

# BARRINGTON NEWS

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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**. Did you know that July 2002 has been declared the hottest July and hottest month ever recorded in Utah? We think our Park looks remarkably well even though we have been conserving water and has been as hot as it has. We are hopeful that next year the drought will be broken and we can get back to "greening" the place up. Speaking of water, from our surveys, it was obvious that many of our residents don't understand your ponds. We got remarks like "Keep the ponds full." or "Empty the ponds and use the water on the grass", "Why do you let my pond dry out and not others; we ought to be treated equally." The truth is that we really don't control the ponds other than the aeration and fountains. Barrington Park was built on a drainage area and the ponds are an integral part of that drainage system. The two outer ponds are fed by springs that can and do dry up. The middle pond has no spring and is filled only if there is excess water flowing from the rear pond. That is why it is first to dry up. Old timers tell us that this drought must be severe because they have never seen the middle pond dry up the way it has the last couple of years. Another quick bit about the Ponds. They are part of our street water drainage system. Every bit of water that flows down our street gutters, ends up in one of our ponds. So we ask that you be a bit careful about what you may wash down the gutters. Okay enough about the ponds and water.

School is just around the corner and that means that Summer is beginning to wind down. We wanted to remind everyone that the Pool will close for the season at the end of the Labor Day weekend. Along with the reminder, Thanks to all of you pool users for obeying the pool rules especially concerning 16 years and younger being accompanied by an adult, and particularly the "quiet hour" from 9:00 to 10:00 pm. There has been couple of issues with large parties but we seem to have been able to deal with them Okay.

When we talk about pool rules we are going to mention rules in general. We know that we sound like a bunch of naggers but please "don't kill the messengers". We respond to complaints of homeowners who expect us to take care of problems. We are thinking of starting a section in this newsletter called "This Months Complaints". It may give you some idea of what we are up against while trying to manage a 278 unit complex. If we started such a section, this month it would read:

- 1- Speeding – Four Complaints. Warnings issued when identification could be made.
- 2- Dog & Cats Being Staked – 3 Complaints . Warning issued . \$100 Fine issued .
- 3- Dog barking excessively. 1 Complaint. Warning issued.
- 4- Dogs not being cleaned up after by owner on common areas and decks. 2 Complaints. Warnings issued.
- 5- Homeowners who have more than one pet. 4 Complaints. Warning letters.
- 6- Car radio Boom Boxes. 1 Complaint . Warning issued.
- 7- Skateboarder Jumping and Gliding on Curbs. 8-Complaint. Warning Issued.
- 8- Dog attacks and kills and 2 ducks. 4 Complaints. Fine issued.
- 9- Loose dog chases and almost bites homeowners on 3 separate occasions. 3 Complaints. Warning letter issued. \$100.00 Fine issued. Dog owner notified to remove nuisance animal from the premises.
- 10- 12 Letters issued for possible liens due to accounts in arrears.

11- Several letters issued for building violations.

12- 3 Meetings of the Appeals Committee

We just want you know that we (members of the Board) are as unexcited about these problems as the people involved. It is not fun getting calls all hours of the day and night or have someone bang on your door at 12:00 midnight because they are unhappy about something. We appreciate all of you that go about your business and respect those around you. We also appreciate those of you who get our letters and call to work though issues to everyone's satisfaction . This is probably the spot to mention and recognize one of our younger residents. At the risk of embarrassing him, we wanted to mention **Ty Davis**. We had a little problem with Ty when it came to speeding , noise and a couple of other issues. A letter was sent and Ty got a little defensive. However, rather than get upset or get out of control Ty decided to talk through the problem with a member of the Board. After the Board member explained their position and Ty was allowed to explain his, they both walked away with a better understanding and respect for each other. Ty, we wanted to publicly thank you for the example you set and know that the majority of our younger folks are of the same caliber as you. Your Great!!!

Just a couple of other reminders from the Board. **First** about Pets, (we know some you say “enough about pets”. But as long as they are the source of the majority of complaints, we have to keep talking about them.) Check out the February 2002 Newsletter, it lays it all out. If you threw your copy away, you get one by dropping us a note, or check it out on our new Web site at [www.barringtonpark.org](http://www.barringtonpark.org) the rule about one (1) cat or one (1) dog has been in the CC&Rs since 1984. It is not a new rule issued by the current Board of Directors. Some folks have suggested “grandfathering” those owners who have more than one pet. We are not so inclined seeing as how we would figure few if any pets have lived 18 years since the CC&Rs we are living under, were implemented. **Second** about weeds. We want to remind homeowners that they are responsible for the weeding under decks, one foot around their building and down the middle of the drives. We, the Park, did not contract for this service. We can and will have it done for you at a cost of \$25.00 dollars per hour if you wish or if you do not take care of it on your own. The survey indicated that the majority of you felt we were about right on the way we are dealing with these common areas, so unless we get a real out cry that you want it contracted out, we plan on going status quo.

