

# 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.

**SUMMER AT BARRINGTON PARK** – It's here!! **SUMMER !!!** Even though the kids have school for a couple more days, we have officially opened the summer season. The water is now on. We are on a regular mowing cycle, the pool is open and unfortunately the ponds are drying out. As the news and the water companies have informed you all, we are in a drought again this year. We will continue to do all we can to keep things mostly green but will also do all we can to conserve and reduce our water consumption. Water rates have increased again which is a direct cost to all of us homeowners. Again bragging a little, the Slow-the-Flow organization wrote to us that for the type of facility and landscaping we have, we are doing the very best when the look at other similar properties and systems. Our water bill went from about \$23,000.00 in 2000 to last years \$17,000.00 even though water rates have gone up almost every year. That is saving over \$6,000.00 a year! We think that is pretty remarkable and we owe most of that to our maintenance crew that keeps the system tweaked for an old 25 year old system. However, a great deal of credit goes to you our homeowners for understanding and allowing that some brown patches did happen and probably will again this year. **POOL** – The pool is open. Rules are posted on the Bulletin Board by the mailroom, the Bulletin Board in the Pool area, available from the office and also on our web page - BarringtonPark.org. For clarification, 16 and 17 year old residents may come to the pool unattended by an adult as long as a parental consent form is on file at the pool (these forms are available from the monitors). These young residents may bring up to two guests with them as long as they also have a parental consent form on file. Parents that allow their young people to come to the pool on a parental consent form must remember that they, the parents, are responsible for the conduct of those young people and their guests. Any rule violations will not be tolerated. **PLAYGROUND** – Summer, brings increased usage of the playground area. That is really a good thing; we love to see the kids out having a good time. The Bad thing is that a few young people have vandalized parts of the playground equipment. The biggest problem is that the playground is not being used as intended. Bikes and other items should not be used on the playground equipment anytime. The chains should not be wrapped around upper braces or side poles. The slide should be used as a slide and not lifted up or out of the ground. Parents please advise your children of proper use of playground equipment. Proper use will not only add life to the equipment, but it will also add safety for the user and those who follow. **PONDS** – If you haven't already noticed, the ponds are drying up again even earlier than last year. There is nothing we can do about it because these ponds are spring and water drainage fed. At this point in the year, all we can hope for is plenty of rain. We have treated the ponds for mosquitoes and will again. However, with the Nile Virus warnings, we hope our residents are taking the necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites. **Watering Schedules** – The water comes on at night and in the early morning hours three times a week. Usually (depending on rain and heat) those cycles are about 7 minutes in length also three times during the cycle. This is to allow maximum soaking and avoiding run off. Do not be alarmed if you see an area getting watered more than once in one night. That is part of the plan. As always, residents are encouraged to report any broken sprinklers or heads that do not operate correctly. **TREES and SHRUBS** – The grounds committee has been around and provided Park Maintenance with a list of where new trees need to be planted. **Barbara Whaley** and **Hazel Beck** assisted the Grounds Committee and provided maintenance with the list of where new shrubs should be planted.

We talked with Bruce about when that project would start. He will try to get it started within the next couple of weeks but says with the number of work requests coming in it is hard to predict. We will keep the pressure on before it gets too hot. If you do get a new tree, shrub, or plant planted near your home in the next while, help us out with a little extra water until the new plants get established.

**The Age of the Internet** – We thought to put in a reminder about our Web Page, “BarringtonPark.org”. It contains a lot of useful information and we are going to do a lot more to expand what is there. There may be a couple of items that need a quick fix but we work pretty hard to make sure it covers most of what you need to be informed. There is a search engine built in so you can find information rapidly. We hope you take the opportunity to visit. Along with the Web site is our ability to send you newsletters and statements by e-mail. This usually gets you those documents two to three days before the snail mail and it saves your Association a great deal of money. To sign up, simply provide Bruce with your name and email address. He will do all the rest. We continue not to take HOA payments via credit card or direct transfers. This is because we have not found any institution that will do it without charging us 2 ½ to 5 percent of the total. That means we would loose at least \$4.00 per transaction. That is a dollar amount we would rather put back into the Park rather than give to a bank. We also want to try a classified ad section on our web page. That would be a great way to have someone who lives real close check out your for sale stuff. To place an add, simply click on the email address on the home page and write your add up. Simple!!

## MAY 2004 PARK REPORT

Job Order Status - 168 New Requests , 113 Closed , 198 Still Open - an increase of 55.

Manpower is the major reason. Funding is second reason.

