Levee will be a six-lane boulevard with median.

Route 72 Widening: Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is in the process of acquiring right-of-way along US 72 from the Mississippi State Line north to Poplar Avenue. This will include widening of the viaduct and roadway. The first section to be completed will be US 72 north to Shelby Drive, followed by the second section from Shelby Drive to Poplar Avenue.

Retail/Office Development Activity: Generally, the Town of Collierville seems to be taking a very cautious approach to future & large scale developments. With the recent opening of The Avenue Carriage Crossing, which has been a huge step for the Town, officials want to take one step at a time—quite cautiously.

Bray Station and Frank Road: A traffic signal is to be installed at this intersection within the next few months.

Restaurants: Firebirds Rocky Mountain Grill will be opening this summer at The Avenue Carriage Crossing. In addition, expect to see more restaurants on some of the out parcel lots in front of the center along Houston Levee and/or Collierville Road.



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Rene Platten 861-4183

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Container Gardening

Will Stafford

Many plants can be grown successfully in containers. These include herbs, flowers, lettuces, arugula, strawberries and, the subject of this article—tomatoes. Unfortunately, not all of you have a garden. While small spaces in the yard may be used, many prefer to use containers. Almost any kind of container including baskets, plastic or ceramic pots can be used. However, my favorite is the half whiskey barrel. Perhaps it's the whiskey aroma which I find so attractive. Whichever type of container you choose—the larger the better.



Soil: To be most successful, I recommend the use of a **quality synthetic soil mix** which will give tomatoes the medium needed for vigorous growth and fruit production. There are many Collierville garden stores which sell special soil mixes under a wide variety of trade names including Jiffy Mix, Super Soil, Pro-Mix, Baccto Potting and Miracle Grow Potting-Soil among others.

The ingredients in the mixes may vary but the underlying principle of all mixes is the same and must provide certain key essentials (1) fast drainage of water through the soil and (2) a reservoir of water in the soil after drainage.

Drainage is critical and is a major reason I prefer half whiskey barrels in which drainage holes can be easily drilled. Regardless of the container type, be sure there are drainage holes in the base. These holes should be approximately 1/2" in diameter. Fill the container bottom with rocks or gravel before adding soil. Container tomatoes need frequent watering since plant roots can't reach for

extra moisture as garden grown tomatoes do. In the heat of summer when plants are large, water your plants daily.

Varieties: Cherry tomatoes and other small varieties are best for containers. If you're trying container growing for the first time, cherry patio types such as **Sweet 100, Tiny Tim or Pixie** are good choices. Of course, there are other choices—paste and regular tomatoes. These prolific varieties are easy to support or you can let them trail from a container. Regardless of the variety, be sure to buy disease resistant plants whose descriptions reference resistance to **V** verticillium wilt, **F** fusarium wilt and **N** nematodes.



Fertilizer: Give the plants some fertilizer every week or so by adding a small amount of soluble balanced fertilizer to the water. Osmocote is also outstanding but should be used at the time of planting. **Tomatoes like regular feedings of small amounts of fertilizer rather than infrequent, large doses.** I also like to use a little fish emulsion.

Location and Temperature: Tomatoes do best when the daytime temperatures average approximately 75°. Most tomatoes varieties need night temperatures of 55° for growth and fruit setting. Six to eight hours of sunshine is a must.

Container gardening does have one major advantage over garden plants. If you use a fresh soil mix then you may not experience some of the soil diseases which can be a major headache in the garden. Happy tomato gardening!

T.G.I.F.

Barbara Parkhurst



We have taken a little break from T.G.I.F., but, with pretty weather upon us. . .it's back!!!! Please call me at 861-5054 or email me at bparkhurst@crye-leike.com if you would like to host a T.G.I.F.

It is such a fun event and a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors and become reacquainted with "old" ones. You just provide the house and soft drinks and everyone brings the rest. You can select whichever Friday best suites your schedule.

