

BARRINGTON NEWS

APRIL 2002

In an attempt to keep the Barrington Park residents better informed of what is happening in our community, this news letter is provided on a monthly basis. Our format has changed to offer more explanation and perhaps even make our "monthly" easier and more enjoyable to read. Residents of Barrington Park are encouraged to submit questions or make suggestions as to what is included in this publication. Simply drop off your articles and/or questions at the office drop box. Please submit items at least 1 week before the end of the month.

From the Board of Directors Okay, here we go again with another exiting installment of the Barrington News. Because it is Spring and we all tend to get out and interact with one another a little more, we thought it might be a good idea to go over some of our rules and policies in order to keep the Park a pleasant place to live. This newsletter is going to be dealing primarily with some pretty basic rules and the reasons behind them. One or two of you may again be offended and accuse us trying to infringe on your personal rights as though we were anti-American or something like that. To you few we say nonsense. As matter of fact just the opposite is true. That being we, Barrington Park, have rules just as the State and Nation do. Those laws (rules) are written to protect all that live within our community. They can be changed by a majority of the people eligible to vote. But until they are changed, it is the duty and obligation of the Board of Directors to see that those laws and rules are enforced. As demonstrated in the past few months, we fully intend to do just that. We have already let everyone know how the Parks "due process" works. If you need the detailed refresher, go back to the Pets Policy and Procedures in the February Newsletter. The same system works for all other complaints. In a nutshell, violators initially receive a warning letter, a \$100 fine for the second offense and if all that fails, a \$3.00 per day fine until the homeowner is in compliance. The recourse for the homeowner is the Appeals Committee. With that, let's get on with it:

Pets: In previous issues we covered pets and, quite frankly, it has gone pretty well. Thanks, for the most part, to all of you. We have issued a couple of second violation \$100.00 fines but most homeowners seem to be doing a better job of taking care of their pets. Again if you see violations, you must write the Board, who in turn will investigate. The animal problem we have now is the assault of cats trying to take over the Park. And they are everywhere!!!! And lots of them all over!!!! And they aren't cleaning up after themselves either. Just ask a few of poor residents who have been trying to plant flowers around their house. It's really pretty bad. Well, we suspect these cats are not any cats that belong to our residents, because our residents know that they cannot have cats roaming free. So we have decided they must be stray cats from the surrounding neighborhoods. In order to help find homes for those poor stray cats, we have decided to donate them to the animal shelters and humane society. In order to do that **starting the 1st of May 2002, Barrington Park will begin setting traps for Cats and any other critters that are roaming around the park.** These Traps will we set at random and picked up daily. All animals trapped will be delivered, alive, to Animal Control Officials. Tell your cats to tell their cat friends a "30 day Warning" has just been issued. Enough about pets.

Satellites and cables: We talked a bit about that last month but it has amazingly gotten worse. We even had one resident write and tell us that they had no control over the installers. Well, if the person who ordered the installation has no control over the installers, how in the world is the Park expected to be in control when we don't even know one is being installed? Homeowners, this is a "no brainer". **You cannot attach or do anything to the outside of the building without getting the approval of the Association and have it inspected and approved by Roy, our General Contractor.** Here are some examples of the problems unapproved installations are causing. We now have several cables now just lying across the lawn. The installers didn't even bury the cable. Not only is that a safety hazard, but it is going raise havoc with our lawn equipment. Now who should pay to have that cable buried? We can tell you right now, it is not going to be all the members of the Association. That is simply not fair. The Association will have the cable buried and we will charge it back to the homeowner. Here is another great example of plain disregard for the property of all our association members. Now remember who pays for roofs in the park (you, the Association member) and remember that we don't have enough money to replace all the roofs we want to replace. So remembering that, how does it make you feel that we have replaced roofs and had Joe cool satellite installer come and screw dishes into your roof. Most of us learned along time ago, that the fewer holes there are in roof, the happier the roof is. Guess, what, same as the "who's going to pay" question above, it is not going to be the Association. We will have an installer come and change the installations. Then we'll get the roof fixed and charge it back to the homeowner. Sorry!!! If any of you can think of a better way, lets us know, but reality is that we cannot afford to nor is it in the best interest of the association in general, to allow helter skelter installations and shoddy workmanship to the common areas.

