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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.



<u> President's Message – Thelma Olsson</u>

Hello All:

Well we made it through a wonderful summer and a great fall. It technically isn't over but it is still very nice. Even Halloween was not too cold this year. Hope you all had a good Trick or Treat Night and just enjoyed.

I will have the pictures from the Golf Tournament & Picnic in the office for everyone to see in the next two weeks. Got some great ones of everyone.

Please keep in mind that the snow will start falling again anytime and be careful with your driving and help us keep the streets free from cars so the plows can get down the streets. I am so glad that I live in a place that does their best to keep our lawns nice in the summer and our streets cleaned in the winter. It makes it all worth while just to be in such a peaceful setting.

Thanksgiving is upon us and would everyone have a wonderful month leading up to the hectic month of December.

A lot of us will be celebrating at home but some have relatives near and far, so let's hope that our men in the service are kept safe from harm.

Have a wonderful season! Please note I have a new email address.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or suggestions: Home 269-1024 Mobile 910-6360 Work 466-9149 or email me at <u>tiotio@nexconnect.com</u>

<u>"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of</u> <u>value.".... Albert Einstein</u>

NEXT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT DUE 1 DECEMBER

Your assessment fee balance on 1 December should be no more than \$750.00. Assessment Statements are included with this newsletter. Your assessment balance as of today should be \$900.00 or less. If it not \$900.00 or less, you are behind in your special assessment payments.

FALL HAS ARRIVED – The leaves are falling off the trees pretty fast now. The crew will be doing as much leaf clean-up as they can on a continuous basis from now until the snow makes it impossible. With the falling leaves, the grounds are not as tidy and neat as we would like but that's what comes with beautiful large mature trees. As a reminder, on those days you know it is going to snow, please don't park on the street and please give the plow the right of way. Speaking of snow and icy conditions, all homeowners should be aware that ice can and does form on streets, sidewalks, steps, grass and any other surface. A degree of caution and common sense must be used under these conditions so please be careful. As we have for the past several years, snow melt is available from the maintenance crew. Call them at 263-0822 and they will be glad to drop some by for you to spread when conditions warrant. Please do not use salt on any cement surfaces.

<u>NEW CC&RS</u> – As we have already announced, the New CC&Rs have passed and been recorded. If you have not picked up your copy at the office, please do so. This will save us a lot of time and mailing expenses. There are changes that owners need to aware of that we will alert you to. Understand that the Board does not have the authority to waive CC&R requirements. A couple of things that will affect some, but not all, owners financially are: 1) Late fees and Finance Charges for over due balances are no longer discretionary. The Late Charges are \$25.00 for each month the payment is late and Finance charges just went from 12% to 18% annually. The emphasis here is to make sure you are caught up and be sure to make your HOA payment <u>before the 20th of the month</u>. If you are current on HOA fees and stay that way, this should not be an issue for you. 2) Parking Spaces – The cost for parking spaces has been raised to \$25.00 per month. This only affects those that have extra parking and RV lot spaces.

Building Coatings – We are all but done for the winter. Perhaps we can finish up the two buildings one on Thames Court and one on Norwalk Road that are ready for painting but as the temperatures drop we will just have to watch it closely. When we have finished for the year we will be at 71 buildings completed, a little behind schedule. We lost about 8 weeks (about 8 buildings) due to the very wet and cold spring we had this year. We still believe that if we have a normal spring and summer next year, we should be able to finish or come very close to completing the project. During the winter we will continue with building repairs so in the spring the painters won't be held up while repairs are taking place.

Exterior Modifications an/or alterations – As we get more and more buildings coated and sealed it is prudent that owners be reminded of the CC&Rs which requires homeowners get prior consent of the Association before any alterations or modifications can be made to property exteriors. Regardless of modification or alteration approval, any additional costs for maintenance or damage caused by any exterior modification or alteration are the responsibility of the owner. As an example – If an owner gets approval for a satellite dish and the dish installer splits boards on the outside of the house or the roof starts to leak where the dish is installed, the owners is responsible for the repair. If a cable installer pokes holes in the painted surface, the owner is responsible to have the holes sealed and painted the same color as the other cables on the house. Owners, please be very careful about what you do or allow to be done to the exterior of you homes.

