

# Breckin' News

## What's Happening around the Knolls

Annual Egg Hunt coming up!



**Sunday April 9, 2006**

the Knolls at Breckinridge Social committee will host the 4th annual Egg Hunt at the Greenbelt across from the pool. The fun will begin at 4:00 PM. Get there early to insure that your kids don't miss any of the fun, those eggs go pretty fast! As always we will have a visit from the Easter bunny, crafts, treats and golden eggs to help make the day extra fun! Please mark your calendars today and plan to join your neighbors for one of the most popular Knolls events of the year!

Before the children can hunt those eggs they must be stuffed. Stuffing them has become almost as much of a traditional get together for the Mom's of the Knolls as the actual egg hunt is for the children! It's definitely a more the merrier kind of event because we will be stuffing over 1000 eggs! If you would like to join us for some socializing and egg stuffing we will be getting together at the **home of Joycelynn Chandler on Wednesday April 5th at 7:00 PM.** This is a great way to help out the social committee and even meet some of your neighbors that you don't know. We'll see you there!

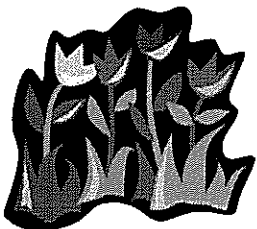
**For more info contact Joycelynn at 972-480-9560 or just come on over on the 5th to 4720 Deer Valley.** See you there!



## Yard of the Month

**Congratulations to our top 3 yards of the year so far! Keep your yard looking beautiful and maybe the Yard of the Month sign will appear in your yard next! Please see pg 3 of this**

**newsletter for photos of the winning yards!**



**January-** The Johnson Family at 2909 Glenwood Springs. Their yard is always a showcase of neat, well kept up landscaping and beautiful annual and perennial flowers.

**February-** The Williams family at 4703 Copper Mountain. Their year round lush green grass looks fabulous

**March-** The Tatari family at 4517 Winter Park. Their gorgeous palm trees out front caught the eye of our yard of the month committee!

### Mark Your Calendars

**4/2 Daylight Savings time begins**

**4/5 Egg Stuffing for egg hunt 7:00 PM**

**4/9 Egg Hunt at the Greenbelt across from the pool 4:00 PM**

**4/14 Plano ISD holiday no school**

**4/23 PISD Last day of school**

## Meet your newest Board member

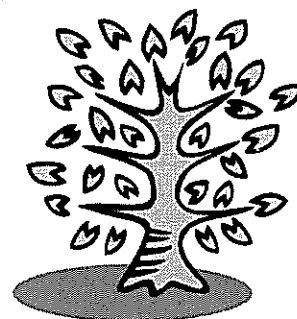
Hello! My name is Mike McBrayer and I am the new Vice President for the Knolls at Breckinridge HOA. I am a Dallas native and went to Hillcrest High School. My wife Kelly and I have lived in Richardson for 20 years. We have 3 children: Drew(14) Matt (10) and Amanda(7). We live at 4712 Deer Valley Lane which we

purchased in 2002. Kelly and I really love this neighborhood for its friendly people and great schools. We also like the pool, the park nearby and the access to major thoroughfares. Kelly is a stay at home Mom and I office out of the home in my real estate investment business. I am looking forward to

working with Jona and Pam this year on the board and look forward to working with the homeowners to continue to make The Knolls an outstanding community!

## Landscapers Corner by Jill Van Gorden

During the early spring months it is important to not forget your yard and garden. We have been blessed in 2006 with beautiful gardening weather. It is time to do the major pruning of trees and roses. Get rid of the 3 D's : Damaged, Diseased and Dead limbs. Remember to leave the branch collar intact for proper healing. It is also time to fertilize annuals, lawns, trees and shrubs. You can use organic or chemical fertilizers for this purpose. Refer to Howard Garret's website [www.dirtdoctor.com](http://www.dirtdoctor.com) for natural alternatives. Mow and water your lawn only if necessary. Finally, mulch any bare soil and plant any of the beautiful early spring flowers that are beginning to arrive at the local gardening centers.



