

# 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. 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.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

The Board of Directors would like to wish each of our members, and their families, a most prosperous and happy year. We are mindful and grateful for the many blessing we enjoy as being part of this community and the great contributions so many of you make to keep it a wonderful and beautiful place to live. We as a board are always open to constructive ideas and suggestions that will cause improvement for the majority of residents.

Barrington Park Board of Directors

**Snow and Winter** – As if you didn't already know, last week we had the second largest recorded snowfall for December in history. As of this writing, another large storm is predicted for the New Year weekend. Perhaps the last few years of mild winters have made us a bit complacent of how to deal with the snow and cold. As a reminder we want to go over a couple of refresher items. **Parking** – we would ask that cars not be parked on the street as much as possible even during the day when the plow is operating. Of course no overnight parking is allowed on the streets ever. **Snow Plowing** - This is done on a priority basis. The first areas are the entrances and around the post office. Next are the main streets and finally the side streets. Unfortunately, snow needs to be piled wherever we can find a spot. If the snow piles get really bad, we will need to rent equipment to remove them. However, that is a tremendous expense and a last resort. Although maintenance is sensitive to the noise plowing causes, there may be several times a year that they need to start early and will work late in the evening. (To the resident who complained that 6:30 pm plowing was too late, TOUGH !! The 6 people waiting to get to their homes didn't think so.) Please give the plow the right of way. **Hand Snow Removal** – Shoveling the walks and drives is an added part of our contract with DFI. As with plowing, the blowers and shovelers work on an established priority system. First being the post office, next the major walk areas then they move to our "special needs" list and finally the rest of the drives and walks. In other words they will eventually get to you and are happy to do so. The problem is that there are four or five of them and 278 homes plus all the walks. If you do the math it means that each shoveler has over 70 units to do. It simply takes time so please be a little patient with us. Any help that is provided by you is appreciated and expedites the whole snow removal process, allowing the crew to work on other things. **Ice Melt** – Special ice melt is available for homeowners who wish to use it. Although maintenance will generally spread it on certain high traffic spots, they don't know them all so we ask that homeowner determine if there is a need. Please use sparingly and please never use rock salt on sidewalks and driveways. Regular salt will damage concrete areas. **Rain Gutters** – Rain gutters, as the name implies work relatively well for rain. Unfortunately they don't work very well with ice and can even make matters worse during the freeze and thaw cycle. If you have rain gutters that have iced over, there is not much we can do. Be patient and apply ice melt if they leak on sidewalks and cause ice patches. **Trees and Bushes** - Mother Nature took pruning into her own hands during the last snow storm. Unfortunately she did a lot

more pruning than we wanted her do and we have many damaged or destroyed trees and bushes. We will get the branches picked up as soon as practical and assess the damage and figure out a replacement plan.

Just think --- Ninety days from now there will be blossoms popping up all over the place.!!!

**Common Walls** - Just a reminder that we all share common walls. Please be courteous and avoid placing anything that would make a lot of noise against that wall. Those items may include TVs, pianos, stereos, big clocks and other such items. It's not a real big problem but occasionally we deal with such complaints.

**From the RV Park** – There is one spot available. It is on a first come first served basis at \$15.00 per month. Your rig should be no longer than 24 ft. If you are interested, call Bruce at in the office 263-3628.

**From Finance & Management** – There have been several questions concerning additional charges on resident's water bills. Although these charges have been there for a few years, changes in the billing format have made them appear to be new charges. Attached is a copy of the memorandum from Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District that explains the charges. Apparently those charges will go on until 2007 and 2014. Hopefully this will answer your questions.

## DECEMBER 2003 PARK REPORT

Job Order Status - 63 New requests , 33 Completed, about 84 still open. Using DFI tracking system.

### Grounds - & Buildings

- Lawn cutting – Did final about mid November. Did short cut and bagged.
- Snow equipment ready. And used for first storm. Rebuilt plow ram.
- Concentrating of leaf pick up.
- Renting leaf vacuum from DFI.
- Concentrating on roof repairs.
- Castle Rock retaining wall constructed and complete on Cromwell.
- Fencing started on Cromwell Court complete.
- First pours of cement complete on new maintenance complete.
- Final pours should be complete by mid Dec.
- Received gift sod from Eldon Bodily. Sod placed on Cromwell grades and Winfield/Norwalk fill area. Was not scheduled till spring.
- 2 Enclosed decks were raised. 1140 and 1155 Norwalk.
- Poured small cement pad for recycle can by post office.
- 3 flower boxes replaced with cement. We like the look. Will be plastered in the spring to finish.
- Rain gutter contract complete.
- Will start planting replacement shrubs and trees if weather permits. .
- New patio pad poured 4268 Taryton.
- New fence ordered and being installed on 4268 and 4264 Taryton.
- 10 more handrails have been repaired. Need painting, probably not until spring.
- Chase covers on 6 buildings (12 each) ordered and replaced.
- Received second Recycle Paper Bin check for \$16.00. Cardboard is acceptable.
- Ponds will not get dredged this year. Winter came too soon.
- Installed leaf guard s on 3 buildings. Want to see if that will help some rain gutter problems.
- Cleaning rain gutters as we can.
- Hauling our own debris to dump. Have rented out trailer 3 times to homeowners.

Status on my stated objectives before winter sets in:

- Patios and fences out and replaced on Cromwell. (Complete)
- 4314 & 4315 Rugby front wall panels fixed. (Complete)
- Begin "lifting" covered decks. (2 Complete more scheduled during winter)
- Paint Abby trim, vinyl rails and balcony repairs. (on schedule)
- Dredge ponds (Lost weather opportunity due to lack of equipment)
- Fence and design new area acquired by RV park. (Complete)
- Start ringing trees. ( weather permitting)
- Continue random painting (Complete for the season)
- Trees out and stumped (Complete)
- Sod will be moved from new maintenance area to other spots. (Complete)
- 1134 Norwalk Flowerbox (Complete plus two more)
- Speed bumps painted. (Weathered out)
- Shave sidewalks with bumps. (planned)

Ponds –

- Will try to get Taylorsville to help with dredging.

Office –

- Letters sent are in reading file
- Still need to update Web Page
- New maintenance system working well.
- 5 Liens are starting.
- Audit is complete. Available to homeowners. Waiting for Management letter.
- Budget completed and being used.

**From You - We will advertise your businesses as long as it can be relatively short, you provide a copy of your business license and are a resident or employee of Barrington Park. No Tenants or Landlords please. Barrington Park does not endorse or assume any responsibility for the agreements residents may enter into with any of these businesses. We will advertise for a period of three months unless terminated earlier by the business owner. Renewals are made by contacting Bruce @ 558-1737.**

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*EXCEL ASSIST SERVICE* Services include Carpentry, Concrete, Drywall, Painting, Plumbing, Roofing, Cooler Maintenance and Hanging Electrical Fixtures. Free estimates. Call Leo@ 359-4832 or Steve @ 261-1997 Tell them you are from Barrington Park. 1/3

*KARRIE HUMMEL (a Barrington Park resident)* - Is looking for people who may be interested in getting together on an occasional basis to learn and exchange knitting ideas, techniques and patterns. If you are interested give Karrie a call at 266-5058. 2/3

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING** : 8 January 2004, 6:30 PM at the Office