

# NEWSLETTER

## HOA Board Meetings

The last Board of Directors meeting of the year will be held from 7:00PM to 9:00PM on Tuesday, November 14 at the Milke residence. All homeowners are welcome to attend. ❖

## HOA WebSite

The Brookeville Farms HOA web site is located at [www.bfmdhoa.info](http://www.bfmdhoa.info). This site includes information pertaining to the HOA such as Architectural Review forms, minutes from previous board meetings, current and previous newsletters, as well as contact information for board members. ❖

## Community E-Mail List

The Brookeville Farms community maintains an e-mail distribution list to make it easier to communicate with our neighbors. The e-mail address is "[bfneighbors@bfmdhoa.info](mailto:bfneighbors@bfmdhoa.info)". This list has been used to find recommendations for service providers, find carpool buddies, and to participate in group purchasing agreements (like, propane and whole-house generators). The Homeowners Association newsletter is also distributed to this list.

To add your e-mail address to the list do the following:

- Using your web browser, go to the HOA web site - [www.bfmdhoa.info](http://www.bfmdhoa.info).
- Select "E-mail List" from the left column.
- Fill in the form at the bottom of the page. ❖

## McDonnell Landscaping

McDonnell Landscaping currently owns approximately 14 acres of land at the Southeast quadrant of the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Bordly Drive. They have submitted a request to divide this property into two lots -- approximately 6 acres will be go to the Brookeville Beer Farm and the remaining 8 acres will continue to be owned by McDonnell Landscaping. The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the plan in November. Information may be obtained on the MNCPPC website at [www.montgomeryplanning.org/development](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development). The

plan number is 120170260. A drawing may be found on the next page of this newsletter. ❖

## Fall Lawn Care

- Do sow seed for a brand-new cool season lawn or overseed existing lawns that have some bare spots soon. Bluegrass and fescue grow great in cool weather, and fall sowing is greatly preferred — but the soil has to be warm enough to germinate the seed.
- Do have a core aeration performed if your lawn drains poorly, endures a lot of foot traffic, or has a massive number of dandelions; dandelions are a sure sign of compacted soil.
- Do plant cloves of garlic for harvest late next June.
- Do buy lots of pansies and plant them where you'll see them every day. They'll bloom from now through the end of Spring — and the flowers are edible!
- Do buy new trees and shrubs. Fall is a better time than spring to install new plants.
- Don't prune anything now. No exceptions. Pruning stimulates new growth that can make the plant prone to severe winter injury when temperatures drop below freezing later this season. Prune spring-blooming plants after they bloom in the spring, nonbloomers in the winter and summer bloomers in the spring.
- Don't put new spring bulbs in the ground yet. Wait until after Halloween.
- Don't 'clean up your garden by cutting perennials back. They need that top growth to survive if we get a cold winter without snow cover.
- Don't plant new trees too deep; make sure the root flare is visible above ground.
- Don't improve the soil in the planting hole.
- Do water deeply and slowly after planting.
- If you must use mulch (nature doesn't, you know — and her trees look pretty good), don't let it touch the trunk or be deeper than an inch or two. Yes — all those 'volcano mulched' trees you see are the result of pure horticultural ignorance and those trees will suffer an early demise. ❖

