

# 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.

## **President's August Message – Thelma Olsson**

**Hello, it's that time again.**

**Hope all of you had a safe and joyous pair of summer holidays. It is certainly nice to have the extra time to spend with friends and family doing the lazy days of summer activities, like staying out of the heat.**

**I'd like to pass on a few comments I have been hearing. Nearly everyone who comes in to the park new asks what Barrington is all about and how do we keep it so beautiful. We are privileged to live in Barrington Park and I realize with all the scraping, spraying, hammering it seems a bit hectic. In the end it will all be worth it and our homes will look wonderful. I will be thankful once all the work is done. I am in constant amazement of the amount of money and effort it takes to keep this nice little community running.**

**Deloris and her grounds crew are getting all the grounds cleaned up & the yards are looking better every day. If you see something that needs special attention be sure to give me a call.**

**DON'T FORGET! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**We all enjoyed the little "Picnic in the Park".**

**So be there for "B-B-Q in the Park"**



**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers a couple of grills and we are going to have a real home-style BBQ.**

**We are considering have a golf scramble at Meadowbrook on the morning of the BBQ. If you are interested please call right away so we can get it all organized.**

**Feel free to contact me with any concerns or suggestions:  
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**"...Two things stand like stone, Kindness in another's troubles and Courage in ones own. Adam Lindsay Gordon**

**MID SUMMER** - It is mid summer at Barrington and things are going pretty well. We are a bit concerned about water as we have been pouring it on trying to get some of the brown spots to green a bit. We have also detected some active colonies of bill bugs that we will be laying down some insect control. By the time you get this letter the summer application of fertilizer and weed control is being applied along with an insecticide for a grub worm that is eating up some pretty big patches in the lawn. Just as a reminder, when it gets this hot, Mother Nature does it's best to preserve the grass by telling it to go dormant. As soon as it cools a little, it will come back with full glory. So please bear with us a little as we try to strike a balance between water conservation and keeping it lush green. **INSECTS** - Barrington has a policy that we allow nature to take its course concerning most insect control. That is, if they live outside we do nothing. In other words ants, gnats and other insects will often get eaten by other insects or animals. If these pests are invading your home, we suggest you purchase a perimeter spray available at most grocery or hardware stores and spray around your doors and windows. Please be careful with any spray you use as we do have a lot of birds and other animals around the grounds. The County does provide mosquito control for all our ponds and waterways on a regular basis. Owners can assist with mosquito control by insuring no standing water is allowed in containers on porches and patios. Barrington Park will assist "yellow jack" control if they build a nest on the exterior of your home. **PONDS** – We have made numerous calls to state and county agencies trying to come up with some sort of solution to the algae problem we have in our ponds. The frustrating part is that no agency wants to provide any guidance because our water flows into the Jordan River. The only answer they give us is to reduce the nutrients in the water which means trying to control the runoff, leaves, and waterfowl. That's not very likely. We will continue to try to find solutions and make our ponds more attractive at this time of the year. **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 three times during the period. 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. **POOL** – Thanks so much to all that use the pool. You have been just great this year concerning courtesy and cleanliness. We have had only a couple of very minor incidents and those were taken care of quickly and equitably. In return for your hard efforts, it has been our hard effort to give you the cleanest pool possible. We just under went our inspection by the Health Department. Again, many comments of how great a pool operation Barrington Park operates. Additionally we have received our first water test results done an independent Lab. We have Zero contaminants. Congratulations to you swimmers, the monitors and the maintenance people. For your information, the Pool will close for the season at 9:00 P.M. on the 1st of September. That is Labor Day.

**Street Repair** – and sealing. This year we are planning on getting the roads repaired and sealed. Here is the latest schedule:

- 15 August – All the chuck holes will repaired to include digging out some areas and repaving. There should be little impact on residents other than minor traffic diversions. Please do not park on the streets this day.
- 18 August – All roads and waterways will be crack sealed. Crack sealing is where the blow all the dirt out of the cracks and seal them with hot tar. Again there should be little impact on residents. Please do not park on the streets.
- 25 August – All carports will be seal coated long with the carport approaches. This will require vehicles not be parked in the carports for 24 hours after coating. Parking will be allowed on the streets and any guest parking areas. As the time comes closer, flyers and notices will be posted. If

residents are planning on being on vacation at that time, they should make arrangements so their vehicles are not left in the carport.

9,10,11 September – All roads in Barrington are scheduled for a “slurry seal”. Different sections will be closed and vehicles will not be allowed to drive on those roads for 8 hours. Residents will be given ample notice of the closure areas by the contractor.

