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### ON A SIDE NOTE

### Mark Your Calendars

This year we are aligning our neighborhood garage sale to coincide with Summer Ridge. We are hoping this will increase interest and attendance. More information will follow when we have set a date. So begin planning now those items you want to sell.

Our neighborhood block party will be **Saturday**, **August 19.** We are still in the planning phase, but wanted to give you a date so you could mark your calendars for this great annual Arbor Springs' event.

### It's Home Improvement Time!!

Wow, what a mild winter! And with Spring just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about spring projects. What's on your list? Painting the house? Expanding the driveway? Installing a fence? Maybe erecting a basketball goal or adding a deck with a hot tub? All are great activities and will increase value to your house and our neighborhood.

Please remember that any additions/changes must be approved by our Architectural Review Committee (ARC). To begin the process, log into our Arbor Springs website, *thearborsprings.com*, to review guidelines and download the ARC application form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the ARC Members listed on the site.

This is also a good time to assess and address winter damages such as missing/broken shutters, nonfunctioning yard lamp post lights, and weathered mailboxes. Continued...

### A Big Thank You!!

Your Arbor Springs Board wishes to commend our neighbors for their timely submittal of HOA annual dues. As of March 7, over 85% of home owners had submitted their dues. Thanks for timeliness of dues submittal. For the few who have yet to submit dues as a reminder a \$10 penalty is applied to dues after March 15th and for every month thereafter until dues are paid.

### Parking Reminder

Trailers are not to be parked in driveway overnight except to load before or after a trip. Extended time periods beyond one night are not provided for by our covenants.

Per our Covenants, vehicles left in the street overnight is prohibited. The pool clubhouse has plenty of parking available for those in need of the extra space. Thanks to our neighbors who utilize this area.

## NBC Offers Security Tips

A recent segment on NBC identified actions homeowners could take to minimize home invasions. After surveying and interviewing convicted felons (one of which who has burglarized over 150 homes) the following security information and recommendations were provided:

- 1. Most home invasions occur between 8 AM-2 PM.
- 2. Do not leave mail in mail box for several days.
- 3. Pickup newspapers daily. Do not leave laying on ground.
- 4. Leave a vehicle parked in your driveway during the day.

5. Engage neighbors to watch your home and be willing to ask questions of any unknown person(s) around home.

6. The *most important deterrent* is ensuring all doors and windows are locked when leaving home.

Surprisingly, a home security system was not viewed as a deterrent. This is because a burglar can be in and out of a home by the time police arrive.