### Grounds - & Buildings

- Sprinklers have been turned on – fine tuning and responding.
- Lawn mowing on regular basis – raising height slowly.
- 4 Garage doors replaced.
- Replaced two patio Pads on Taryton.
- Started deck replacement sending letters out.
- Tore out and replaced four concrete patio steps on Whitby.
- Repaired or rebuilt Gates on Rugby and Newton Court.
- Painted the fence on the inside of the pool.
- Removed large willow on Dunmore Court.
- Removed 5 other nuisance trees as Determined by Grounds Committee.
- Stumped ground all trees that have been cut to date.
- Replaced Middlesex street sign again (third time).
- Pool has been uncovered and starting the cleaning process.
- Changed step process off raised decks. Pouring cement pads 4 ea.
- Started a new pond treatment on pond # 1.
- Rebuilt entire covered deck on Derbyshire (new decking & railing)
- Ground cover planted on the hill behind Norwalk.
- Repairing damage from sprinkler line break and flood of two units
- Dug out four window wells to prevent flooding.
- Picking up yard waste daily
- Dumpster rented out once this month.
- Pond two fountains remain off due to low water.
- Edge Concrete cutting on over 110 trip hazards done.
- 10 Decks are being replaced. Final Phase is the contractor.
- Working through our maintenance shed permit with Taylorsville.

- Waiting for communication guy info for Building renovations.
- Met with a communication company for building renovation wiring.
- Cleaned up bricks from north entrance crash.
- Pool monitor meeting scheduled for 15 May 2004

Major projects still on.

- “lifting” covered decks as time permits .
- Rebuild foot bridge
- Abby vinyl rails and balcony repairs.
- Do another group of railroad ties to concrete flower boxes.

Office –

- Letters sent are in reading file.
- 2 each \$99.00 fines issued for pet violations (multiple pets).
- Slip & Fall update – Van Ry
- Strum – Eviction negotiations process
- Received Tree list from Grounds Committee
- Appeals Committee - Jensen complete, Wallace and Yoshinaga pending.
- Pool Monitor Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May (Sabrina Bell)
- New Folks
  - Peck – 4225 Derbyshire ( Hanson)
  - Andrews - 4314 Arden (Tracy)
  - Hinks – 4314 Abby (Porter)

Board Information

Car damage to our pillar on 13<sup>th</sup> West  
 Water Break damage –4306 Whitby  
 Concrete Specialties out looking at new method  
 Whaley & Beck getting shrub information  
 Bond – tenants  
 Erickson - tenants  
 Beckstead – Response to letter  
 Montoya – tenants  
 Garcia – Smoking information

Board Decisions –

Pool Rules  
 Parry , Horne - tree  
 Additional Tennis court net  
 Copple and Huggard - cement edging  
 Campbell – paint the west side of the building  
 Painting –in general –  
 Springer – Hanging small top from carport  
 Erickson – Porch falling off  
 Horne – Pavers on front porch

13 Complaints

**From Finance & Management** – Just a reminder that the office is open for parking permits, payments, work orders, complaints, information, attaboys, financial information, insurance information and anything else that has to do with daily operation of Barrington Park. Bruce will be glad to get items you wish to be addressed by the Board on the monthly meeting agenda. **Maintenance Requests** – Perhaps you noticed last month that new work requests came in at a staggering figure of 168 new requests. And this month's trend is no different. Our backlog of maintenance requests has now grown to 198. Many are for items that

we have no funds for but the majority simply lacks of manpower to get them done as fast as we have in the past. Understand that our crew still has not had that many real good weather days to work and that time available is reduced and limited when we mow lawns. We will get to you as fast as we can. Please be patient as our only other solution would be to hire more help.

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

1164 Norwalk	McAllister
4265 Brunswick	Sichanpheng
4280 Dunmore	Clark
4308 Haverford	Padilla-Lindsay
4309 Winfield	Moore
4311 Abby	Vannoy
4315 Haverford	Strum
4317 Abby	Cunningham

**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 1/3

***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. 3/3

***HOA FEES*** I'll pay up to 6 months of your HOA Fee's ! Have you considered doing a refinance on your Home? Interest 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 pay fee's if you complete a refinance with Eric ) 3/3

***REAL ESTATE*** I wanted to introduce myself to you again. My name is Katie E. Heiner and I am a new resident of Barrington Park. I have lived in the Park since last August and am a real estate agent with Prudential Utah Real Estate. I have had success in selling two homes in Barrington Park for close to the asking price. From the time they were listed, I had them sold in 50 days!!!! As a resident, I have an increased interest in our Community. If you have any questions or are interested in buying or selling your home or know of someone who is, please give me a call. (801) 347-9777, [Katie@move2slc.com](mailto:Katie@move2slc.com) 2/3

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING** : 10 June 2004, 6:30 PM at the Office