We understand the inconvenience this cause residence. However it is a necessary part of the maintenance program and in the long run saves all owners a great deal of money by getting more years of use from our road surfaces. We thank you in advance for you patience during this period.

**Best Looking Garden Award** – On August 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 a gift Certificate in the amount of \$50.00 will be awarded to the home that has the best looking yard. Many of you do a great deal around you homes to make Barrington look really good. The Board and Grounds Committee think you ought to be recognized for your efforts. Those of you who have not started yet still have some time to get those flower beds going, so get busy and start cleaning and planting.

**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 for the special and 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. 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.

1184 Southampton	Jellings	4309 Abby	Anderson
4228 Derbyshire	Ashby	4309 Arden	Johnson
4261 Winfield	Sepulveda/Gallardo	4309 Haverford	Sargent
4271 Gloucester	Luna	4316 Whitby	Hall
4272 Taryton	Erickson		

### **ASSESSMENT BALANCES**

Your Special Assessment balances should not be any higher than \$1500.00 as of 1 September 2007 (YOU WILL BE HALFWAY THROUGH!!). This month you will or have received an Assessment Statement in preparation for Septembers maximum balance of \$1500. No matter which way you decided to pay your special assessment, with your September payment, your balance should be no more than \$1500.00 Below are listed those Assessments are in arrears. Late fees and Liens will be or have been placed. If you have questions, call Bruce at the office 263-3628.

1134 Norwalk	Christensen	4264 Taryton	Equity Capitol
1192 Norwalk	Woodruff/Lawson	4267 Winfield	Markham
1199 Norwalk	Winward	4268 Taryton	Ipson
1229 Carlton	Woodbury	4271 Gloucester	Luna
1258Thames	Szabo	4284 Winfield	Hance
4228 Derbyshire	Ashby	4293 Brunswick	Scott
4247 Winfield	Murphy	4294 Brunswick	Johnson
		4295 Winfield	Lucero

4301 Rugby	Whitney	4309 Rugby	Hawks
4303 Rugby	Rhodes	4309 Winfield	Moore
4309 Arden	Johnson	4316 Whitby	Hall
4309 Haverford	Sargent	4319 Abby	Bethers

## July 2008 Park Report

Job Order Status 124 new Requests, 131 Closed, 224 Still Open – a decrease 7 requests (counter 5037) Of the 224 still open, 42 are “Unfunded” of which most are cement. 7 are “Hold” that renovation will take care of.

### Grounds - & Buildings

- Continue working on Job Order Back Log.
- Many sprinkler repairs with the aging system.
- Under street line break repair started Norwalk and Darby Castle.
- Lawn care continues. One big mower down for a week. Hurt Bad.
- Bush trimming ongoing.
- Jet cleared clogged drain on Gloucester to pond 3 due to backing up.
- Pond cattail control started. 1 person designated extra 10 hrs per month.
- Pool has had 1 shut down due to contamination. Shocked and reopened next day.
- 1<sup>st</sup> pool State water test in. scores are all “0”, means great water quality.
- Most people Okay with new pool rules. Monitors getting some static.
- All components for solar heat for pool in. Just time for installation needed.
- 5 Security Cameras installed. 10 more to install.
- Carport roofs Abby and Haverford , sealed. Split due to walk on.
- 2 new doggy station installed by Abby Court and Taryton Court.
- Patios poured and fence started on 4304-4310 Arden Court.
- Patios poured and fences ordered on 4305-4311 Arden Court.
- 4 Buildings Coated 4311/15 Cromwell, 4301/07 Cromwell, 1140/44 Norwalk, 4223/35 Winfield,
- Building repaired and ready for coating 4276/80 Dunmore, 1226/38 Southampton, 4300/04 Carnaby, 4277/85 Dunmore, 1231/35 Norwalk.
- Working four building on Rugby Court.
- Purchased spare paint sprayer (pawn shop) to avoid down time. \$550.00.
- Call in with Trex Rep, will get back to us after 15 July. (Bad deck Boards)

### Office –

- New Folks -
 

4271 Taryton	Ostler (Mahon)
1227 Carlton	Svee (James)

### Board Decisions –

- 6 complaints
- Satellite Carrier
- Garage Doors & renovations
- Owner responsibilities for CC&Rs

**From You** – It has been a while since we received a letter that someone wanted published. Because of space and postage we eliminated the advertising this month.

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING:** 14 August 2008, 6:30 PM at the Office