

The Babbling Brook



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The Newsletter of the Brookdale Homeowners' Association

Do you have an immediate family member or loved one currently deployed in the military? If so, please call me.

Julie Knoll

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Children's clothing Sale 4/15 & 16

Bucs Registration Night 4/18

Egg Hunts 4/22 & 23

FMSC Gala Event 4/29

Tammy's Plant Exchange 5/6

BHA Garage Sale & Redistribution Event 5/13 & 14

Pool Opens 5/28

BHA Annual Meeting 6/5 (tentative date— more info in May)

Men's Golf Outing 6/11

Women's Golf Outing 6/20

BHA/BRC Combined Independence Day Celebration
Sunday July 3rd (more info coming in May)

BHA Board Positions Available June 1st:

Beginning June 2011 Julie Knoll is retiring as Social Director and Laurie Knoll will be departing as the Newsletter Editor.

From Julie: Please consider taking over this position to maintain the fun social events in Brookdale. This position is easier than most people think, so please call me for more information, 630-983-8429.

Important posts that need volunteers now! (non Board positions)

Newsletter Main Distribution: **FILLED**

Thank you to Barb Steinkuller for her years of volunteering as Main Distributor for the newsletter. We now welcome Alison Hannon to this post.

July 4th Parade: **HELP NEEDED**

After many years as coordinator, Lisa Burke retired from this post after last year's parade but is willing to guide the new coordinator through all the steps to continue a beloved Brookdale tradition. For more information or to assume the reigns, call Lisa Burke 630.416.9430 or Julie Knoll 630.983-8429.

The volunteers of Brookdale have been raising the bar since Brookdale's inception in the late 1970's. It's our collective hard work that keeps our neighborhood a desired community. If you aren't currently involved, think about giving some of your time. This is where you live. This is where you are making memories. Please be a part of it; we always need new volunteers to relieve those who have put forth and invested their time in our neighborhood. We promise it isn't too hard...WE NEED YOU! Thank you to everyone who makes Brookdale THE place to be.....

From the desk of John Waller...BHA President

Greetings! For all those who were away during Spring Break, welcome back! For those who chose the staycation route, hope you enjoyed the almost spring-like weather recently. Last month's newsletter contained some information about the Emerald Ash Borer and its impact on our neighborhood. Here are some excerpts from postings at the City of Naperville website:

Spring EAB Notice
Inspect your ash trees for the Emerald ash borer. Signs of infestation include noticeable woodpecker damage, dieback, splits in the bark, excessive sprouts, or small D-shaped holes in the bark. Spring is the time to treat your ash trees with insecticide.

"Recent Developments

In 2010 and 2011, emerald ash borer infestations have been identified in several more subdivisions.

Ashbury
Brookdale
Buttonwood
Center Point (south of I-88)
Country Lakes
Hobson West
Indian Hills
Ivy Ridge
Maplebrook II
Midledge Farm
Old West Side
Riverbend
Rosehill Farm
Springbrook Estates
University Heights
White Eagle

Additionally, infestations were found in previous years in:

Ashwood Park
Tall Grass
Wildflower
Route 59 Train Station

In July 2009, two infestations of emerald ash borer were confirmed in Naperville at the Route 59 train station and in the Wildflower subdivision. Infested and declining trees were immediately removed. The remaining healthy trees are being treated with insecticide and several additional declining ash trees have also been removed.

In June 2008, the city received confirmation from the United States Department of Agriculture of the presence of the emerald ash borer in a portion of southwest Naperville, making this the first confirmed case of the emerald ash borer in Naperville and Will County. The beetle was discovered during a routine inspection in the Ashwood Park Townhome development, located near 248th and 103rd streets and in Tall Grass. Trees found to be infested were removed and chipped in accordance with Department of Agriculture disposal protocol."

Hopefully this information gives you a broader perspective regarding this pest.

Thanks to all who attended the "Bowling & Billiards" Mixer last month. Despite some "hiccups" on the part of Brunswick Zone, a good time was had by all, and all the credit for the success goes to our Social Director, Julie Knoll. Please check your e-mails AND our website (www.aboutbrookdale.org) for news about upcoming social events and the date for the BHA annual meeting.

BHA RECAP, UPDATES ...and Events

Brookdale Subdivision Garage Sale & Redistribution Events May 13th and May 14th

GARAGE SALE

It's almost time for the BHA Annual Garage Sale. It's the perfect opportunity for Spring cleaning, getting rid of the clutter and chatting with your neighbors. The sale will be held Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14 from 8:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome to participate and there is no cost to do so. We will be promoting the sale through newspapers, neighborhood signs and internet ads. Maps will be provided.

