



# West Brookwood Spring Newsletter 2026

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## Spring and Summer Events Calendar!

### Community Clean-Up - April 25th

Join your neighbors to help tidy up our community! Supplies like hi-vis jackets, trash bags, sticks, and gloves will be provided. Everyone is welcome-adults, young adults, and children. Refreshments will be served.

**Location:** 3 River Road, across from the park.

**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

▪ **May Events!** See reverse for details.



### Ice Cream Social – June 13th.

Come meet friends and neighbors, enjoy ice cream, ice pops, refreshments, and more! There will also be plenty of lawn games for everyone to enjoy.

**Where:** 3 River Road, across from the park.

**When:** Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

**Remember to see the 25 MPH speed limit in West Brookwood. Thank you!**

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## Resources

- **Byram Township's** leaf and brush recycling facility at 10 Mansfield Dr. is now open. The area runs seven days a week during daylight hours. Kindly place leaves and brush in the designated sections only. Please note that materials may not be disposed of in plastic bags.

NOTE: The facility runs from mid-March through November; dates are subject to change. For further details, please visit <https://www.byramtwp.org/>.

- **Sewer Plant** of Mt. Olive, International Trade Zone.  
Notice a foul odor from the plant across the river? Call the DEP hotline at 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877 927-6337). After receiving a case number, contact Sussex County Health Dept. in Hamburg on 973 579-0370 for quicker inspection. Thanks for helping with air pollution control.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Robert "Bob" Zimmerman was recently recognized by the Byram Township Fire Department for 60 years of dedicated volunteer service, including three years as Fire Chief.

Bob and his wife Florence have been long-standing residents of West Brookwood, since 1965. In remembrance, Bob's wife of 65 years, Florence "Flossy" Zimmerman passed away in January.

## IN THE KNOW

### Volunteer Board of Governors FY May 2025 - Apr. 2026

President	Masoud Joudi
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Treasurer	Andrew Wilson
Secretary	David Pinkham
Governor	Barbara Kostiuik
Governor	Janice Drace
Governor	David Wink
Governor	Bob Zimmerman
Governor	Justin Fusco

Meetings are in session at the Byram Fire Dept., Route 206 in Andover and by Zoom invitation.

Join Us at our next membership meeting on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm



## MAY EVENTS:

❖ **PLANT and TOOL SWAP** on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

❖ **SPRING GARDEN CONTEST**, Judging from May 4 through 21, 2026.

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**Plant Swap** and newly added **Tool Swap**, Sat., May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Location: 3 River Road, across from the playground.

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

**All are Welcome!!**



For the **Plant Swap** - please bring plants, cuttings, seeds, tubers, bulbs, rhizomes (healthy pest & disease free). We hope to have an abundance of plants, bulbs & rhizomes to share with everyone. There will be an activities area for children!

Looking forward to a wonderful day of sharing, exchanging ideas, swapping plants, and meeting our neighbors!

**Plant Swap “Drop off”** – 28 Ash Street, inside fenced area. In the event you are unable to attend the plant swap, please label and leave your plants, tubers, bulbs, etc., inside the fenced area by the “Plant Swap” sign. Or contact Kate Joslin, [kbjoslin@icloud.com](mailto:kbjoslin@icloud.com), 862-258-0556 or Bob Zimmerman, BMRPOA Governor.

**NEW – Gardening Tool Swap!!** May 2, 2026, ♻️ Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!! ♻️

Please have gardening tools or containers in good condition? Bring your gently used items on Saturday, May 2, 2026, to give them a new home.

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**SPRING GARDEN CONTEST** Judging will take place from **May 4 to May 21, 2026.**



Garden Contest Objectives:

- Promote West Brookwood Community beautification with local character and shared benefits.
- Encourage residents to pursue excellence and innovation in gardening, including opportunities for new gardeners to connect and experiment (see resources below).
- Recognize and reward dedication to home gardens with awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mentions).

**Judging:** May 4–21, 2026

- Gardens must be visible from the street/road.
- If not, contact Kate Joslin to arrange a visit.
- Judging Criteria - Gardens will be judged on
  - **Spring Gardens in May Bloom!** A few examples:
    - ✚ Single-Specimen Flower (rows tulips, daffodils, hellebores)
    - ✚ Mixed Flowers (Variety of bulbs, flower beds, borders, cutting flowers)
    - ✚ Vertical & Cascading (clematis, honeysuckle, morning glories, lilacs, wisteria...)
    - ✚ Woodland/Wilding Gardens (natural, native flowering trees, dogwoods, redbuds, cherry, crab apple, magnolias, grasses left wilding for bees)

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