



## GHFCA Annual Meeting

The GHFCA Annual Meeting will be held at Durkin Park on **September 25, 2011 at 4:00**. All Good Hope Farm families are welcome and encouraged to attend. All paid members will have voting privileges. The



Annual Meeting includes nomination and election of GHFCA board members, and an overview of GHFCA financials and membership. The meeting itself will likely be about 45 minutes with social gathering afterwards. Hot dogs, water and lemonade will be provided. Neighbors are asked to bring an accompanying dish to share, last names A-M bringing a side dish and N-Z bringing a dessert.

Come to the Annual Meeting and be entered into a drawing for a gift



### Dates to Remember

- PARK CLEAN-UP  
SEPTEMBER 17 AT 10:00
- ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25 AT 4:00
- BLESSING OF ANIMALS  
OCTOBER 2 AT 2:00
- HALLOWFEST  
OCTOBER 22 AT 3:00

## Park Clean-Up

During the past several weeks the a storms have caused Durkin Park to become quite messy. To bring our park back to its pristine condition, a park "Clean-Up" day has been set for **Saturday September 17th at 10:00 AM**. Bring your rakes and other yard tools. Painting and Pavilion

Repairs will also be done. We welcome any young people who need community service hours to help at the park. Contact Steve Miskin with questions and to volunteer at 737-0885.



President	Teri Guelcher	731-9710
Vice President	Kristi Bolden	731-0115
Secretary	Tracy Polovick	919-7615
Treasurer	Jan Frushone Gibas	545-8144
Newsletter	Brian Shunk	761-5018
Membership	Melissa Shunk	761-5018
Welcoming	Tracy Polovick	737-9889
Social	<b>We Need You</b>	
Block Rep Coordinator	Tiffany Young	612-9647
Park	Stephen Miskin	737-0885
Website	Deb Kozlovac	761-8508

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## Garden Committee Gives Entrance Sign and Plantings a New Look

Did you know Good Hope has this committee? Well, it does now. If you have a passion for gardening or a budding green thumb, we would love for you to join us. Please email Johanna Brown at [davejohanna@comcast.net](mailto:davejohanna@comcast.net) or call 635-8158.

Thanks to our wonderfully generous neighbors who donated **their money and time** in 2011 to refurbish the front entrance. Thanks very much to Johanna Brown and her husband, David and their family. With energy and enthusiasm, Johanna took this on as her "personal project" and didn't quit till it was completed. Thank you to those who "helped" and "suggested" and "signed up" for a week of watering and weeding over the next few months.



Additionally, the garden committee has been watching the gardens in the neighborhood this summer. Congratulations to current winner:

Layne Family at 498 Woodcrest and the previous winner: Motter Family at 5256 Meadowbrook Drive. Thanks for keeping GHF beautiful!!

## Emergency Text Alert—A Possibility for Any Good Hope Farms Neighbor

In an effort to reach out to our neighbors and offer help and support in the event of an emergency, we are working on compiling a text distribution list for those neighbors who would want to be alerted in this way. Doug Works has been instrumental in bringing forth this idea and has offer his support of the project for which we are very grateful.

Our proposed system is similar to the one used in our school system. As with that system, our neighbors would have the option of participating. Our intent is to provide neighbors with local information relating to crimes (thefts, vandalism, etc.), power outages/restoration, neighborhood events, severe weather, etc. Details regarding this system will be provided on the website as they are available.

## Blessing of Animals

As autumn arrives, you may have noticed a procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Animals. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. This year, the GHFCA is hosting a Blessing of Animals in Durkin Park on Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 PM. Families, children, grandchildren and grandparents and their animals of any kind may participate. Cameras, videos are welcome. Religious denomination of the animal is not an issue--all welcome! Contact Mike Ripton at 763-7582 with questions.





## Thank You and Welcome

The GHFCA wants to say "Thank You" to Sue Shockey, Laurie Lawrenson, and Jack Urling for years of dedicated service to representing the members on your block. We also want to Welcome Suzanne Bruzga for being the block representative for 5201-5219 Meadowbrook; and 5202-5222 Meadowbrook. We Welcome back Shani Schalles who will service 5247-5261 Strathmore; 5252-5264 Strathmore; 502-504 Kentwood; and 503-509 Kentwood.

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 Contact  
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## Halloween Spice Cake

- Butter
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pan
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup unsweetened apple sauce
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Powdered sugar, for dusting

### Directions

For the cake: Place an oven rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter and flour a 9 by 5-inch loaf pan. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, salt, cocoa powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and allspice.