If you plan on participating, please email jmknoll@wideopenwest.com or contact Julie Knoll at 630-983-8429 to register. So I can accurately promote your sale please provide your address, the types of items you'll be selling (baby, furniture, art, women's clothing, household, etc) and if your sale will be open Friday, Saturday or both days.

If you have any questions, or have time to help with this event please contact Julie Knoll at 983-8429.

REDISTRIBUTION EVENT

Join us for Brookdale's first Redistribution Event. Have items to get rid of but don't want to do the garage sale?

The idea here is a follow-up event to the garage sales. It would be for people who want to give away whatever might be left from their garage sales, as well as for the others of us (I have a feeling it could be a lot) who would be happy to clean out our homes and just give away what we do not need to those who do need it. My thought is that those homes could have a jar to collect for their favorite charity if people want to donate something for what they take, but that the message would be clear that this would not be required. If you want to, and are able, feel free to donate, but if you don't want to or aren't able, please just take what you need with homeowners blessing.

Call Kelly Urbon to participate in this event the day after the garage sales. Everything free to those in need. 630-718-0384.

Spring Children's Clothing and Toy Sale

The Spring Clothing Sale organizer, Alison Hannon is currently looking for sellers of gently used children's clothing (especially Spring and Summer items), toys, baby gear, books, maternity clothes, etc. If you would like to participate as a seller, please contact Alison. Sellers are asked to work at the sale to ensure that everything runs smoothly for everyone involved.

If you don't want to be a seller at this event then think about shopping. You will find great items at affordable prices!

St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Gymnasium

Friday, April 15th, 7:00 -8:00 p.m. BHA members shop

Saturday, April 16 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 open to public

If you cannot participate as a seller but would love to get rid of children's clothing, toys, books, etc. please consider donating items. A team of volunteers will tag the items and the money will benefit Feed My Starving Children. Drop off your donated items to Julie Knoll's house by Friday, April 8th.

This is a CASH ONLY sale. *Shopping tip...bring along an empty container (tote box or laundry basket) to place items in as you shop.

Any questions or want to be a seller? Please contact Alison Hannon ASAP at 630-536-8494 or hannon99@hotmail.com

BHA RECAP, UPDATES ...and Events

GRAB YOUR BASKETS! BHA's ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNTS APRIL 22ND AND 23RD BIRTH - 4th GRADE – Saturday, April 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

For those of you who are new to this fun event, here are the details:

- The hunt will take place in the area surrounding the Brookdale Racquet Club on Brookdale Road.
- Our pre-school hunters will be a given head start..
- Each participating child must drop off one dozen (12) plastic eggs filled with goodies. All candy must be wrapped.
- Drop off location is the McGrath's at 1438 Kings Court.
- Drop off the eggs between April 15 – April 21. Please place your bag in the appropriate age bin (Birth-K or 1st-4th).
- Each child participating will be limited to collecting 12 eggs.
- There will be many special prize eggs hidden. Only one special prize per child.
- Remember to dress for the weather and bring an Easter Basket or something similar to collect the eggs. In addition, there will be raffle prizes.
- The Easter Bunny will be present so remember your camera.
- Coffee and donuts for everyone.



GRAB YOUR FLASHLIGHTS!

5th - 8th GRADERS ONLY – Friday, April 22nd, from 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join your friends to hunt for eggs under the stars. Here's the scoop:

- The hunt will take place in the area surrounding the Brookdale Racquet Club on Brookdale Road. Please have the kids meet at the front entrance to the pool.
- Parents can drop off at 8:00 p.m. Please pick up promptly at 8:30 p.m.
- Each participating teen must drop off two dozen (24) plastic eggs filled with goodies. All candy must be wrapped.
- Drop off location is the McGrath's at 1438 King's Court.
- Drop off the eggs between April 15 – April 21. Please place your bag in the appropriate age bin.
- Everyone will be limited to collecting 24 eggs.
- There will be many special prize eggs hidden. Only one special prize per child.
- Remember to dress for the weather and bring a flashlight and a bag to put your bounty into.
- Hot Chocolate and treats for everyone.

If you have any questions, please call Kristina McGrath at 355-8711.

