

# 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.

Well, we think spring is officially here. When the crew starts mowing grass, the trees are almost full, flowers are everywhere, ducklings swimming and the water system is being turned on, you can bet its spring. Although there is still a chance of a cold spell, we have put the snow removal equipment away for the next 6 months. We hope everyone gets out and enjoys our surroundings. Barrington Park really is a beautiful place to live and enjoy the landscape.

**Building Coatings** - The Architectural Control Committee is finalizing the details for repairing and covering the exterior of our buildings. That plan should be finished in the next couple of weeks with actual coatings being applied starting the end of May. Maintenance is currently getting ready by replacing trim and fixing the worst of the holes, soffits and fascia. Building selection is part of the process and we will let owners know shortly before their building is to be coated. As of this date the build selection order has not been made. As many buildings will be done as incoming funds and weather permits. We will do all we can to cause as little inconvenience to homeowners as possible, and will discuss any particular issues with each owner. In the mean time, as was agreed to by you homeowners approving the special assessment, a new bank account has been opened to separate the assessment funds so they are not spent for any other purpose.

**Building Assessment Payments** – As a reminder, the first quarterly special assessment payment of \$150.00 is due 1 June 2006. Some of you have been making payments for the past couple of months. Others have already paid the quarter or more. With this newsletter you have received your regular HOA statement and your Special Assessment Statement it will show anything you have paid to date with a remaining balance. Remember that that remaining balance is for the entire assessment over the life of the assessment. You will receive special assessment statements once each quarter, not every month. Remember that your assessment payment is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and is considered late after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you have any questions, call Bruce at the office 263-3628.

**Pool Opening** – Mark your calendars. The Barrington Park Swimming pool is scheduled to open for the season Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>. (weather permitting). We take a lot o pride in the cleanliness of our pool water and do much to make sure that you have a great experience with your family and guests. Again this year we are **asking for volunteers to act as Pool Monitors** particularly during the day morning and early afternoon hours. In the past, Pool Monitors have cost us about \$8000 dollars per year. Last year because of our great volunteers we saved about \$4000.00. That savings went right back into maintenance and other much needed items in Barrington Park. We think pool monitors are valuable in keeping control of the pool area and insuring a good experience for all visitors. To volunteer one two or as many hours as you can per week, simply drop a note in the office drop box or call Sabrina at 966-1314.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Barrington Park Wide Garage Sale** – Mark you calendars for May 20-21, 2006 for the Annual Garage Sale. Rules: 1) We will do the advertising to start at 8:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM daily (or until you close up your own shop at your convenience). 2) You are responsible to secure your own

area. 3) All items must be removed from the common areas no later than 5:00PM Sunday afternoon. 4) Items should be placed so as NOT to impede any traffic. Get rid of some of that clutter and enjoy the company of your neighbors. Remember that one Barrington Park Homeowners junk is someone else's Treasure. HAVE FUN!!

**Pets** – Here we go again. The single most, the largest by far, the highest count, the most vocal, the most adamant and the maddest complaints we get are about uncontrolled pets and pet waste. There are not many things worse than as you walk our beautiful grounds to get home and realize that your shoes are covered with someone's dog doo. Or to be planting flowers and discover the hard way that your flower bed has become someone's cat litter box. Or to go out on your patio for a barbeque and instead of cooking aroma, you get to smell the neighbor's patio that has dog mines all over it to the point that you no longer have any appetite.

We are going to state the rules again and pet owners should consider this as first and final warning. Pets are limited to one cat or one dog. The pet size limit is 45 lbs. Pets must be on leash whenever they are out doors. Pets must not be "Staked Out" and left outside unattended for any length of time. Any solid waste left by any pet must be cleaned up by the owner immediately. No excessive barking is permitted. Biting or nipping will be grounds for immediate removal

We are begging pet owners to self police your animals. If the situation does not improve we will be forced to take more drastic measure to control the waste problems. Be advised that fines or \$100.00 can, have and will be levied for violations. Enough said for this year!!

**From Finance & Management** – When making payments please make sure your address appears somewhere on the check or money order. Your address is your account number and helps insure your payments get posted to the proper account. You do not need to make two separate checks one for the special and one for the regular HOA fees, unless you want to for your own accounting purposes. Anything above what your normal HOA fees are will be applied to the special assessment unless you indicate differently. Monies received is first applied to the regular HOA payments and then to the special assessment. Regular HOA fees are due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month (even if you do not get a statement until sometime later) A Late Charge of \$25.00 can be charge for any payment received after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. As stated in the CC&Rs, 1½ percent interest per month is charged on the unpaid balance of all accounts. Bruce cannot waive those charges. Anyone seeking relief must submit a letter to the Board with an explanation of why the finance charges or late fees should not be applied. Homeowners who are at least 90 days in arrears are listed as follows. Others that were on the list have become current. Liens either have or will be placed on these properties if they are not brought current immediately.

1164 Norwalk	DeGraw	4261 Winfield	Sepulveda/Gallardo
1242 Thames	Gallegos	4301 Rugby	Martinez
4228 Derbyshire	Ashby	4305 Haverford	Hood
4233 Waverly	Llewelyn	4307 Rugby	Jensen
4251 Gloucester	Schilling		

**What Happened to the rest of the newsletter????** - Due to sending out two statements and trying to conserve on postage, we did not include the April Park report or "From You" this month. The Park report will be available on the web, on the bulletin board or in the office. We will include them again in next months newsletter. Those who receive email statements and newsletters, the Park Report is included.

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING:** 11 May 2006, 6:30 PM at the Office

# April 2006 PARK REPORT

Job Order Status -44 new Requests, 49 Closed, 183 Still Open – a backlog increase of 5 (counter 2770) Of the 183 still open, 37 are unfunded. Many are cement and siding requests.

## Grounds - & Buildings

- Whitby Court Balconies complete
- Pond pumps all installed
- Tennis Court Nets up
- 2 New decks replaced (1218 Carlton -1188 Norwalk)
- Spring Cleaning of flower beds
- Aeration completed
- Vinyl Fence 4301 & 4309 Cromwell Complete
- Summer equipment readied
- Big Tree removed 1155 Norwalk
- Big Tree trimmed 1159 Norwalk
- Re-grading under decks.
- 7 Stumps throughout Park removed
- First application of fertilization on.
- Cleaning rain gutters and nailing into trusses.
- Siding repairs where holes are breaking through.
- Continued to work on back logged Work Orders

## Major projects still on.

- “Lifting” covered decks as time permits.
- Bridge Repair

## Office –

- New Folks  
1238 Thames Court Schafer ( Berriochoa)

## Board Information

- Slip and fall – Have heard nothing other than there is a new plaintiff attorney. Mortgage companies requesting more info.
- Work on setting up assessment accounts for all the homeowners is complete.

## Board Decisions –

- Renovations
- Dealership Towing is now the company we use. 1<sup>st</sup> car towed. Fast!
- Haverford Tree. OUT? Raising sidewalk trip hazard. Grounds?
- Pool Monitors?
- Complaints 2 ea

## On Hold -

Smoking at the pool  
Second hand Smoke