

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.

Board of Director Changes – Regretfully we have accepted the resignation of **Chuck Berg** as a member of the Board of Directors. His resignation is due to conflicts with his employment and Park requirements. Chuck has been a real support to the Board and always brought careful thought and consideration to deliberations and decisions. His integrity is beyond reproach and he has a deep concern for this community and all its residents. We want to thank Chuck for his service and wish him the best of luck in the future. In accordance with the CC&Rs, the Board has asked **Katie Nielson** to fill the remainder of Chuck's term. Katie has graciously accepted and we look forward to working with her as we try to solve major issues confronting the Park. Welcome Katie!!

Board of Director Offices and Committees – The last page of this newsletter contains the Board of Directors and the offices they have been elected or appointed to. It also lists the different Committees and Chairpersons of those committees. We are soliciting participation by homeowners who wish to serve on any of these committees. If you see a committee that interests you and you are willing to put in just a few hours a year to help, let either the chairperson know or drop a note in the office drop box. The more people that get involved, the better the Park becomes. Please get involved in your community.

Snow and Winter – Although we covered these items last month, repetition doesn't hurt when we want folks to remember. **Parking** – we would ask that cars not be parked on the street as much as possible 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. 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 crew 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. It simply takes time so please be a little patient with us. **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 homeowners 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.

Pet Cleanup - We know many of you get irritated when we bring this issue up but we wouldn't bring it up if there was no problem. Owners who do not clean up after their pets will get a \$100.00 fine without a warning. They have been warned enough times and still insist on not being responsible owners and neighbors.

Overnight Parking – Simply put, there is no overnight parking allowed on the streets or parking areas unless it is marked as overnight parking and the vehicle has a permit displayed on the dash or front window. Permits are available from the office for \$20.00 per month. Short term temporary permits for visiting guests are available for free. Violators **will** have their cars towed at owners expense without further warning!!

Newspapers and Front Porch Trash – As we walk around the Park, we notice some porches have many newspapers or phone books accumulating. This practice is really unsightly and invites prowlers who may believe the premises are vacant. We have instructed maintenance to remove these if they continue to accumulate.

Volunteer of the Month – This month we can't help but recognize **Robert Jensen** as our Volunteer of the Month. All during the snowstorms Bob has done much to shovel snow not only for himself but also many others in his neighborhood and around the Park. When we talked with Bob and let him know that we have people hired to do the snow removal, he said he knew that but "I like the exercise." Well, we want Bob to know that we appreciate him and that not only is he getting exercise but he is making the Park look better and saving us money. Thanks to Robert Jensen for being a great part of this community!!

From Finance & Management – Due to space limitations, the last couple of months we did not publish our over 90-day delinquent accounts list. Some say that was a good thing because it is embarrassing to those who are behind. Well, our feeling is that as a minimum they need to be embarrassed. If they cannot afford to live here, then they should move. Did you know that last year we had to write off \$10,717.82 from people who got behind and eventually were foreclosed by their mortgage companies. That cost each of us remaining owners \$39.70 for the year or \$3.31 per month. With those dollars we could have replaced 3 more decks, or 3 complete roofs, or 18 driveways, or 9 patio fences, or 25 residents rain gutters, or many other urgent requirements. Many of our punctual residents get mad because we have to raise rates to cover increasing costs. One of those big costs are the delinquent owners that expect to live here and obtain services and insurance at the expense of everyone else. Yes we are being hard, but there is no way to "sugar coat" the truth when it comes to inequity or injustice. In fairness, not everyone on the delinquent list defaults. However, those that make the list are usually the ones that are in constant financial trouble with the Park and many of them do default.