The Brookdale Bowling and Billiards Adult Mixer was held on Saturday, March 5th. Many neighbors and friends enjoyed a night of fun and lots of laughter, some bowling better than others. It was a big night for Gregg Falk who bowled an amazing 229! While 229 is an impressive high score, there was an impressive low score of 69 (for obvious reasons her identity will not be revealed). ☺ There were many raffle winners throughout the night but the Hammar's were the big winners!

Calling all Gardener's.....



Join me for my 1st Annual Plant Exchange and expand your garden!

Friday, May 6th - 9:30AM to 11:30AM
912 Manchester Street

Here's how it works:

1. Divide and bring any plant(s) in your garden that you would like to share
2. Your neighbors will do the same
3. **"Shop" from your neighbor's selection and expand your garden for free**
4. The number of plants that you bring determines the number of plants that you leave with - **bring as many as you'd like**

Refreshments will be served and good company sure to be had!

Please RSVP to Tammy @ 357-8616 by Sunday, May 1st

Tammy Mullen is the founder of Joy's Bunny Buster.

Bunnies LOVE tulips! Now is the time to arm yourself with protection for your spring blooms. Call or email Tammy @ 357.8616 / tjmullen519@att.net to get your bottle of all-natural Joy's Bunny Buster to protect your garden this year.



GREAT NEWS:

Joy's Bunny Buster is making it's retail debut at The Growing Place in Naperville & Aurora!

Naperville/Brookdale Housing Report

Submitted by Rich Hartmann

Rich is a long time Brookdale Resident and realtor with Koenig Strey Real Estate

For more information on the marketplace, Rich can be reached at 630.209.9617

Everyday we are bombarded by the news media with the condition of the housing market, etc. The condition of the housing market varies from city to city and from community to community. Is the perception of the housing market to be half empty or half full? I like to believe in the half full concept.

Generation X, young families and adults ages 31-45 are likely to lead the home buying recovery. These young buyers are most likely to think it's a good time to get off the fence.

At 32% of the population of home buying age, the Gen X population isn't the largest, but it is the most mobile. They are in full force with their careers and they need to accommodate growing families.

In sharp contrast, even though they constitute 41% of prospective home buyers, Baby Boomers continue to wait for the market to improve and their decisions to delay retirement also delays their decisions to downsize into a similar home.

Most of the 10,000 buyers and potential buyers surveyed in 27 metro areas were optimistic about a new home purchase, with between 85% and 89% saying that it was a good time to buy a home. Only 13% felt that home prices would continue to fall.

70% said they were willing to pay \$5,000 more for a green home, but those responding to the survey said they expect new homes to already have many green technology features. They would also pay a premium for dark wood cabinets, separate tub and shower, fireplace in the living room and more preferred a great room over formal spaces, said Mollie Carmichael, principal of John Burns Real Estate Consulting.

Naperville

Total single family homes active on the market – 785

Price range – \$119,000 - \$4,695,000

Average price – \$579,055

Average market time – 260 days

Under contract – 190 homes

Brookdale

Total single family homes active on the market – 13

Price range – \$199,900 - \$415,000

Average price – \$313,562

Average market time – 152 days

Under contract – 1 home

This information is from the MLS dated 3/21/2011

RIS Media article dated 3/21/2011

CAP FACTS: Courtesy of iPhone free apps. This is stuff you need to know!

A group of cats is called a CLOWDER

A duck's quack doesn't echo

An average person will spend 1.5 years of their life in the bathroom

A ball of glass will bounce higher than a ball of rubber

Despite its hump, camels have a straight spine

40% of America's population lives within a one day drive to Philadelphia

There are 18 different animal shapes in the animal cracker zoo

The average woman consumes six pounds of lipstick in her lifetime

The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1

There are seven letters that look the same upside down as right side up

The largest fish is the whale shark. It can be over 50 feet long and weigh two tons

Horseback riding can improve your posture

Manhattan was the first capital of the United States

An ant's sense of smell is stronger than a dog's

An Ostrich's brain is smaller than its eyeball

You burn more calories sleeping than watching tv

Camels have three eyelids

Fish cough

Bullfrogs never sleep

The first penny had the motto: Mind your own business

Lizards communicate by doing push ups

A female kangaroo is called a FLYER and a male a BOOMER

If you keep a goldfish in a dark room it will eventually turn white

The fastest served ball in tennis was clocked at 154mph in 1963

The Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 sandal

The first ballpoint pens were sold in 1945 for \$12.00

Mosquitos are attracted to people who just ate bananas

In a year, the average person walks four miles making their bed

A housefly hums in the key of F

LOL! Enjoy...