Skateboards : Here is a hot one. Simply, **Skateboards are not allowed in the Park.** That is not a recent rule, it has been a rule in the Park for many years (there and have been signs up for sometime). Here are some of the reasons. They are dangerous and our insurance would go through the roof if we accepted the liability that would go with allowing skateboards. They and their drivers have a tendency to disregard the right of "quiet enjoyment" for the other residents in the Park. Park history, regarding skateboards, can detail willful destruction of common area property at substantial costs to the Association.

Skateboarders have been known to disrupt traffic and to build obstacles disruptive for pedestrians as well as vehicles. Some (not all) skateboarders have become verbally abusive to Park Management and other residents when asked to abide by the Park rules. This must not only be a problem in Barrington Park, as we see more and more private as well as public facilities banning their use. However, there is good news for skateboarders. Throughout the county there have been facilities specifically built for Skateboard use. These are wonderful areas and include variety of obstacles and challenges for riders. As a matter a fact, one is not to far from Barrington Park on Redwood Road. We suggest "boarders" use those facilities and eliminate the hassles you will encounter if you continue skateboarding in Barrington Park.

Ponds: This one is not a really big deal but worth mentioning. Some of our youngsters have been observed throwing rocks and other debris in the ponds. We know they have not been the most beautiful ponds during the last couple years of drought and we really don't know what will happen this year, other than we have been told we are in for another drought year. But the message here is: Parents, would you please have a little talk with your children and remind them of respecting this beautiful community where they live.

Signs: As you have probably noticed, all the road signs have been replaced. There is still some touch up work that needs to be done now that the weather is breaking , but for the most part they look good and a far cry from our old signs that were falling apart and looked terrible. The problem is that they are just signs, not playground equipment. We have had three already broken. We are not sure if it is intentional vandalism or kids playing, but the bottom line is an additional cost to you, the Association. Parents, when you are having the talk about ponds, please include signs, gazebos, pools, fences and all that other stuff. Thanx!!!

Oil: For those of you that park your cars on the driveways, please make sure they are not leaking oil. As we look at some driveways, we wonder if they were made out oil shale. Those driveways are considered common areas and the association is supposed to maintain them. The oil slicks are unsightly and give the appearance of being untidy and unkept. There are several cleaners on the market for those of you who wish to clean your own driveway. Soon we will hire a contractor to come through the park and clean those that are really bad. We will charge the cost back to the appropriate homeowner.

Tenants: This is for landlords only (and we know there are approx 30 of you out there). You are reminded again that you are responsible for your tenants. We will not deal with renters concerning rule violations, fines, etc. We deal with the homeowner exclusively. Again referring to Park history, we find a greater percentage of complaints against renters than we do the live in homeowner. We are not sure why, other than perhaps renters have less of a vested interest in the Park than owners. We also suspect that landlords are not providing renters with copies of CC&Rs and rules and newsletters. Certainly, this is not true in all cases, but in disproportional number. Two months ago we asked that Landlords comply with the CC&Rs by forwarding lease agreements to the office as they should have been doing all along. To date we have received only two lease agreements. Our reasons for wanting the information are simple. First, we want to send newsletters to all residents, both owners and renters. Second, we need to know who is authorized to be in the Park and use the facilities. Third, it keeps us informed of the responsible property owner. And finally, we have contacts in case of emergencies. Here is a warning to homeowners of properties being rented. If we do not receive copies of your lease agreements and/or you are delinquent in your payment of Association dues, your tenants will be denied access to Park amenities and you can explain to them what the problem is. For you renters: We welcome you to the Park and hope that you become active members of our many committees and activities. All we ask is that you abide by the rules of Barrington Park and help keep this community one of the best in the county. You are welcome to use any and all the facilities on the property, but should you be denied access, we will not try to embarrass you in any way but will simply refer you to your landlord.

Vehicles: Only properly licensed, registered and operable vehicles are allowed in and on the common areas of Barrington Park (that includes driveways and carports). Vehicles that do not meet those criteria can only be stored inside an owner's garage and out of sight of the other residents. This is done to maintain the aesthetics of Barrington and prevent junk and abandoned vehicles from becoming a problem. It is also intended to prevent long term outside automobile restoration activities from taking place on the common areas. Another point about motorized vehicles, only licensed motorized vehicles are allowed on our streets. That means no four wheelers or motorized scooters. (The exception is our maintenance cart for obvious reasons).