In a large bowl, beat the sugars, oil, applesauce, eggs, and vanilla extract to blend. Add the dry ingredients and stir until just blended. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top with a spatula. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool the cake for 10 minutes. Unmold the cake and place on a wire rack to cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar and cut into slices for serving.



Ghosts and goblins will soon be haunting our neighborhood, beginning with this year's HalloweenFest on **Saturday, October**

**22nd.** The costume parade begins at 3:00 from the corner of Maypole and Deerfield Avenue. The parade, led by one of the Township's loudest fire trucks, will proceed to Durkin Park where the party begins. Enjoy children's games and our annual Oktoberfest-Style buffet/cookout. Meat and beverages will be provided by the association. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Our recommendation is if your last name begins with A-L bring a dessert, M-Z bring a salad or side-dish. See you at the party!!



Our traditional Chili Cook-off will be held at HalloweenFest. Anyone wishing to enter should bring a crock-pot of their HOME-MADE chili to the park by 4:00. Voting will be done by all attending HalloweenFest. The winner will be awarded the Good Hope Farms traveling "Silver Ladle". Come out and knock off last years winner, or just sample the community's best chili!



## Welcome to Our New Neighbors

- Scott Howard and family  
at 502 Kentwood Drive
- Armando and Jennifer Chilmaza and family  
at 5224 Meadowbrook
- Ted Kintz and Susan Dellinger  
at 5272 Strathmore
- Gil Prokop and Jayme Cashman and Caroline, Bella, and Juliana  
at 5237 Strathmore
- Nick and Geri Pyle and Charli  
at 5208 Deerfield

## “After 6” Cocktails and Socials

The GHFCA wants to get this fun event back to its monthly schedule. The “After 6 Cocktails and Socials” are absolutely the best way to get to know your neighbors in a very relaxed and casual atmosphere. Hosts are responsible for supplying coffee, tea, soda, and paper products. Everyone brings an appetizer to share and their own alcoholic beverages. If you are interested in hosting this fun social event please contact Teri Guelcher at 731-9710.

**Note:** “Cocktails” implies an “adults only” atmosphere and “Social” implies both adults and children.

Sue Kruger	5213 Deerfield	737-5896	5200-5222 Deerfield; 5201-5219 Deerfield
Kim Titus	5241 Deerfield	651-0095	5221-5241 Deerfield; 5226-5244 Deerfield
Kim Althouse	5264 Deerfield	763-7438	5243-5263 Deerfield; 5246-5266 Deerfield
<b>We Need You</b>			5265-5277 Deerfield; 5268-5278 Deerfield; 5261-5271 Meadowbrook
Suzanne Bruzga	5249 Meadowbrook	737-7813	5201-5219 Meadowbrook; 5202-5222 Meadowbrook
Denise Gallucci	5234 Meadowbrook	763-8073	5221-5237 Meadowbrook; 5224-5240 Meadowbrook
Deb Kozlovac	5241 Meadowbrook	761-8508	5239-5259 Meadowbrook; 5242-5262 Meadowbrook
Merikay Wood	5240 Strathmore	761-3036	5231-5245 Strathmore; 5232-5250 Strathmore
Shani Schalles	5248 Deerfield	761-7427	5247-5261 Strathmore; 5252-5264 Strathmore; 502-504 Kentwood; 503-509 Kentwood
Tiffany Young	5284 Strathmore	612-9647	5263-5279 Strathmore; 5266-5284 Strathmore
Isabelle Wozniak	441 Woodcrest	975-0620	426-444 Woodcrest; 431-445 Woodcrest
Kristi Bolden	446 Woodcrest	731-0115	447-465 Woodcrest; 446-460 Woodcrest
Bob Scott	467 Woodcrest	737-0927	464-480 Woodcrest; 467-483 Woodcrest
Teri Guelcher	5277 Strathmore	731-9710	482-498 Woodcrest; 485-499 Woodcrest
Sue Webb	505 Woodcrest	737-6567	500-518 Woodcrest; 501-513 Woodcrest

### Events for Your Calendar

Turkey Trot - **Thursday, November 24th 9:00 AM** start at 476 Woodcrest - Questions contact Johanna at [davejohanna@comcast.net](mailto:davejohanna@comcast.net)

Breakfast with Santa **Saturday, December 3rd** at Old Country Buffet from 9 - 11 AM

Luminaria orders due **Wednesday, December 14** to your block rep.

Luminaria fabrication **Saturday, December 17** at the Shunk's house beginning at 9 AM

**We're on the web!**  
[www.ghfca.org](http://www.ghfca.org)