

# 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.

**Spring is Officially Here** – Spring is here not only on the calendar but also around the Park. There are flowers that have emerged, many trees are in bud and the grass is turning green. With the turn of the season, our maintenance crew is shifting from mostly snow removal and lighting renovation to full fledged major and minor repairs, landscape maintenance and preventive maintenance. As spring has been approaching, many of you are now turning in those maintenance requests that have been in the back of your mind for some time. Please be patient as the crew tries to catch up on all the requests that were submitted during the winter and couldn't be worked on until the weather warmed up. We also ask that you make sure all requests for service or maintenance go through Bruce, Randy or Mike. Please do not ask the workers direct. First, they may not understand your request, and Second, the work they are doing is scheduled and fits managements plan. Generally work requests are handled on a first in, first served basis. However, many are bunched as to like tasks such a painting, bush and shrub removal, rain gutters etc. So if it seems you are not being taken care of, it might just be a short delay.

To answer a few questions that seem to come up each year and for those that are new to the Park, maintenance provides the following information. **1.** The first aeration of lawns has been accomplished as of this writing. At least two more will take place during the growing season. **2.** During the first week of April a combination pre-emergent and fertilizer will be applied. We will fertilize 3 more times during the year. **3.** The main Sprinkler lines will be turned on during the first two weeks of April and the crew will be testing and fixing any broken heads that are discovered. This process should fix the many sprinklers you have told us are broken. No need to send work orders on sprinklers until the regular watering season begins. Flags are available from the office or maintenance, which you can place helps to identify sprinkler problems. Regular watering will begin as weather dictates. **4.** Lawn equipment is serviced and ready. We expect our first cut to take place around the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. It will be a short cut with subsequent cuts being lengthened and eventually ending at 3 inches. **5.** Flower gardens – Homeowners should remember that you are responsible for the flower garden areas on the front of your homes and planted areas along the driveways. We encourage homeowners to add a bit of color to the Park by planting appropriately. If the Park is forced into weeding and taking care of your area, the costs will be back charged to the homeowner. Gardens and beds should be kept free of weeds and other debris. Castle Rock should be used to replace timbers if replacement is required. (more information concerning Castle Rock is available from maintenance or the office) Chipped wood is also available to homeowners for their garden areas. The chipped wood helps retain moisture and breaks down into organic matter for the soil. This is available at no charge to our homeowners. Contact the office or maintenance to obtain the chips. **6.** Garden clean up – as you generate garden waste that cannot fit in your garbage cans, simply place at curbside. Maintenance will pick up and dispose the yard waste for you. **7.** Shrub and bush trimming – Maintenance has already been through the Park once. Will schedule again as required. **8.** Ponds – The fountains are turned on as water permits. Unfortunately, our middle pond has already lost so much water that we were forced to turn the pumps off again. Apparently the water is being absorbed into the ground, as the water table is still low. We are still treating this year as a continuation of the drought so if you see a brown spot or two emerge, you

will understand why. (P.S. Last year the “Slow the Flow” folks rated us as the best example of appropriate watering for a system this size and this complex.)

### **SOME DO’S AND DON’TS OF SPRING AND SUMMER**

- Don’t use **Rollerblades, Skates, Skateboards, Motorized Scooters or ATVs** in the Park.
- Do use the **Tennis Court** if you are so inclined- If you do not have a key, you can get one from the office. It will cost you a \$5.00 refundable key deposit.
- Don’t leave your **garbage** can out on the street or in front of your house. They should be kept in the garage or out of sight in the patio area. The townhouses may keep them up against the fence.
- Do replace your **smoke detector** batteries when you change to daylight savings time on 3 April.
- Don’t **barbecue** to close to fences (especially the new vinyl fences) They can easily catch fire or melt !!
- Do drive very carefully and observe our **speed** limit. Remind those that are speeding to slow down. We almost had a terrible accident on Southampton when a little girl ran out in front of a vehicle. Had the driver been going any faster that 10 miles an hour, the girl would have been hit. (Homeowners, you are responsible for the driving of all your guests.)
- Don’t feed the **ducks** or other **wildlife** in the Park. It causes them to not seek for or feed on their natural food source.
- Do schedule and use the **gazebo** for your larger family gatherings. Maintenance will make sure the gazebo and the grounds are clean for your party.
- Don’t forget that the **LOST and FOUND** is at the Office. As of today we have a couple sets of keys, a cell phone, sunglasses, a jewelry item and a watch. Call the office 263-3628 for more info.
- Do schedule Saturday, May 29, as this years Memorial Day weekend **swimming pool** opening.
- **Do have a safe, fun and happy summer season !!!**

**Dog and Cat mess** – We’ve about had it with this one and we know based on the number of complaints we receive many of you have had it too. As we go back through the records, the number one complaint in Barrington Park is consistently pet owners failure to pick up after their pets. We know pet owners hate hearing about this but all anyone needs to do is walk around Barrington Park and it rapidly becomes obvious that many pet owners just don’t care as we all try to avoid the canine landmines in the grass and the feline surprises in the flower gardens. We have tried about everything we know that is relatively easy. We installed pet waste stations and although they are well used, we find pet waste right next to our stations. We even find our bags with pet waste thrown into the shrubs and bushes. We fine people when we know who the violators are, but we apparently are not getting through to many others. We have just about decided that we are going to hire someone extra that does nothing but go through the Park on a daily basis and pick up pet waste. We are considering paying for that extra service by using the fines AND registering all pets for a fee. As the cost for pick up goes up, all the pet owners would be assed additional fees. We continue to be serious about this issue and request any ideas pet owners or non pet owners have to help us correct this continuing problem be submitted by dropping a note in the office drop box or talking with a any Board member.

