

We hope all members will enjoy and benefit from participation in this BVSneighbors group.

Online groups of this type customarily have general ground rules for message content. The guidelines below are presented to assist members to post appropriate content and to encourage restraint *so as to maintain courteous and respectful discussions*.

Whenever a discussion becomes personal and is no longer of group interest, please "take your conversation off-line" by e-mailing one another directly instead of posting to the group.

Members are welcome to contact the Moderator privately if in doubt about a message. Messages are not pre-screened and will be distributed immediately. The Moderator may sometimes contact a poster privately if a posted message has been considered out of bounds.

Members may petition to add or change a rule should they feel that is necessary.

Format:

Make your message subject line as clear as possible.

Keep your message comments to the point and try not to ramble. Please edit before hitting "send."

Avoid personal attacks and negative criticism when engaged in disagreements. Some controversy is to be expected, and conflicts may arise because of difference of opinion or experience.

Topics:

Our group's purpose is to share information of common interest and concern among BV/S neighbors. We welcome a wide range of topics, and these will typically fall into the following categories:

Neighborhood Watch - Reports on such things as suspicious activity, vandalism, prowlers, police incidents, storm damage, wild animals, fires, utility problems, nuisances, traffic problems, stray pets, etc.

Community Bulletin Board - Announcements and notices regarding such things as yard and moving sales, trash pick-up, city services, social events, card groups, sport partners, equipment sharing, charitable activities, lost and found, etc.

Note special restrictions below.

Referrals Exchange - Request and suggest preferred contractors, service providers, retailers, etc. for such things as home repairs, house cleaning, yard maintenance, tree trimming, remodeling, landscaping, plumbers, electricians, pool service, auto repair, baby sitting, pet sitting, etc., etc., etc.

Helping Hands - Request or offer neighbor assistance for personal needs in case of illness, absence, eldercare, childcare, etc. including such things as errands, lifting, carrying, observation, or other help.

Restrictions:

Advertising - Residents may post a notice once every three months when offering a home for sale or lease by owner. Realtors may submit a short one-time notice when they initially list a property in this neighborhood. Residents may advertise their own professional or business services in a business card type format once every three months (alternatively, people often subtly publicize by mentioning occupation/phone numbers in their signature block).

Campaigning - Active political campaigning or lecturing is not allowed on this group. Allowed activities include posting a notice if a resident is him/herself running for an office, or posting a notice of a precinct meeting for the neighborhood.

Religion - Preaching or proselytizing is not allowed on this group. Allowed activities include posting a notice of a church event such as a public concert or craft sale. Members are welcome to ask for church recommendations provided replies and discussion are sent privately.

Chain mail - All of us occasionally receive those cute, clever, and entertaining, graphic filled, resource eating, chain messages from our friends and relatives. Enjoy sharing them privately, but please don't post them to this group!