**From Maintenance.** With a thousand **sprinkler** heads in the Park, we, the maintenance crew simply cannot keep track or check each one every week for proper operation. We ask that if homeowners know of sprinkler problem, that they notify maintenance either by a maintenance request, or by calling the shop and leaving a message at 263-0822. **A New Swing Set** . Our younger population may have noticed that there is a new swing set in the playground area. The old was exactly that, really old. We ask that you use the equipment as it was intended. That means no skateboards or anything other than people on the slide or other parts of the set. Don't wrap the chains around the bars to shorten lengths. And please be careful and safe. Hope you have fun on your new equipment. **Decks.** A reminder that the decks and patio areas are Common Areas. That means you cannot modify them in anyway. No drilling of holes, gates installed, staining, carpeting or other modifications without approval of Roy and the Board.

What has maintenance got done this season so far? Here Goes!!!

- 1- Replaced 500ft of underground wiring with 4 new lamp posts and 1 street sign.
- 2- Replaced 200 ft of sprinkler lines, 60 rainbirds, 50 sprinkler heads.
- 3- Over 100 sprinkler repairs, 5 main line valve repairs, 1 main supply line repair.
- 4- Replaced Both Main Line shutoff valves.
- 5- Replaced 8 Decks.

- 6- Replaced 8 Patio Fences.
- 7- Replaced 1 Playground (swing set)
- 8- Built and replaced three (3) new pond fountains. Replaced 1 pond pump and 3 pond repairs.
- 9- Four (4) Foundations regraded
- 10- 12 Patio Fences repainted,
- 11- 1 Duplex repainted
- 12- 12 New Garage doors installed.
- 13- 18 rain gutters replaced
- 14- 1 Spring cleanup, Shrubs Trimmed, Lawn aerated, 3 applications of fertilization.
- 15- Processed 200+ maintenance requests & 100+ Call-in requests.
- 16- Responded to Five (5) emergency after hours requests.
- 17- Daily pool maintenance and monitoring

And we plan on doing much more as fast as we can and as money becomes available. Some of you call concerned that if your neighbor gets something done, then you want something done. We are trying to go through the park fixing things on priority basis. We promise we will get to you as soon as money permits.

**From the RV Park** Joe Peterson (our volunteer RV Park manager) has informed us that he has 2 spots available. Your RV cannot be any longer than 25 feet long. Cost is \$15.00 per month which is added to you bill. If you are interested, contact Joe @ 265-2206

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

AS MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE WE HAVE ACTIVATED THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM AGAIN. THIS IS TO INFORM ALL OF THE HOME OWNERS OF BARRINGTON PARK OF WHAT IS HAPPENING. TO START, WE ARE CONDUCTING UNSCHEDULED PATROLS AT VARIOUS HOURS OF THE DAY. IF YOU ARE QUESTIONED DURING ONE OF THESE PATROLS AS TO YOUR RESIDENCY PLEASE COOPERATE AS NOT EVERYONE IS KNOWN BY ALL, AND IN SOME CASES WE NEED TO KNOW WHO LIVES HERE AND WHO DOES NOT. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

SO THAT EVERYONE IS AWARE, WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF SITUATIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. ONE IS COUPLE OF JUVINILES HAVE BEEN PROWLING CARS AND PATIOS. THEY WERE CHASED OFF BY AN ALERT RESIDENT. WE ALSO HAD A BURGLARY OF ONE OF OUR HOMES. WE ALL NEED TO BE WATCHFUL OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND IF ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IS OBSERVED, PLEASE CALL THE SHERRIFS OFFICE (743-7000) AND REPORT IT. IF THE SITUATION IS IN PROGRESS GIVE THAT AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION TO THE DISPATCHER.

A COUPLE OF TIPS FOR YOUR PROTECTION. IF GOING AWAY, USE A COUPLE OF TIMERS ON SOME LIGHTS. THIS GIVES THE IMPRESSION SOMEONE IS AT HOME. DO NOT LET NEWSPAPERS, ACCUMULATE ON YOUR PORCH. CALL THE NEWSPAPER AND STOP THE PAPER OR HAVE A NEIGHBOR TAKE THEM IN. THIS ONLY TAKES A COUPLE OF MINUTES BUT CAN SAVE YOU A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME LATER. GIVE THAT NEIGHBOR A CONTACT PERSON IN CASE THERE IS SOME TYPE OF EMERGENCY.

IF ANY OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD OR DROP A NOTE IN THE DROP BOX. WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.

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**Next Board Meeting** 8 August 6:30 pm at the office