Save the Date

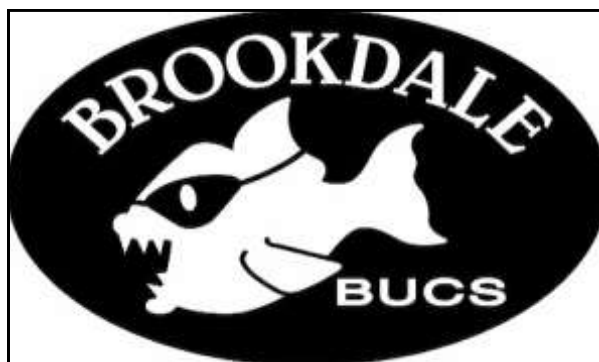
Register to be a BUC!

Registration night will be held
MONDAY, April 18th, 2011
in the Hill Middle School Commons.

An introduction/information night will be held April 18th in the Hill Middle School Commons, beginning at 7:00 pm. Swimmer registration and family job sign-up will no longer be done at the introduction/information night. Therefore, it is recommended that parents of both new and returning swimmers attend the meeting to learn about the new systems being implemented in 2011.

Parent Board members will be available to explain the new systems and registration/job sign up systems, parent job responsibilities, what jobs are available within each committee, as well as answer any additional questions you may have. We will also cover expectations required of parents and swimmers.

On-line registration and job sign up will open Saturday April 23rd.



Check out our new website
www.BUCSswimteam.com

Would you like to spend your Summer days basking in the warm sun and swimming in the clear blue waters of an enormous pool, right in your own neighborhood?

Do you enjoy competitive tennis, or play just for fun?

Would you like your children to receive Red Cross Certified swim instruction from experienced instructors?

Would your family enjoy fun, summer parties for all ages, including a world class Surf and Turf feast just for the “grown ups”?

If your answer to these questions is YES, then we have the place for you!



THE BROOKDALE POOL AND RACQUET CLUB

The BROOKDALE POOL and RACQUET CLUB currently has equity bonds available for the 2011 summer season. The bonds provide for affordable family membership in the club, priority access to all amenities, and are completely transferable should you move or wish to discontinue membership.

Additional amenities include:

- Competitive swimming with the award winning Brookdale Buccaneers swim team!
- Tennis lessons and drills for all ages.
- Private swim lessons!
- Kiddies' pool!
- Adult only swim times.
- Pavilion rental for private parties.
- Free Wi-Fi.
- Delicious snacks and concessions.



Contact Tony Hopp or Jim Stoffregen for membership details.

Tony – 630 778-1044 or hopp@wildman.com
Jim – 630 430-4966 or jstoff7@wowway.com



Home Work

By Randy Foege randy.foege@gmail.com
Brookdale resident since 1982
State Licensed & ASHI Cert. Home Inspector since 1989

THE DIRT ON GOOD GRADING

As a home inspector, one thing I can evaluate for my clients without even going inside is the soil level around the home. To prevent problems with moisture entry into lower levels of the home, insect infestation, siding or structural framing deterioration, the level of the soil around the home must be correct. Generally soil levels should be at least 4 to 6" below the siding. In regions with a lot of termite activity the distance is more like 12".

In walking around the block in Brookdale with my friendly curly-tailed dog (Kira), the two most common soil level defects I see have to do with the soil around the home being too high or too low. If the soil is too low, water pools around the foundation and is more likely to end up in the lower levels of the home. The soil being too high can cause (perhaps even more?) serious problems. When soil is touching or is above the level of the siding, moisture stays trapped between the siding and the home. This constant moisture will deteriorate siding, the structural floor framing and/or the wall framing.

Perhaps as part of an effort to keep water away or as part of the landscape design, soil, stones, concrete or mulch often end up above the bottom of the siding. I have lost count of the number of times I have found the band joist (the vertical floor joist that defines the outer edge of a home) rotted out because there is soil, mulch or concrete (a patio, step or walk) covering the bottom of the siding. When I find this condition, quite often either some structural framing is rotted, or the wood has insects in it. Oftentimes, the insects I find are carpenter ants or termites. More on that below...

Many years ago, I looked at a large home where I was hired by the owner to determine why the soil was "vomiting his house out of the ground". Turns out the soil around the home was experiencing fairly normal settling, although I could see why he thought the house was being pushed up. This occurs when the soil that was removed to pour the foundation was filled in 5 years ago when the home had been built. Unfortunately this person did not hire me to come back and check the work performed to correct this mostly aesthetic condition (the basement was dry). In an effort to ensure the house stayed buried, the landscaper was directed to pile soil against the house to a depth of about 12" above the bottom of the siding. Of course just to make it worse, the irrigation system ran during the summers and kept that soil moist.

