

# Newsletter



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## Welcome to our NEW newsletter format!

Dear Neighbors:

I hope this new look for our community newsletter is a welcome update for everyone.

You can still look forward to “hot topics” from the H.O.A., committee updates, neighborly shout-outs and general announcements.

If you have ideas for regular additions or have something special you would like to compose or share for an upcoming issue, feel free to reach out. If your contribution is deemed appropriate for the neighborhood, it will be included.

I will still use the same [GOOGLE FORM](#) collection for announcements. Please submit by the 15th of each month to be included in the next edition.

I also would love to feature photos taken by neighbors here in Sovereign Oaks in each issue. Please send your best pics to me at [amandagalvin1@gmail.com](mailto:amandagalvin1@gmail.com) to add them to my image pool.

Spring is right around the corner! Hope to see you out and about!

-Amanda Galvin

### In this newsletter you can expect:

HOT TOPICS from the board

2024 Event Overview from the Social Committee

Details for March Social Event- Featuring FIREPIT FRIDAYS!

Book Club Announcements

### USEFUL LINKS:

- [Update your open neighbor directory information.](#)
- View the opt-in [neighbor directory.](#)
- [S.O. webpage](#) to view board minutes, etc.

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## HOT TOPICS from the Board...

### Notice:

**The DRC is looking for a new Communications Coordinator.**

**Please share the information here with anyone you feel would be a strong candidate.**



"A private gated community in East Asheville is looking for a communications coordinator for their Design Review Committee. This is a part-time position that requires attendance at monthly meetings with property owners, contractors and architects as well as timely response to issues that arise during the rest of the month. Clear communications and organizational skills are required; familiarity with construction, architecture, building processes, landscaping and design would be a bonus. The committee is composed of three volunteer residents of the community and two paid professionals (an architect and a landscape architect). Hourly rate commensurate with experience."

Interested parties please contact Mike Newton at [director@sovereignoakshoa.com](mailto:director@sovereignoakshoa.com)

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### Safety:

**The board continues to receive requests to remind our neighborhood of traffic safety.**



Please be mindful of the speed limit and stop signs throughout the neighborhood. Even though our stop signs are painted "Sovereign Oaks Green," normal rules of the road are still applicable and insurance companies often take these into account in the event of an accident. The speed limit and stop signs are there to keep all of us safe.

Note: These signs apply to everyone, resident and non-resident alike. If you are currently building, please ask your builder to speak with all parties they bring on-site. They are responsible for following our speed limit and stop signs as well. We are all responsible for our neighborhood--if you see something, say something. Ask those speeding and/or failing to stop to please slow down.



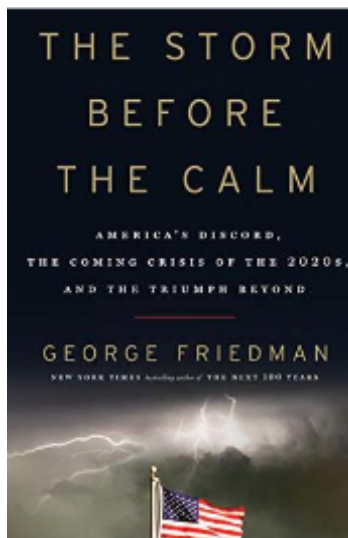
# Social Committee Updates



## Non-Fiction Book Club

*The Storm Before The Calm* by George Friedman. Based on Friedman's claim that there are cycles in social institutions as well as economics that drive movements, change conflict, and ultimately re-invention of American society and economics. Friedman's analysis is detailed and fascinating and covers issues such as the size and scope of the federal government, the future of marriage and the social contract, shifts in corporate structures, and new cultural trends that will react to longer life expectancies.

We will discuss this book on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please RSVP by February 29th to Artie Miller at [aeeamiller@yahoo.com] to let us know that you will participate in this discussion for our host home planning and to receive more details and information about the Non-Fiction Book Club - we welcome new members.



## What's Coming to S.O. in 2024?

March thru November--  
\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Monthly Firepit Fridays! [Read more on next page.]

Warren Wilson College - Walks and Talks

Food Trucks (TBD in Summer and September 14)

August 10 - Bamboo Cookout and our 1st Cornhole Tournament

October- Chili Cook Off (19th) Trick or Treat! (31st)

November 16- Soup Exchange

December 14- Cookie Exchange

...and more!



## NEW IN 2024 - FIREPIT FRIDAYS!

The Social Committee is introducing a new opportunity to informally gather to build community with neighbors!

Once a month, a date has been designated as a Firepit Friday! From 5:30-7:30pm, drop in at the designated firepit in the neighborhood. No need to RSVP. You are invited to bring your own drinks, snacks and chairs if you wish. Feel free to share with others, or it is OK to just drop by empty-handed. No worries!

These low-key events will be a great chance for those of us with lovely firepits in our yards to host a gathering. Some dates will also take place at The Park (formerly known as The Greenhouse).

**We will kick-off with our first one to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day weekend. We hope to see you Friday, March 15 at 5:30pm at The Park.**

Want to host one of our future dates? Email [amandagalvin1@gmail.com](mailto:amandagalvin1@gmail.com) to get **your** firepit on our calendar!

April 19	August 23
May 17	September 27
June 14	October 19 (with Chili-Cook Off)
July 19	November 15

## Fiction Book Club

The Fiction Book Club will discuss *Sacre Bleu* by Christopher Moore (2012) on Wednesday, March 27 at the home of Jack and Sally Klippel, 34 Hickory Top Lane.

Please RSVP to Sally Klippel at [sallyklippel@gmail.com](mailto:sallyklippel@gmail.com) if you will attend or if you like more information on the selected book.

