



Newsletter

Dear Neighbors:

These weekly rain showers have truly refreshed the beauty of our neighborhood--the flora and fauna are thriving, and we are starting to hear reports of bear activity at several homes in Sovereign Oaks.

If you are new to this environment and haven't learned "Bearwise" practices, [THIS LINK](#) is a helpful resource to check out! LOOK FOR the SIX "Bearwise Basics" on their main page. A few simple steps can go a long way to save you from hassles and maintain safety as we learn to coexist with these very active, furry neighbors!

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

We accept photos from the neighborhood to include in each edition! Please send your best pics to me at amandagalvin1@gmail.com or text 919-530-9669 to add them to my image pool.

Finally, we would like to give a shout-out to the Trails Committee for their continued hard work in making our neighborhood accessible so that we can get out there and enjoy the nature surrounding us!

Image of the Trail Committee in action clearing a trail off of Majestic Oak Circle.

[photo credit Lily Galvin]



In this newsletter you will find:

HOT TOPICS from the board

Updates from the Trail and the Social Committees

Details for the May 17 FIREPIT FRIDAY!

USEFUL LINKS:

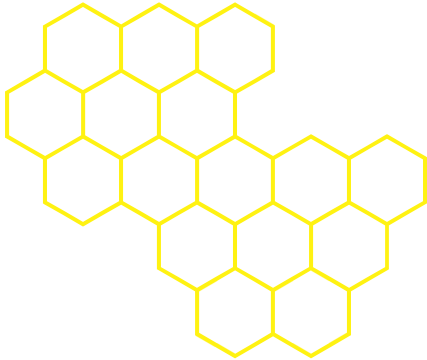
- [Update your open neighbor directory information.](#)
- View the opt-in [neighbor directory.](#)
- [S.O. webpage](#) to view board minutes, etc.

Follow [THIS LINK](#) to view an infographic from the Trails Committee about **INVASIVE TREES** in our neighborhood!



HOT TOPIC from the Board...

Bees and Bears



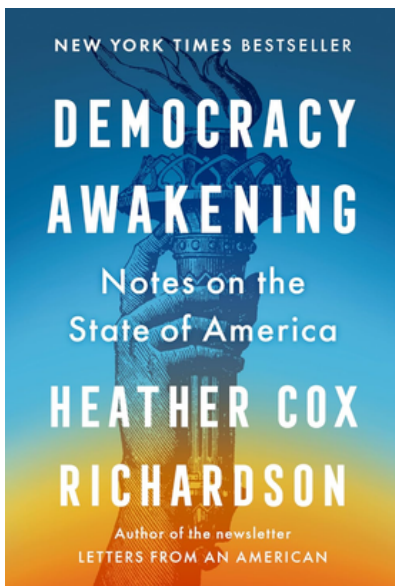
-Thank you to Nancy and Jim Hoer, Mike and Karol Newton, Charley Remsen, and Brad Allen for work re-fencing the bee hives and clearing trees and shrubs around the area after damage from a bear.

-New Address for our HOA:

Please update your communications to this address.
Sovereign Oaks HOA
1 Wandering Oaks Way
Asheville, NC 28805

Non-fiction Book Club

Our next book is ***Democracy Awakening, Notes on the State of America*** by **Heather Cox Richardson**. A recent review identifies this text as “*an essential read for anyone concerned about the state of America, Democracy Awakening is more than a history book; it’s a call to action. Richardson reminds us that democracy is not a static institution but a living, evolving process that requires constant vigilance and participation from all of us. This powerful testament to the resilience of democratic ideals shows how we, as a nation, can take the lessons of the past to address today’s challenges and secure a more just and equitable future.*”



We will discuss this book on **Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 2 pm. to 4 pm.**

Please **RSVP by June 1st** 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 value life-long learning and welcome new members...join us. We want your voice in our learning journey conversations.



Social Committee Updates



Firepit Fridays!

The 2nd Firepit Friday was a great success! Over two dozen neighbors enjoyed the hospitality of the McCarys. Thanks to Ann and Mack for a lovely evening!

Join us this Friday, May 17 back at our neighborhood firepit down at The Park for another fun gathering!

Remember, you don't have to RSVP! You don't have to bring anything other than yourself!

*Kids are welcome. Bring a campy chair if you wish. Walk, run or drive and drop in any time between **5:30-7:30pm**.*

NOTE: As usual at this time of year, the weather forecast looks inconsistent and could bring thunderstorms. We will make a call and cancel after lunch on Friday IF there is a strong likelihood of rain.

Announcement will be made on Discord and via email by 2:00pm if cancelled.



What's on the calendar?

Monthly Firepit Fridays! Email amandagalvin1@gmail.com to claim a date! These dates are still available for hosts: June 14, July 19, August 23, September 27, November 15.

Fiction Book Club - Next meeting to be announced in the next newsletter. Contact Sally Klippel in the meantime for [info sallyklippel@gmail.com](mailto:info.sallyklippel@gmail.com)

Food Truck Bear's BBQ, 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