About 7 years later, the seller hired me to inspect his new palace. Coincidentally, I also ended up inspecting his "old" house. In that period of time the (cedar) siding that was buried had rotted; some of the drywall in the home had grown mold along the lower edge; and, the lower sections of many wall studs and the outer edge floor joist had rotted along the sides of the home. In retrospect, he decided he should have left the home alone, or followed my direction or the advice of his landscaper who did not want to bury the siding. His house stayed sold to my inspection client (after it was repaired) and someone learned an expensive lesson...

Make sure your firewood is kept outdoors, stacked well away from your home. Other than a supply that will be used in a relatively short time, do not keep any firewood in your home or garage.

A lot of people like the aesthetic value that mulch adds to their landscaping. I agree that I like the appearance of mulch, but I have never indulged in placing mulch around my home. Sometimes, mulch comes with or attracts nearby wood destroying insects. Many, many, many years ago, one of my (now

long gone) neighbors had many (I would guess six) big dump truck loads of "bulk" (not bagged) mulch added to the yard. It minimized the amount of grass to cut and the yard looked great! Within a year, I started seeing carpenter ants in my landscaping. That was at least 15 years ago and I still have to treat my landscape for them.

Carpenter ants (and termites) also hitch rides on or take up residence in firewood. Since there have been carpenter ants and termites in Brookdale for at least fifteen years, we all need to keep an eye out for these destructive wood destroying insects in and near our homes and treat for them when necessary.

If you find LARGE black ants with BIG heads and a grey/white stripe running sideways across the upper surface of the rear section of their body, you can now say you've seen a carpenter ant. In a home they would most likely be found in food preparation areas, especially at night.

If I were to find these insects inside my home, I would call a licensed exterminator. I don't want to poison my grandkids; pets (or me!) so I do what I can to make sure insecticides are safely applied.

When I find carpenter ants outside (the only place I have ever seen them near my home) I eradicate them with an insecticide that says it controls carpenter ants (I buy it at Menards). I actually DO read the directions (several times) and I don't apply my "ice cream serving size" attitude that if a little is good, a lot would be a lot better. I don't feel it is my job to eliminate all flora and fauna.

Keep your dirt height nice, or pay the price... They'll probably take my provisional writer's license away for that one.

If you have a topic you would like to see covered in the future by your resident home inspector, please email me.

Classifieds:

Ads are free to members. Editor reserves right to edit for size.

Email to bha.editor@aboutbrookdale.org

FOR SALE: Solid hardwood custom made bookshelf 6'h x 3' wide. 6 shelves. Light walnut stain. \$65. Please phone 630.420.2302

SUMMER NANNY: Do you need a nanny for the summer for your children when they are off school? Well, my name is Jackie Black I am a TA at Hill Middle School and I am 29 years old. I used to live in Brookdale and have worked with many families that live in Brookdale. I am available starting the 13th of June till Aug 23rd. I have worked with school aged children and Middle school children. I do have my own transportation. If you are interested or would like more information please e-mail me at Jacqueline_B1981@yahoo.com



Agnes
House Cleaning
Local References

AGNES The Cleaning Lady
Brookdale & Local References
pajak1974@yahoo.com
630.439.4669

BROOKDALE MEN'S SCRAMBLE 2011 28th Annual Outing

Saturday, June 11th 2011

Place: Fox Bend Golf Club
Route 34, Oswego 630-554-3939

Tee Times: Start at 11:00 AM

Price: \$115.00 (due May 31st)

Includes: Golf, Cart, Dinner, Refreshments and Prizes



2010 Brookdale Champions
Rob Watkowski, Joe Fumo
Ed Katzenbach, Eric Staskon

8 Under Par

Come and join your Brookdale neighbors for a great day of golf and fun!

Our challenging economic times continue to find some of our Brookdale neighbors currently out of work. To help those currently unemployed wanting to participate in our 2011 golf outing we are reducing their entry fee to \$55. This event is all about a fun day of golf with neighbors. We hope to see you.

Please return the bottom portion of this form, along with your payment, with checks made payable to **Joe Fumo**, by **May 31st** to one of us below. Door prizes are donated by our golfers, so if possible please dig into your corporate gift closet. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

Joe Fumo
1015 Bainbridge
983-9306

Garrett Blount
1006 Langley
420-1687

Only the first 52 golfers can be guaranteed a position, so don't be late!