## Crime Watch

What you need to know about what is happening in your own backyard!



This is an excerpt from Officer David Spigelmeier's most recent crime watch report.

" Involvement with your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and our community is the key that opens the door to a safer and more productive environment to raise our kids and grandkids. Many of you are very involved with Crime Watch programs whether it be at work or at home. Some of us share e-mails, phone calls, pictures of our families or our weiner dogs but when you boil it right down to the core, we are sharing our compassion for our fellow man or neighbor and that is the secret ingredi-

ent we can take to the bank because without the caring and concern for each other, we don't have anything.

My question to you is how many of you go about your business day in and day out and never wave or stop and get out of your car and say "thanks" to your neighbor just for being your neighbor? We all have busy schedules but when we rush around we develop blinders on eyes and hearts and we miss out on so many of the little things that make our community special. Lets work together to make sure that we don't get blinded by the light of our own

desires or problems and take a few minutes to share ourselves, our schedules and our hearts with our family, friends and neighbors! We need them, they need us and we all need each other. Have a great weekend and don't forget to share a smile with your neighbor this weekend! It's an investment in our future so make it a priority on your schedule!

Be safe and enjoy every moment! "



## Yard of the month Photos



Yard of the month winners counter-clockwise: January winners- The Johnson Family; February winners- The Williams family; and March winners- The Tatari family. Congratulations to all of these great neighbors!



## Recipe of the month



### Barbeque Chicken and Barbeque Chicken Pizza with the leftovers

These are 2 recipes that my family loves, and one of the few that I think they prefer the leftovers to the original.

#### Barbeque chicken

3 lbs of chicken breasts thighs, drumsticks  
whatever you like.

3 TBSP Paprika

1 tsp each cumin, chili powder, salt, pepper, garlic,  
onion powder.

A bottle of your favorite barbeque sauce

Mix all seasonings together to make a dry rub and then  
rub it on both sides of all chicken pieces. Cook on the grill until  
Chicken is fully cooked. Heat barbeque sauce in microwave and  
toss with the warm chicken

#### Leftover Barbeque chicken

pizza round- either homemade or store bought  
Monterrey jack and cheddar cheese

1 onion, 1 green and 1 red bell pepper

bottle of barbeque sauce

Saute onions and bell peppers on the stove until  
onions have caramelized and bell peppers are tender  
spread barbeque sauce out on pizza round instead  
of pizza sauce. Top with leftover chicken that is  
shredded or cut up. Then top with bell peppers,  
onions and cheese. Bake in 400 degree oven for  
approximately 8 minutes or until cheese is melted.

### **E-Knolls Classified**

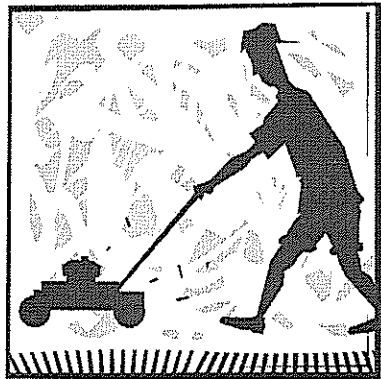
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***Are you having difficulty keeping up with your yard work? Call the HOA management company (EXCEL) at 972-881-7488. Speak to Jeremy or Patty for a referral to a lawn service and get the job done!***



## **Announcements in the Knolls**

**Coming  
Soon**

**Coming in Future Editions of the  
BRECKIN NEWS:**

Summer Splash parties, 4th of July at the Knolls, and New Yards of the Month!

As always be sure and check your door for flyers of coming events and look for signs at the entrance announcing them.

**We will possibly have another HOA meeting this SPRING so be on the lookout for info regarding that meeting**