**Neighborhood Watch** – Here we are again, asking for your help on this one. As the weather warms and more people stay out in the evenings, we are experiencing increased vandalism. This vandalism is costing each of us homeowners an increasing amount of money. Street signs have been ripped off and stolen (several times), lights bulbs have been removed, some fence slats have been kicked out or torn down, a couple of porch and garden items have been reported stolen and beer bottles and debris are being strewn

around the Park in different locations. Although this all sounds very minor, the cumulative effect is precious resources in both time and money being used that could be better utilized elsewhere. We are soliciting participation by homeowners who could serve on the Neighborhood Watch Committee. This is not a serious time commitment other than to keep a watchful eye when you walking, riding or driving through the Park. Please call Bruce and he can answer any question you may have and then get you in touch with Donna Hagblaum our Committee Chairperson. Even if you cannot serve on the committee, we would ask that we all look out for each other by reporting suspicious activity or jotting down a license plate number. Please help us keep Barrington a safe and attractive place to live. Get involved in your community.

**From Finance & Management** – Just a reminder that the office is open for parking permits, payments, work orders, complaints, information, atty boys, financial information, insurance information and anything else that has to do with daily operation of Barrington Park. Bruce will be glad get items you wish to be addressed by the Board on the monthly meeting agenda.

Homeowners who are at least 90 days in arrears are listed as follows:

1164 Norwalk	McAllister
4272 Taryton	Erickson
4280 Dunmore	Clark
4303 Rugby	Davis
4307 Rugby	Jensen
4308 Cromwell	Federal Home Loan Mortgage
4308 Haverford	Padilla-Lindsay
4311 Arden	Vannoy
4315 Haverford	Strum
4317 Abby	Cunningham
4318 Whitby	Moore

## **MARCH 2004 PARK REPORT**

Job Order Status - 33 New requests , 18 Completed, about 170 still open. Most are for items that cannot be done until good weather arrives i.e. paint, rain gutters.

Grounds - & Buildings

- Started refurbishing all outside porch lights front & rear.
- Snow removal was main effort to include two of four weekends to include driveways.
- Another 150 lbs of Ice Melt went o homeowners.
- Used about 15 bags of salt for streets in February.
- Broken limbs have all been picked up. Trimming trees first week of March then will “chip” when trimming done.
- Cutting down severely damaged Trees.
- Worked on pool restrooms. Painted benches, cabinets and wall in mens restroom.
- Replaced three (3) roofs on Arden Court.
- Started thorough clean up throughout Park as snow melts and exposes leaves and debris.
- Many complaints coming in about dog mess and cigarette butts.
- Started grass aeration.
- Two street signs vandalized. Replaced signs and reinforced brackets on all.
- 4 Garage doors replaced.
- Cleaning rain gutters on all buildings.
- Re-nailing many rain gutters damaged by ice. (Will require new gutters on eight that ripped off buildings from heavy ice)
- Pond pumps have been put back in pond two and three.

- Preparing lawn equipment for summer.
- Replaced northwest carport roof on Arden Court due to heavy snow cave in.
- Involuntary leave taken by crew during extreme cold periods.
- Monitored Taylorsville-Bennion during major water line break. (Their responsibility)
- Bring on full crew to enable us to begin repairs and grounds work in earnest.

Projects still on the board as weather permits:

- “lifting” covered decks.
- Abby vinyl rails and balcony repairs.
- Shave sidewalks with bumps. (planned)
- Pruning of trees. (in progress)

Office –

- Letters sent are in reading file.
- 4 Liens are starting.
- 4 each \$100.00 fines issued for pet violations (running loose, pet mess)
- 4 each warning letters issued for vehicles, skateboarding, noise.

Board Information –

Slip & Fall update – Van Ry  
 Strum – Sheriff Sale & Deed  
 Appeals Committee Requests – Kisner & Jensen

**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. 2/3

***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. 1/3

***FLOOR COVERINGS*** If you’re looking for way to spend your tax return, or just want a change in the way your home looks, call Jared at 910-4485 for the Barrington Park Special on new floor coverings. We do carpet, tile, hardwood, laminate, and vinyl floors. 2/3

***U.S. NATIONAL FINANCE INC.*** – Need help with your mortgage? Let mike helm with U.S National Finance help. Whether you are moving and need a new mortgage or are thinking of refinancing or just have a question that needs an answer, call Mike Helm @ 694-3086. 2/3

***HOA FEES*** I’ll pay up to 6 months of your HOA Fee’s ! Have you considered doing a refinance on your Home? Intrest rates are so low and could possibly save you hundreds on your monthly payment. Bad credit OK, if you’ve never been more than 30 days late on your Mortgage! Call Eric at Park Place Financial 548-2442 to see if I can pay 6months of your HOA fees. (Will only poay fee’s if you complete a re finance with Eric )

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