Fox Bend Golf Club is approximately 8 miles west of Route 59 on Route 34 (Ogden Av.)

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

On a standard 18-hole golf course, I'll shoot a score between _____ and _____.
(Example: 90 and 95).

Print your E-Mail address here _____

Deliver by May 31st to:

Joe Fumo
1015 Bainbridge

Garrett Blount
1006 Langley

5th Annual Brookdale Women's Open

Country Lakes Golf Club
Monday, June 20th – Shotgun Start @ 1 PM
Golf, Dinner and FUN!

Cost is \$50.00 per player
(includes 9 holes of golf, cart and dinner)
BYOB or desired beverages can be purchased w/ dinner

Please RSVP by June 3rd
Make check payable to either:
Christi Grezlik - 900 Bainbridge
637.9025 - onceasage@yahoo.com
OR
Tammy Mullen - 912 Manchester
357.8616 – tjmullen519@att.net



Fill out and return with payment:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Would prefer to be in foursome with: (not necessary, but optional – we'll try our hardest to accommodate)

Need clubs (\$10 fee to be paid at ProShop) _____ Do not need clubs _____

Charity assistance *generosity* **PHILANTHROPY** contribution



A February email from Phyllis Parise was the catalyst to run this special feature in a few of our Babbling Brook newsletters. Her initial email to me was a request to mention the new charity she had started which was becoming quite successful since its inception.

Dr. Phyllis Parise, Professor (please call her Phyl) resides on Bainbridge with her daughter (pictured). She is a single mom who has always kept busy by being involved in charity and volunteer work. She's participated in a mission trip to Bolivia, and like many has made various donations of time, money and goods. She's even set up a scholarship at COD for her best guy friend who passed away 10 plus years ago at the age of 34 (The Gregory Lon Wilson Scholarship Foundation). She didn't stop there! She also started Rose Resumes in honor of her Grandmother who passed away a few years ago, where a portion of the proceeds are donated to Families Helping Families. But Phyllis wanted to do more.

On one of many road trips with her daughter she was heavy in thought about needing to do more to make a difference. She was thinking about what does everyone need? She thought of shoes. Not just practical shoes but people who are needy also need fun shoes, dress shoes for interviews etc. It was December of 2009 and still being in the Christmas mood, came up with **Jolly Old Soles**.

Phyllis and friend Cherish Thompson are co-founders of Jolly Old Soles. Together they are starting out locally by donating to the Family Shelters, Hesed House and Families Helping Families. They will be sending shoes to Bolivia this year through Catholic Charities.

Phyllis' basement has been converted to a shoe warehouse for Jolly Old Soles. One month she collected 320 pairs of shoes. Currently Phyllis is taking collections on her front porch, or will even arrange pick up.

"I am hoping the Jolly Old Soles will continue to grow to the point that one day we may need a facility to store the shoes and make donations to all 50 states. I think everyone needs to make a difference. To make a difference in the life of one, can make one dream come true. To make a difference in the lives of many, will make MY dreams come true. I made that up. Pretty clever huh? ;-)"

Yes, Phyllis, very clever, as is her signature on her emails: Pay it forward. A closed mind is a great thing to lose!

Did you know that there are over 800,000 homeless people in the United States?

You can make a difference!

Jolly Old Soles, LLC is dedicated to providing new and used shoes to local organizations that assist both **children and adults in need**. **Jolly Old Soles' purpose is to connect those willing to help with those needing assistance with one of our basic human necessities, shoes.**

Jolly Old Soles, LLC has a 501 (C) (3) pending status and all donations will be tax deductible once approved.

To schedule a pick up or drop off please contact

Dr. Phyllis Parise
1209 Bainbridge
630.456.3448
pparise@sbcglobal.net

Source: www.jollyoldsoles.com



For more info please visit: www.jollyoldsoles.com

Alice O. has a favorite place to donate her time: "They can always use more volunteers, and it's a really fun place to work."

Discoveries Resale Shop provides the greater Warrenville area quality goods at affordable prices and is a convenient place for people to donate gently used items. All proceeds support Warrenville Youth & Family Services. The store is located in the plaza on the NE corner of Batavia Rd. and Route 59 in Warrenville. It has a nice selection of clothing, shoes, purses, and other accessories; household items including lamps, kitchen and bath items, knick knacks, crafts, and artwork; baby items, pet items, jewelry, books, toys, electronics, and more. A few doors down from the store is the Furniture Annex where you can find lots of furniture, artwork, sets of dishes, TV's, etc. Pickup of donated furniture can be arranged.