1164 Norwalk	McAllister	4308 Cromwell	Roberts
1191 Norwalk	Hummel	4308 Haverford	Padilla-Lindsay
1218 Carlton	Cowdell	4309 Haverford	Sargent
1242 Thames	Gallegos	4272 Taryton	Erickson
4280 Dunmore	Clark	4311 Arden	Vannoy
4314 Abby	Porter	4303 Rugby	Davis
4315 Haverford	Strum	4307 Rugby	Jensen
4318 Whitby	Moore		

From the RV Park – We just had one spot become available. These are assigned on a first come first served basis at a cost \$15.00 per month. Your rig should be no longer than 24 ft. If you are interested, give Bruce a Call at the office 263-3628.

JANUARY 2004 PARK REPORT

Job Order Status - 92 New requests , 52 Completed, about 108 still open. Most are for items that cannot be done until good weather arrives.

Grounds - & Buildings

- Raised two more enclosed decks. 4238 & 4240 Waverly
- Leaf pick up has stopped until spring.
- Patio cement on 4268 Taryton completed.
- New Fencing completed on 4264 & 4268 Taryton and 4259 & 4265 Dunmore Complete.
- Repaired fence post on two units.
- Cement complete on new maintenance area.
- Cleaning rain gutters as we can. Most iced over.
- 4 rain gutters have fallen off buildings due to poor installation & heavy ice.
- Replaced two garage doors 1202 Norwalk & 1190 Middlesex
- Providing many homeowners with deicer (approx 250 lbs)
- Hauling our own debris to dump. Have rented out trailer 3 times to homeowners.
- 26 Dec started massive snow cleaning. Worked the crew extra on Saturday and Sunday. Received five complaints (working too late, not plowing fast enough, not getting to individuals walks and drives fast enough, poor job of scraping and piling and doing sidewalks too early).
- 26 Dec had to remove garbage cans by hand from residents to bring to garbage truck due to bad roads. Some cans may have been mixed up.
- Will begin removing fallen branches and trees as weather permits.
- Fence on Winfield damaged by fallen golf course tree. Will coordinate with them for repair.
- Repaired hydraulic system on snowplow. Have logged well over 100 hours on snowplow so far this year. Last year was two hours total.
- Worked on snow blower equipment for minor repairs.
- Have removed and completely rebuilt all but 6 lights on 1300 West. Will continue throughout Park during extreme weather when the crew can only work inside.
- Had limited crew here on both holidays.

Projects still on the board as weather permits:

- "lifting" covered decks.
- Paint Abby trim, vinyl rails and balcony repairs.
- Dredge ponds
- Shave sidewalks with bumps. (planned)

Office –

- Letters sent are in reading file
- Still need to update Web Page
- New maintenance system working well.
- 6 Liens are starting.
- Audit is complete. Management letter has been received and available.
- Tax return has been completed and mailed.
- 1198 Norwalk Fine – reckless driving

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.

BINARY EMPIRES This Company specializes in computer and network services, hardware and software. Services of interest to Barrington Park residents include configuring home office computers and printers, web content filtering, VPN to a main office, and Internet Connection Sharing of Cable , Satellite, or modem Internet connections. Special Rate of \$40/hour for any work done within Barrington Park. Call for quote on computers, printers, software, etc. 265-3815. 3/3

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. 2/3

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING : 12 February 2004, 6:30 PM at the Office

BARRINGTON PARK BOARD

President -	Mary McDermott	261-3905	
Vice President -	Bill Wassmer	293-8968	
Secretary -	Katie Nielson	261-0766	W:975-0300
Treasurer -	John Bria	269-0530	C:750-3030
Member -	Steve Olsson	269-1024	
Member -	Mike Perlman	265-8666	
Member -	Donna Hagblaum	268-9145	C:712-3816
Member -	Brian Hart	290-2388	
Member -	Klaus Oefele	268-4103	

Basic Committee Assignments

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Chairperson – Mike Perlman

GROUNDS

Chairperson – Steve Olson/John Bria

FINANCE & BUDGET

Chairperson - John Bria

CC&RS

Chairperson – Katie Nielson

APPEALS

Chairperson – Eldon Bodily

WELCOMING

Chairperson – Bruce Bollinger

COMMUNICATION LIASION

Chairperson – Bill Wassmer

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Chairperson – Donna Hagblaum