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Dear Brook Forest Residents:

NEWS LETTER BY E-MAIL – The Brook Forest Board has been developing a web site (brookforest.com) with the help of Mort Westman and Tim Soltys. Our goal is to discontinue mailing the newsletter and make it available on line. This will occur as soon as we have most of our resident's e-mail addresses. This will enable us to save mailing costs. More importantly, it will allow us to notify residents of important or urgent information in a very timely manner. Please contact the management company at Dmbrugh@oakanddaleproperties.com or if you don't have an e-mail address call the management company at 630-323-8810 and request a mailed copy of any announcement or future newsletters.

The conversion to e-mail is driven by two factors; cost and environmental concerns. Some people have requested that we make news that affects Brook Forest available by notifying homeowners. This is only possible if we have your e-mail address. The address will only be used to notify residents and not for any other purpose. All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential. As you know, you have the option of printing your e-mail address in the Directory. We will not publish your e-mail address without your permission.

POWER POLES ON KINGSTON DRIVE – The board has been working with Commonwealth Edison to have the power poles in Brook Forest painted. The poles were looking very unsightly and were not in keeping with the image of Brook Forest. The area along I-88 is looking much better now that we have the sound wall constructed and the poles painted.

ANNUAL PICNIC – The picnic was held on Sunday, September 7. We had a very good turnout. Karen Pezzati did a great job in chairing the picnic. This year we had a separate tent for the food and cooking which made it much nicer for everyone. We had hamburgers, brats, potato salad, and coleslaw among many other items available. Asif Yusuf provided the fresh picked corn that was a big hit.

The Police Department provided a S.W.A.T. team demonstration along with the Oak Brook canine dog and the Fire Department had activities for the youngsters. We had an air-filled castle for the kids to work off excess energy and face painting as well as other activities.

The cost was only \$10 per family and it is the best deal in town. The picnic provides a wonderful place to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. I would encourage everyone to try to attend next year's picnic.

WATERWAY PROJECT - We have been working with the County for the past few years in an effort to improve the waterway between Midwest Road and Regent Drive. This project has moved very slowly, but the County has moved forward slightly. The dams/weirs on the waterway were examined by an engineering company and found to be faulty. The County wants to double the water flow which will undermine the dams. The County said they will improve the dams when and if they decide to double the flow, but they won't give us a time line for this change.

We can't proceed with the improvements until we have better information from the County. We will meet with the County and try to resolve this last issue. We can't be in the position of improving the shoreline and have the dams fail. This would jeopardize the entire project by changing the water level in the lakes.

LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE – The following dates are planned for scheduled leaf pick-up this fall for Brook Forest. Additional dates may be added if needed. The schedule for Brook Forest is:

October 17th
November 17th
December 8th

PLEASE REMEMBER, DO NOT PILE YOUR LEAVES IN THE STREET ALONG THE CURB. THE LEAVES SHOULD BE ON YOUR GRASS AREA AT THE EDGE OF YOUR CURB. IT IS DANGEROUS TO PILE THE LEAVES IN THE STREET. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS JUST LEAF PICK-UP SO DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER YARD WASTE.

Sincerely,

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