Store Hours:

Monday and Friday: 10am - 5pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 10am - 6pm

Thursday: 10am - 9pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm

Phone: (630) 393-5133

DEADLINE

Stuffed Animals for Kids Medical Clinic

Please consider donating any used - good condition - stuffed animals (12 inches or smaller) for a mission team going to Honduras. We are trying to collect 600 stuffed animals to give to kids who visit the medical clinic. There will be a collection bin on our porch. Feel free to email us or call us with questions.

The mission team includes our Aunt Paula and she is volunteering with Lutheran World Relief (LWR). They are going to Honduras for two weeks in October for a medical mission. Our Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran does many projects with LWR and our neighborhood has done three projects for LWR including making Health Kits in 2010 and Baby kits in 2009 and 2008 at our house.

Timothy Sullivan and Josh Morris
1442 Foxhill Road 630-355-1366
moni7267@yahoo.com

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I would like to thank the Brookdale Neighborhood for all the work they have done over the years for these projects. Just Brookdale parents and Kids have donated over \$9000 in kits and 250 hours of time.

~ Monica Johns

Thank you Phyllis! Thank you Alice! Thank you Timothy & Josh! And thank you too to Bill Dougherty who put together a piece on Feed My Starving Children on the following page.

Please send your story...doesn't matter the scale...a blurb, an article, a picture with a caption.

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Thank you Brookdale! ~Laurie Knoll, Editor

"When you learn, teach. When you get, give." Maya Angelou

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

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"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

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Feed My Starving Children Loves Brookdale!

Brookdale has been very good to FMSC! Many of you have packed food in Aurora multiple times ... whether it was with the Home Owners Association, Scouts, a school event, birthday outing or with your church! Feed My Starving Children looks forward to many more visits from the good people of Brookdale!

Identity

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is one of the most popular charities in Chicagoland due to its complete reliance on volunteer packers, and the ability for small donations to make a measurable difference. Just 24-cents each, the nutritionally complete meals of FMSC are funded by donors and packed by volunteers before they're distributed to hungry people in nearly 70 countries. Packers are educated on world hunger at each session, building a sense of responsibility in even young children who come to pack with other families, church groups, businesses, schools, and birthday parties. FMSC devotes 94% of total donations to its food program—one reason Charity Navigator has given the organization its highest four-star rating for five consecutive years, while ranking FMSC among the nation's fastest-growing charities.

Chicago Facts

Altogether, 345,000 volunteers in the Chicago region have packed more than 77.5 million meals since FMSC opened permanent operations in Chicagoland in 2008. Our sites are located at:

- 555 Exchange Court in Aurora 630 851-0404
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The Aurora site also brings MobilePack events on-site to organizations across Greater Illinois. MobilePack hosts are businesses, schools, and churches that fund the meals and provide packers.

Facts about FMSC At-Large

Our Food Formula

- MannaPack – Rice, extruded soy nuggets, dried vegetables, and 20 essential vitamins and minerals in a vegetarian chicken flavoring (designed by food scientists from General Mills and Cargill)
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Our Production

- Since our founding in 1987, FMSC volunteers and donors have provided 400 million meals total—across all six packing sites and a nationwide MobilePack operation.
- Last year, FMSC produced 124 million meals. (Fiscal year March 2010 through February 2011.) We've grown from just 3 million meals produced in 2003. That's 76% year-to-year growth since 2003.

Our Labor Force

- Last year, FMSC had one of the nation's largest "labor forces"—515,000 volunteer meal-packers—half under 18.
- FMSC has 155 staff and operates meal-packing sites in Coon Rapids, Chanhassen, and Eagan, MN; Aurora and Schaumburg, IL; and Tempe, AZ, along with a nationwide MobilePack™ program.
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Our Distribution Partners

