



**TAB
Neighborhood
Newsletter**

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Join us for our neighborhood

EGG HUNT and **GAMES**

**Saturday, April 19th, 1 PM
Brighton Court Cul-de-Sac**



Friends & Family are Welcome

Please bring your own basket

We would love for this to be an event for the whole neighborhood, so even if you do not plan to hunt for eggs, please join us for refreshments and laughter

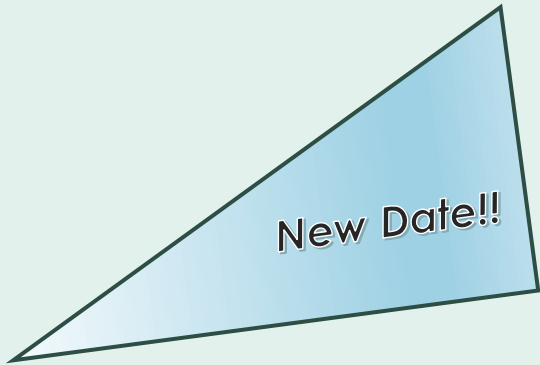
**If you can help with the games, drop us a note . . .
trailsatbrittany@gmail.com**

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**Upcoming Events –
Mark Your Calendars!**

- ❖ **April 14** **Champaign Landscape Waste pickup**
- ❖ **April 19** **Trails at Brittany Egg Hunt and Games**
- ❖ **May 3** **Trails at Brittany Yard Sale**
- ❖ **May 17** **Countywide Residential Electronics Collection**
- ❖ **May 19** **Champaign Landscape Waste pickup**



TAB Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, May 3rd, 7:30 AM – noon
Location: Your Garage / Driveway

Many thanks go to **Carol Salo**, who is spearheading our Yard Sale effort this year.

It's that time again! Start gathering the treasures that you're willing to sell, the clutter that needs to go, the kid's clothes and toys that they've outgrown, the gifts you've received that you really don't love ... and get ready for the Trails at Brittany Yard Sale! This year we're holding it a bit earlier than usual –

Saturday, May 3rd, 7:30 AM – noon.



The TAB HOA will put out signs at each of the entrances about a week before and will put notices about the sale on Nextdoor and Facebook's Marketplace. The rest is up to you! Good Luck!

Registration Opens April 1st for Countywide Residential Electronics Collection

CHAMPAIGN – The Countywide Residential Electronics Collection (CREC) event this spring will take place on **Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parkland College.**

Registration for this event opens on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

To attend the CREC event, residents of participating Champaign County communities must register online in advance at <https://ecycle.simplybook.me/>. The online registration process allows residents to reserve an available 15-minute time slot between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on **Saturday, May 17**. Upon reserving a time, residents will receive confirmation via email and/or text message. Then, 10-14 days before the event, they will receive a postcard in the mail that will serve as their “ticket” into the event.

Online registration will remain open until all the 15-minute time slots are full. If you would like assistance registering to attend the event, call the City’s Environmental Sustainability Specialist, Nichole Millage, at 1-217-403-4780 or email recycling@champaignil.gov.

A list of accepted and non-accepted items can be found on the registration website. There is a four (4) TV limit per household, with a seven (7) item total limit per household.

Residents who have registered to attend the CREC event will need to use the Duncan Road entrance into Parkland College.

CREC events are co-sponsored by the City of Champaign, City of Urbana, Champaign County, Champaign County Court & Probation Services, and Village of Savoy; with financial support provided from each participating community. The CREC event will go ahead rain or shine. Severe weather will increase the wait times but wait time should still be minimal.

SeeClickFix App

If you see an infrastructure problem that the City can fix, report it using the SeeClickFix app! Download the app to your smartphone or use the website, seeclickfix.com/champaign.

When you “See” a problem...

“Click” a photo of the problem and provide the address ...

A “Fix” by the City will happen promptly!



Especially if you're a "walker", this is a must-have app!

