

BARRINGTON NEWS

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In an attempt to keep the Barrington Park residents better informed of what is happening in the our community, this news letter is provided on a monthly basis.

OFFICAL NOTICE

Of the annual meeting of the Barrington Park Homeowners Association on 13 November 2003 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the John C. Fremont Elementary School, multipurpose room, 4249 South 1425 West, Taylorsville, UT 84123

This official notice is required by the CC&Rs and we would hope that you would take the time right now to block out the meeting on your calendars. We don't expect the meeting to last any longer than two hours. This meeting is extremely important as to how your community is run for the coming year as well as giving you information as to what is happening.

As is the case each year, you will **elect** 3 new Board Members for three-year terms. This years retiring Board Members are Mary Mc Dermott, President of the Board the past two years; Linda James, Treasurer of the Association; and David Maxwell, who has held numerous Board positions over the years. What we need from you is to nominate persons who you think could be good problem solvers and would look out for what is in the best interest of Barrington Park. Those persons could even be you. If you are interested in running for the Board or you want to nominate someone to run for the Board. Please submit their names to the Office **not later than 23 October 2003**. That will give us enough time to publish proxy ballots and get the information in the November Newsletter. The only requirement is that the nominee be resident of Barrington Park in good standing (no outstanding HOA fees) and that they be willing to put in at least 1 Board meeting a month plus a few extra hours now and then for any committee assignments.

At the Annual Meeting you will also be given information from the various committees including Budget, Architectural Control, Grounds, Park Manager and others. Of particular interest will be the plan developed and proposed by the Architectural Control Committee for the renovation of the outside of our buildings.

You will also be presented with the new Budget. Those figures are still being finalized, so we can't give you any more information at the present time. You will receive copies in your Annual Meeting package with next months Newsletter. We would like to squelch the rumors that there is going to be a big assessment. Although there are many homeowners that believe an assessment is necessary, the Board of Directors has in no way shape or form made that proposal nor are we inclined to do so at the present time. Residents should also remember that the Board does not set the assessments. Only the Homeowners can approve assessments in accordance with the CC&Rs. The point here is that nothing is going to be forced on anyone without a majority vote of the Association. That means all owners have the voice and choice.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary McDermott

My term on the Board of Directors for three years and as your President for the past two years is now coming to an end. As I reflect on what has happen and/or been accomplished, I leave with a certain amount of pride, feeling that Barrington Park is in better shape than when I started. Not all that I wanted to get done got done. There are those who feel I didn't move as quickly as I could have on some issues. I'm sure there are those that I offended. However, I want you all to know that this has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. To be influential in continuing the turn-around started by my predecessor

has been rewarding. Along the way, I have had the privilege of working with some of the most unselfish people I have ever met, they being the current and past Boards.

No one is more disappointed and frustrated over our inability to begin the renovation of our building exteriors than myself. Money to do so continues to be held up. So for those of you that feel the Board has not been open or honest to questions as to when it will all begin, understand we are skeptical to make any promises based on our knowledge that funding is lacking and that ultimately you homeowners make the decision. I am disappointed in the "Second Guessers" who seem to have all the answers to our problems, without being willing to be part of the solution. If you have criticisms, comments, or questions obtain that facts from both sides and ask for an answer, but, if you have a complaint, be prepared to have a realistic solution. If you have suggestions please submit them to the Board and you will get a response and they will get passed to the appropriate individuals. We should all try harder to be part of the solution, and not an additional burden on each other. Certainly, rumors have been counter productive as well as malicious. We're receptive to advice from experts. For those that feel they have the answers, I encourage you to submit your name to the nominating committee for the next Board election this November. Three people will retire; we need three good people to replace the outgoing board members.

I stand behind the Board and the decisions we have made. Your Board Members have dedicated themselves to make this a better Community on your behalf. The decisions have been made in good faith. Right or wrong, the intent was always for the betterment of Barrington Park. Perhaps some of you do not realize, or simply do not want to acknowledge that the Board Members have professional occupations as well as dedicating themselves to second and sometimes, third jobs (serving as Board Members).