Garbage Cans: Garbage cans can be placed out the night before pickup. They are to be taken off the street and placed in garages the day of pickup. Note that we said in the garages. For our carport residents, that means to the forward part of the carport. Please do not leave Garbage cans in front of garage doors or on the sides of units. This is again for aesthetics of the park. We know that some of you have expressed a desire for smaller trash containers. We have contacted several companies that offer our type of individual service and are sorry to report that smaller containers are not available.

Basketball Standards: Just a reminder that they must be taken in every evening. We really appreciate everyone's help on this one. You have been doing a wonderful job.

Speeding: Please! Please! Please! Slow down. We can't tell you how many times we have seen cars almost hit our children or elderly residents. Barrington Park is posted at 10 ½ miles per hours. Do you know that if you go 20-25 miles per hour, you will only save about 40 seconds driving from one side of the Park to the other? Take a little time, enjoy the view, wave to your neighbors, watch the kids playing and relax. This is a common sense and safety issue. Please help us keep Barrington Park beautiful and SAFE.

Certainly those aren't all the rules, but the ones that may be a little more applicable to this time of year when people spend more time outdoors. You may notice that the goal of all these rules is to keep the Park clean, quiet, safe and beautiful.

From the Pool We are happy to announce that we have a new Pool Supervisor. Diana Alder has graciously accepted the position and will be organizing the pool operation during the next few weeks leading up to its scheduled opening on Memorial Day weekend. Those of you who may be interested in helping her by serving as pool monitors should give Diana a call at 268-6462, or drop a note into the drop box. We'll see that she gets the note. Thanks Diana, we are looking forward to another great year at the pool, working on our tans.

From the RV Park Joe Peterson, who manages our RV Park, informs us that we have 3 RV spots available to our residents. These spots can accommodate RVs up to 24 ft in length at a cost of \$15.00 per month. Vehicles or RVs placed in the Park must be licensed, registered and operable. In other words, the RV Park is not a junk yard. For more information and to secure your spot, give Joe or Myrna a call at 265-2206.

Neighborhood Watch Mr. Gray, one of our newer residents, and a retired police officer, has volunteered to get our Neighborhood Watch program up and running. He is inviting anyone having an interest, to meet at the office on Tuesday the 16th of April at 7:00 PM. Please come and join us. This is a wonderful program that makes all us safer.

From Maintenance Roy and Randy are well on their way in doing the building evaluations. They are about a third of the way complete. When they get done, all the data will be entered into the Maintenance Request System we told you about several months ago that is managed by Bruce and Roy. We have purposely not fielded the program without the building evaluations. We thought it would be better for us to capture all the things we can see before you start adding your own. More to follow on this one. As of today, Roy intends on changing contactors for lawn care. He is attempting to increase the service reduce the time the contractor is actually on sight and reduce the cost.

From Finance and Management – As was predicted at our annual meeting, because of 9/11 and a couple of past insurance claims, we have been notified that our insurance premium will be increased in excess of 25% for the next year. That means that our increase will be in excess of \$10,000. Certainly this is unfortunate news but not entirely unexpected. We can all do our part by being safe and avoiding additional claims. Bruce also wanted to thank our special resident on Dunmore for sending the leaves- that was certainly thoughtful.

From You We didn't receive anything from any of you for general publication. Hope we get something to write about for our next edition. However, we do want to give a little advertising for a couple of our residents. We will advertise for any of your businesses as long as it can be relatively short, you provide a copy of your license and you are a resident or employee of the Park. No tenants or landlords. Barrington Park does not endorse or assume any responsibility for the agreements residents privately make with these companies.

USA. Technetronics Inc. PIT Industries. This company specializes in Heating, Air Conditioning and other appliance installations. They boast of Computer estimating that has reduced their hourly rate to \$40.00 and Flat rate pricing on installations. They call themselves "The Dependable Guarantee People". Call them at 266-9053, cell 865-4213

Wetzel Electric Inc. This company specialized on any electrical needs. They are a licensed contactor and are interested on bidding on your electrical needs. Their statement to us was "We care about the Park and will get the job done right, the first time." Call them at 313-0989 , Fax 313-0362

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