Goose Patrol

At times our three lakes -- The North, Big, and South -- have been host to several hundred geese -- some resident, some migratory. Too Many! So several years ago several TAB residents attended a session put on by Urbana's "Friends of Geese" and learned how to decrease -- not eradicate -- our goose population. Every year we file a *Nuisance Canada Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Permit* with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and receive permission to decrease the population of geese in our subdivision by adding (oiling) the eggs.

The first step in the process is to find the nests. This is often quite easy since the nests may be out in plain sight among rocks or landscaping! As we are treating eggs in the 18 acres of Common Areas, we have begun using a golf cart to scout for nests. (Many, many thanks to the Wichmans for providing the golf cart!)



If you find a nest on your property that you would like us to treat, drop a note to trailsatbrittany@gmail.com, providing your name, address, and the location of the nest.

YOU should NOT disturb or break goose eggs, or harass geese as that is against the law!

Next our intrepid crew -- Katie & Tom Newman and Jean & Darrel Wichman -- head out. We come armed with large, plastic rakes to fend off the geese (they can be quite vociferous, excited, determined, and scary) while a member of the crew marks the eggs, dips them in water to determine viability, and then dunks them in oil. The eggs are then returned to the nest since otherwise the female goose would just lay another clutch of eggs to make up for her lost eggs. This process of hunting and treating is repeated several times during March-April, as not all the geese make their nests at the same time, or may lay additional eggs in the same nest.

Another member of the team records the number of treated eggs, nests, and the locations, which we put in a report back to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at the end of the season. At the time of this writing the Goose Patrol has found and treated three nests, all located around the South Lake, with a total of 17 eggs. In past years we treated: 29 eggs in 4 nests in 2022; 22 eggs in 6 nests in 2023; 24 eggs in 4 nests in 2024.

Those who live in our subdivision delight in seeing the young goslings in the Spring -- even the Goose Patrol members! But we are, at the same time, glad to be able to put a small dent in the expanding population of geese.



Graphic by Darrel Wichman

Spring Reminders:

- ❖ Check the light bulbs in your outdoor lights to make sure they are working,
- ❖ Escort your guests if they use the lake,
- ❖ Keep your grass mowed and yard looking neat,
- ❖ Especially on windy days, keep your recycling materials corralled by using a covered container,
- ❖ When mulching trees, don't mound the mulch close to the tree as this will kill the tree – don't "volcano"; do "donut" (some landscapers don't know this!),
- ❖ Help us keep your neighborhood safe and beautiful by letting us know of any issues you become aware of by writing to trailsatbrittany@gmail.com.



Join Your Neighbors on **nextdoor**

More and more **Nextdoor** is becoming a popular way to communicate within our neighborhood. Over 80% of Trails at Brittany households are members of Nextdoor. Here they can share news, report lost dogs/cats, sell/buy/give away items, learn about City programs, get recommendations for work to be done around the house, and more. To join, go to nextdoor.com and register for the Trails at Brittany Nextdoor neighborhood.



Recent posts this Spring by TAB residents have included (January-March):

- ❖ Announcement of December TAB Newsletter.
- ❖ Free: Artificial Christmas Tree.
- ❖ Notice for private home school.
- ❖ Welcome to five TAB homeowners.
- ❖ Looking for a painter.
- ❖ Notice about dog running loose on Staley.
- ❖ Notice about dog running around in TAB Common's area.
- ❖ Notice about the City's Spring Landwaste pickup.
- ❖ TAB teenager looking for dog-walking jobs.
- ❖ Looking to sell photographic equipment.
- ❖ Announcement of Egg Hunt and Games.
- ❖ Announcement of upcoming TAB Yard Sale.

Recent New Neighbors

A note from the Welcome Committee:

We're behind in our Welcoming duties! If you're "new" to our neighborhood and haven't yet been "Welcomed", let us know and we'll come visiting! (We'll bring a gift!)

Drop us a note: trailsatbrittany@gmail.com.