In closing, I encourage all Association members to do a little soul searching and decide where they want this Park to go. I promised you two years ago I would do all I could to make this Park financially sound, improve the looks and infrastructure and that we would communicate openly and try to be responsive to the members. I believe we have. Taking the next step is up to you. No matter who you elect, the Board can't go much farther without your support. I challenge all owners not to forget the most important factor of all. This IS where we live and WE determine our quality of life and the value of our community.

It has been a pleasure serving you and I wish the best of luck to all of you and to ***Barrington Park.***

POOL - Well the pool is really closed now. In case you didn't see the signs at the post office. We kept the pool open on weekends through the month of September. We had limited success perhaps because we didn't do a very good job of advertising. We'll review the numbers and make a decision next year if we want to continue staying open in September. This would be a good time to say thanks to our Volunteer of the Month, **Kim Ruark**. Kim was the driving force behind the movement to keep the pool open. She volunteered to organize a volunteer pool monitor cadre as well as working with the Park Manager to insure the pool was maintained and ready for the weekends. Although Kim was extremely helpful to the pool operations all summer, she really took over during the month of September. Thanks Kim, your extra effort extended swimming pool fun for a lot of people.

VANDALISM– This has been a great summer for peace and quiet in the Park. We want to thank all the residents and particularly our younger residents for being so respectful and observing the rules. Very little damage was caused due to vandalism or neglect which in turn save many dollars from going to unnecessary repairs. However, several weeks ago we experienced a pretty bad couple of days. Over one weekend the RV Park was broken into. Vandals got into some paint and did a lot of damage to one of our resident's vehicles, two of our Park vehicles, the dumpster and the fence. That same weekend, vandals started a patio fence on fire that could have easily become catastrophic had the homeowner not been home or investigated the smell of smoke. That same weekend, a rather large homemade Bird House was stolen off the front porch of a home on Middlesex. Aside from these incidents costing the owners of the property and the homeowners association a great deal of money, the feeling of being violated and unsafe is perhaps the biggest loss. We are offering a reward of **\$100.00** to anyone who can provide us information that would be useful in apprehending those responsible. Any information provided will be held in the strictest confidence. It would seem that the cloths and shoes of these vandals would be a dead giveaway. They could not have done what they did without getting paint on their shoes and clothing. Perhaps this is the right place to solicit a volunteer to re-

organize and restart our Neighborhood Watch program. If you would be willing to help, let Bruce know or drop a note in the office drop box. Let's not let our neighborhoods get away from us.

Managers SEPTEMBER 2003 PARK REPORT

Job Order Status - 60 requests About a 10 Days to 2 two weeks behind with exception of high dollar and those needing Board approval. Using new system purchased by DFI should help track better and be more responsive to customers.

Grounds - & Buildings

Lawn cutting is going well. No complaints this month.

Lawn equipment being maintained on schedule.

Spot weed control on going.

Will try to find solution to "Johnson Grass" problem. Does not look good.

Still fixing sprinklers. Serious problems with the old valves. Old system is causing us a lot of extra time and effort. Bad patch work previous.

Balcony rails for Abby are ordered and paid for. Will begin when time permits. Will fix carpet balcony's on Abby with trim painting.

4 more older decks are in the process of being stained and fixed to get a couple more years out of them.

Have painted and fixed all fences on south side courts except Newton Court west and all of Rugby. Will try to complete before snow.

West side of Cromwell repair project is scheduled for paint before winter.

1222 Middlesex Porch project done except outside trim, paint and railing.

2 more Doggie Station pads have been poured. Waiting for signs. They are along the back sidewalks on Winfield and Norwalk.

There are about 3 more trees that need to be removed and stumped.

Finalizing procurement of some replacement shrubs for those we pulled. Will plant as weather cools.

Two RV spots still available.

"Lake Winfield" Project complete. Waterway finished. Pump rebuilt soil will be moved in to complete grade then sod.

Completed a major security light electrical problem on Middlesex. Shorts in the wiring.

All road repairs are in the process. Should be complete by 12 September Road contactor believes we can make it another year before we crack seal again.