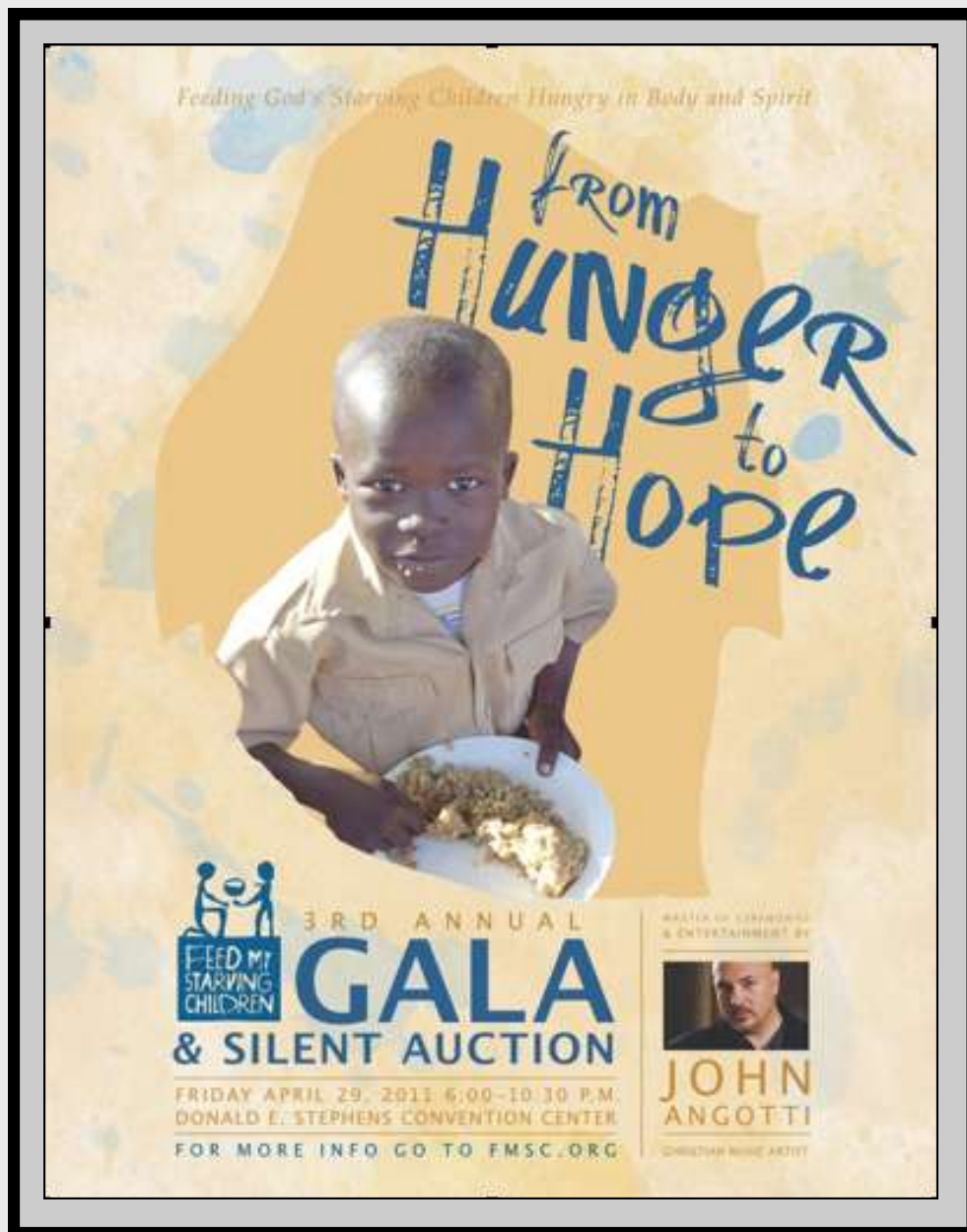
- FMSC has 96 distribution partners in nearly 70 countries, including remote and difficult destinations such as Somalia, Pakistan, and North Korea.
- These are experienced partners—many indigenous—running orphanages, clinics, schools, and feeding programs. With a stable food source, they can get on with sustainable development.
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Upcoming Event

- If you are looking for another great way to support Feed My Starving Children, consider attending the upcoming Gala and Silent Auction with friends and neighbors! The Gala is scheduled for April 29, 2011 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Tickets are \$100 each and a table of 10 for \$1000.

For more information visit
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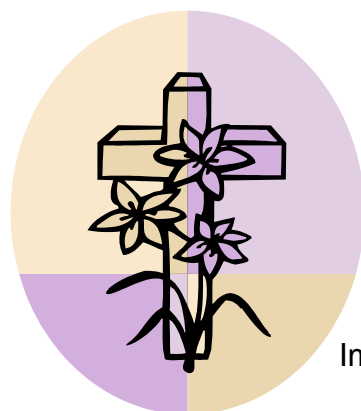
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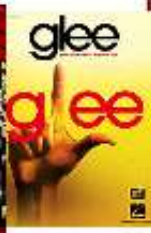
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