- ❖ Li Shi & Wei Zhu.....1703 Brighton Court
- ❖ Rosanne & David Kelton4210 Brittany Trail Drive
- ❖ Lyanna & Alan Lee4405 Curtis Meadow Drive
- ❖ Leela Yartha & Vijay Chander1802 Kensington Knoll Drive
- ❖ Donna & Paul Gegg.....1902 Kensington Knol Drive
- ❖ Rosangela & Dermot O'Grady1905 Kensington Knoll Drive
- ❖ Leslie & Craig Neitzel1610 Mullikin Drive
- ❖ Asmaa & Saad Al-Kadhi1702 Mullikin Drive
- ❖ Stella Kum & Jong Yeon Lee.....1712 Mullikin Drive
- ❖ Kelly Kiser & Adam Mueller1809 Mullikin Drive

New TAB Website Under Development

Last Fall the Trails at Brittany website died! Work had already begun on a new site and it is now up but still under development. Take a look –

www.trailsatbrittany.org

HELP !!! The large photo on the first page is a stock photo of a home. We'd like to use a rotating series of photos of *genuine* Trails at Brittany homes or gardens to display, instead!

If you have a fairly high resolution photo of your home, or of a garden area, send it to trailsatbrittany@gmail.com. Or, if you'd like, we'll come take a photo for you!



Your HOA Needs You!!! Yes, YOU!!!

Please volunteer to get involved in one or more of the various activities of YOUR Homeowners Association.

The **HOA Board of Directors** meets about 4 times/year, in the evening, in a Board-member's home. It makes all the decisions about the care and development of our neighborhood –

- ❖ The beautification and lighting of our entrances.
- ❖ The landscaping, mowing, weeding, and trimming of over 18 acres of Commons land.
- ❖ The health and maintenance of our three lakes.
- ❖ Reviews expenses and fee assessments.
- ❖ Responds to homeowner's concerns.
- ❖ And more!

The **Beautification Committee** helps make our neighborhood attractive. Tom Newman is the new Chair.

The **Social Events Committee** plans events that bring our neighborhood together. Jessica Moore is the new Chair.

The **Welcome Committee** welcomes new neighbors and informs them about our neighborhood.

The **Architecture Committee** makes decisions about fences, pools, ball courts, gazebos, etc. Michael Jones is the new Chair.

A list of current Board members and Committee members is on the last page of the newsletter. Volunteer to help by sending a note to trailsatbrittany@gmail.com.



Trails at Brittany HOA Board of Directors, 2025

Member	Role	Address
Shirley Faughn	Treasurer	1708 Mullikin
Katie Newman	Communications Director	1804 Kensington Knoll
Imad Al-Qadi	Member at Large	1803 Kensington Knoll
Tami Fuller	Member at Large	4203 Brittany Trail
Sandy Loeb	Member at Large	4205 Brittany Trail
Houtan Jebelli	Member at Large	4406 Curtis Meadow
Keith Reisinger-Kindle	Member at Large	1617 Mullikin
Jean Wichman	Member at Large	4302 Brittany Trail
We need several to volunteer to serve on the Board so others can rotate off! We need a President & Secretary!		

Trails at Brittany HOA Committees, 2025

Please consider volunteering to help! Together we can make our neighborhood thrive and be more beautiful! If interested, please drop us a note (trailsatbrittany@gmail.com).

Committee / Members	Address
Architectural Committee	
Michael Jones, Chair	4304 Southford Trace
Tami Fuller	4203 Brittany Trail
Chirag Shah	4208 Brittany Trail
Keith Reisinger-Kindle	1617 Mullikin
Landscape/ Beautification Committee ***	
Tom Newman, Chair	1804 Kensington Knoll
Shirley Faughn	1708 Mullikin
Sandy Loeb	4205 Brittany Trail
Keith Reisinger-Kindle	1617 Mullikin
Peggy Pritchard	4401 Trostshire
Lei Shanbhag	4404 Trostshire
Social Events Committee ***	
Jessica Moore, Chair	1701 Brighton
Shirley Faughn	1702 Mullikin
Katie Newman	1804 Kensington Knoll
Welcome Committee ***	
Katie Newman, Chair	1804 Kensington Knoll
Newsletter, Directory & Web	
Katie Newman	1804 Kensington Knoll

*** Needs more members!