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Dear Brook Forest Residents:

ANNUAL MEETING – We had a very nice Annual Meeting held at the Bath and Tennis Club on March 19. Three candidates ran for the three vacancies on the Board and were elected without opposition. The three elected are Bob McConachie (57 Devonshire), Bob Sanford (16 Regent) and Tim Soltys (4 Hamilton).

We announced at the Annual Meeting that we have the required signatures to amend our Declarations of Covenants. The amended Declarations do away with references to heights of homes and set-backs, so we are in conformity with the Village code. This will allow us to remain competitive with the other areas of Oak Brook that allow for an increase of 5 feet to the allowable height.

The new declaration will be available on our new web site >brookforest.com< along with other information. Those who do not have access to the internet and want copies of the new declaration, please call the management company (630-323-8810) for copies. We plan on having this information available by the end of May.

VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK - Jeff Kennedy, a Village Trustee and Chairman of the Commercial Revitalization Committee, gave an update on the progress the Village is making on the revitalization efforts. The purpose of this group is to insure we maintain very high standards in the commercial areas of the Village while encouraging reinvestment in older out of date buildings. One of the major issues that are of considerable concern to all of us, is the traffic congestion. One of the main areas of concern is addressing the traffic flow on 22nd Street which would hopefully alleviate some of the congestion on 31st Street.

TOLLWAY SOUND WALL – We have been working with the Tollway Authority to have a sound wall installed along I-88 from Midwest Road to Rt. 83. I am delighted that this has been accomplished. This should go a long way to deaden the sound coming from the toll road. We are now evaluating how we can augment the wall with trees without encroaching on the easement.

WATERWAY PROJECT – We have been working with the County for nearly four years to obtain grant funding to improve the waterway between Midwest Road and Regent Drive. The main thrust is to stop the shoreline erosion with indigenous plantings. The County has voted to provide us with a total of \$115,000 in funds. There are two major obstacles that have to be resolved.

1. The County wants to issue the permits only in conjunction with a similar project being considered by Butterfield Country Club.
2. We only want to proceed once the County has evaluated the two weirs (dams) to ascertain if they will withstand an increased water flow that would pass under Midwest Road.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - We will be performing an inspection of the homes in Brook Forest this Spring. We will send letters to those properties that are not in compliance with the Brook Forest Rules and Regulations requesting that the properties be brought into compliance.

Please keep in mind that our homes must be maintained, which includes driveway maintenance, painting the homes exterior, keeping basketball standards and hoops in good repair, keeping landscaping clean and trimmed, and keeping mailboxes in good repair.

Please do a check of your property to make sure that it is in top condition. Even though we are all busy, maintenance is a top priority.

It has been brought to our attention that there are some back yards that are not kept up and are used as storage areas for unused toys and other equipment. Please clean up those areas. Our properties are so open and visible to our neighbors, it is important that they be kept in good clean condition.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION – DuPage County will operate a hazardous waste collection center on May 3rd in Elmhurst between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. The type of waste that will be accepted is: cleaning solvents, mercury, insecticides, asbestos, pesticides, oil based paint, acids, stains and varnish, poisons, automotive fluids and more. If you have any questions about what is allowed call 630-407-6760 or look on the web site (www.dupageco.org/edp and click on “waste and Recycling”).

The center is at the Elmhurst Public Works Garage, 985 South Riverside Drive. This is between Roosevelt Road on Rt. 83 before you get to St. Charles Road. Go east from Rt. 83 on Riverside Drive.

EXPLOREMORE DAYS – Brook Forest School will again be using our common area on May 29 from 8:00am until 2:00pm. This is the last day of school and the students have traditionally used our tennis court area for canoeing, fishing (catch and release) and various activities sponsored by the P.T.O.

Brook Forest and Briarwood will join together to allow our facilities to be used for Exploremore Days.

Sincerely,

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