Recycle Bin brought in. Will be moved to west side of mailroom when pad is complete. We will make money on this if it stays "clean".

Two individuals are helping us by writing parking tickets each morning.

These are my stated objectives before winter sets in:

Patios and fences out and replaced on Cromwell.

4314 & 4315 Rugby front wall panels fixed.

Begin "lifting" covered decks.

Paint Abby trim, vinyl rails and balcony repairs.

Dredge ponds

Fence and design new area acquired by RV park. (started)

Start ringing trees

Continue random painting (on going)

Trees out and stumped (need a couple more out)

Sod will be moved from new maintenance area to other spots.

1144 Norwalk Flowerbox (experiment)

Speed bumps painted.

Shave sidewalks with bumps.

Pool - Closed except for Weekends 1-6 PM. Covered with volunteer Monitors

All monitor time has been charged to Barrington except one individual for 12 hours.

Ponds - Would like to begin dredging # 2. Need to rent equipment.

Dredging possibility to go along with composting.

Office - Letters sent are in reading file. Still need to do a few.

Need to update Web Page

Implemented new maintenance system.

Homeowners are welcome to complimentary ice at the office.
 Putting together information for a meeting with attorney. Not happy with some issues regarding foreclosures and deals.
 Signed agreement with new CPA, HJ and Associates. Individual we will work with is David Strait. Charge is \$ 3000.00 as opposed to the \$5,500.00 were charged by the other CPA firm
 Have started putting the preliminary budget together. Will forward to budget committee in the next couple of weeks.
 Reserved Fremont Elementary School for the 13th of November Annual Meeting. Will deliver a confirmation check next week.

From the RV Park – Sorry, we are currently full. As maintenance is able to complete the expanded maintenance area, we will be able to free up a couple more stalls. If you want to be considered for a spot in the near future, give Bruce a call at 263-3628 and get on a waiting list. These are on a first come first served basis at \$15.00 per month. Your rig should be no longer than 24 ft.

From Maintenance – Its time for that annual reminder. Winter approaches remember that you are responsible for that lone outside water tap. Be sure it is not leaking and that you have disconnected your hose. If it freezes, you will wish you took the 45 seconds to do it.
 As we wind into fall, you will notice that the length of time between lawn cuts will be extended. This action saves money and allows the crew to try to get many other things done that need to get done before winter sets in. You will also notice that watering is being reduced and will probably be shut down around the middle of October. We plan on doing our fall fertilization, watering it in well and then shutting the system down. Although the lawn may get a little dry, it will bounce back in the spring with even more vitality.
 Although it doesn't feel like it right now, it could snow at any time. Please remember to give the plow plenty of room. It's really hard to negotiate between cars jockeying for position. We will also try to keep the noise down but there will be nights when we will plow really early to help cars get out of the Park. Sorry for the inconvenience, please bear with us.

From Finance and Management – Homeowners are invited to come to the office and obtain information about any of the on going Park operations, activities or issues. If Bruce doesn't have the information, he will get it and get back to you. Services available; Billing Inquiries, Mail Box Keys, Tennis Court Keys, RV Park Rentals, HOA Information, Accounting Inquiries, Work Requests, Complaints, Ata Boys and limited complimentary ice for that BBQ, cooler, picnic or party.

You will notice that most of the “past owner” past due accounts have been removed from the list. That is because our fiscal year ends the end of September and they have been moved to the bad debt “write off” account. Rest assured that we have turned those accounts over to collection agencies and will continue to pursue every legal means of recovering your money.

90 DAY PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

4229 Derbyshire	(Griffiths)	4303 Rugby	(Davis)
4265 Brunswick	(Sichanpheng)	4307 Rugby	(Jensen)
4280 Dunmore	(Clark)	4308 Cromwell	(Roberts)
4289 Winfield	(Portillo)	4315 Haverford	(Strum)
4293 Brunswick	(Bair-Leslie past owner)		

From You -

We are unable to publish your advertisement this month due to space limitations. We will continue next month space permitting.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: The Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is set for Thursday, 9 October 6:30 PM at the Office.