Neighborhood Watch Chairpersons

Linda Badger	854-6391
Tom Powell	861-2367
Cookie Ray	861-3995

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Eric & Margaret Stevens
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1886 McCool Forest

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Almadale Farms Projected Budget

Fiscal Year 1/1/06 — 12/31/06

Income	<u>2005ACT</u>	<u>Budget 2006</u>
Income From Dues	\$ 133,731.79	\$ 134,400.00
Misc Income	\$ 2,028.00	\$ 940.00
Total Income	\$ 135,759.79	\$ 135,340.00
Operating Expenses:		
Insurance	\$ 6,337.80	\$ 6,400.00
Maintenance	\$ 56,349.98	\$ 50,349.00
Office	\$ 7,313.40	\$ 8,819.00
Payroll	\$ 8,154.93	\$ 12,000.00
Pool	\$ 10,396.25	\$ 16,180.00
Property Taxes	\$ 32.59	\$ 40.00
Utilities	\$ 13,269.42	\$ 13,500.00
Projects & Improvements	\$ 13,093.13	\$ 15,000.00
Reserves	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Total Expense	\$ 126,947.50	\$ 134,288.00
Bad Debt	\$ 520.00	
Net Income	\$ 8,292.29	\$ 1,052.00

Balance Sheet Excluding Real Property Fiscal Year: January 1st - December 31st

Assets	12/31/2004	12/31/2005
Reserves	\$ 29,607.00	\$ 64,624.00
Cash on hand	\$ 22,879.00	\$ 8,292.29
Total Assets	\$ 52,486.00	\$ 72,916.29
Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -

ARC Changes Approved

Renee Samuels

Architectural/Landscape Change Requests are required for any change or addition to the exterior of your home and property. This includes, but not limited to, the addition of play sets, landscape changes, pools, fences, patios, arbors, paint color changes, or any other structural alterations to one's house. **Fines will be issued if change or additon goes forward without approval.**

Bylaws allow for a 30 day turn around on all requests. **Please do not ask for immediate review.** This committee is made up of volunteers that give their time to aid our HOA. Feel free to drop off a request at the home of Renee Samuels (1879 Swynford) or the office at the clubhouse and it will be processed at the following meeting. Requests must be complete for consideration. Forms may be obtained from the website or from Daphne.

In order for Homeowners to be more aware of this process, the Board has asked that approvals be listed in each Newsletter.

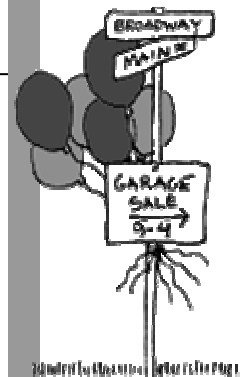
2004 Lonhill Cove	Pool and landscaping
1956 Almadale Farms Parkway	Landscaping
1875 Almadale Farms Parkway	Landscaping
1832 Swynford Lane	Exterior paint
1865 Almadale Farms Parkway	Pool and landscaping
1850 Almadale Farms Parkway	Arbor
1732 Napier Woods	New roof



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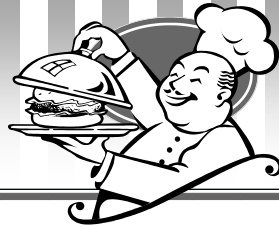


The Spring Garage Sale is scheduled for May 5th & 6th. Contact Daphne by April 25th if you'd like some of your sale items listed in our newspaper ads.

Balloons are available in the office for your mailbox.

Call Daphne at 861-1028 or email daphneinoffice@almadalefarms.org

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Almadale Farms Progressive Dinner

**Notice: Date
Change**

Saturday, April 29th

Join us for our **7th Annual Progressive Dinner**. This is always a lot of fun and a great way to catch up with your old & new neighbors!

Meet at one house for appetizers, travel to an Entrée house, then on to dessert!

Appetizer House:	<i>Need Volunteers!!</i>	6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.
Entrée Houses One-Five:	<i>Need Volunteers!!</i>	7:45 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.
Dessert House	<i>Need Volunteers!!</i>	9:15 p.m.

Each couple is asked to bring a bottle of wine to the Appetizer House and check ONE of the following:

Bring two dishes:

- One Appetizer or Dessert
- One Side Dish for Entrée

Host Entrée — Your Favorite Chicken Dish
(Indicate # of Couples for seating)

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

**Please RSVP by April 19th to: Sue Taylor at 853-4416
(or drop this page in her mailbox at 1896 McCool Forest)
Or Call Barbara Parkhurst at 861-5054**