<u>Good Neighbors –</u> Living in a community such as Barrington has many real advantages over the traditional single home suburban neighborhood. Most of us understand those advantages and that's why we live here. However, deciding to live in twin or multi unit buildings does require that we agree to modify some things we might do if we had individual homes. We must be really good neighbors and remember that those that share our building are entitled to live without - hearing our music or TVs, slamming

cupboards or heavy walking bare floors, smelling cooking odors or tobacco smoke, hearing barking dogs or anything else that could be considered offensive. Its just one of those reminders that we need to treat out neighbors as we would like to be treated.

Healthy Information – Flu/Swine Flu – good advice- Dr. Vinay Boyal, MBBS, DRM. DNB

The only portals of entry are the nostrils and mouth/throat/ In a global epidemic of this nature, it's almost impossible to avoid contact with H1N1 in spite of all precautions. Contact with H1N1 is not so much f a problem as is proliferation.

While you are still healthy and not showing any symptoms of H1N1 infection, in order to prevent proliferation, aggravation of symptoms and development of secondary infection, some very simple steps, not fully highlighted in most official communication can be practiced:

- 1. Frequent hand-washing
- 2. Hands-off-the-face approach. Resist all temptations to touch any part of the face (except to eat or bathe).
- 3. 3 Gargle twice a day with warm salt water (use Listerine if you don't trust salt). H1N1 takes 2-3 days after initial infection in the throat /nasal cavity to proliferate and show characteristic symptoms. Gargling prevents proliferation. In a way, gargling with salt water has the same effect on a healthy individual that Tamiflu has on an infected one. Don't underestimate this simple, inexpensive and powerful preventive method.
- 4. Clean your nostrils a least one every day with warm salt water. Not everybody may be good at using a Neti pot to clean nasal cavities, but blowing the nose hard once a day and swabbing both nostrils with cotton buds dipped in warm salt water is very effective in brining down viral population.
- 5. Boost your natural immunity with foods that a rich in vitamin C. If you have a supplement with Vitamin C tablets, make sure that it also has Zinc to boost absorption.
- 6. Drink as much of warm liquids as you can. Drinking warm liquids has the same effect as gargling, but in the reverse direction. They wash off proliferating viruses from the throat into the stomach where they cannot survive.

<u>Satellite TV</u> – Please remember that Salt City Satellite to be the preferred satellite provider in Barrington Park. They offer both Dish and Direct TV service and many other custom home entertainment and security packages. Their number is 801-577-361. If you use another provider they must be approved by HOA and you as the homeowner are responsible for damage they cause to the buildings or grounds.

October 2009 Park Report

Job Order Status: 122 new Requests, 135Closed, 196 Still Open – a decrease of 13 requests (counter 6300) Of the 196 still open, 31 are "Unfunded" of which most are cement.

Grounds - & Buildings

- Continued work on backlog work orders.
- Mowing continues. Dropping blades for fall/winter cut.
- Time between mowing will expand as grass stops growing.
- Fall aeration will be done before 1 November.
- Fall trimming of bushes has started.
- New sprinkler line required to be drilled and pulled under driveway of 1164 Norwalk.
- Sprinkling system has been off for 14 days. Perhaps 1 more watering cycle and then shut off for season.
- French drain system and separate roof drain system installed on Whitby court..

- New front porch installed on 4290 Winfield.
- New underground electric line installed on Brunswick due to un-repairable old line.
- Crack sealed all roads fro winter.
- Pallets of Salt and Ice Melt have been delivered and stored.
- Rocky Mountain power is replacing a transformer and distribution box in the back of Norwalk between the golf course.
- Completed two more buildings on coating renovations 4284/90 Winfield & 1218/22 Carlton. Two more ready for coating 1244/52 Thames & 1232/40 Norwalk

Approximately 6 weeks behind on painting from last year due to weather delays.
 New Folks - 4318 Arden Steadman (Garber)

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4315 Rugby	Klekas (Baker)
4311 Cromwell	Dearden (Kulp)

Office –

- Audit Started
- Truck Tow Norwalk
- Salt Lake Solid Waste Bond expiration
- Philadelphia Insurance claim issue.
- Twin Home noise

Board Decisions -

- CC&R implementation parking fee's, interest, rentals, transfer fees, pets, dishes,
- Towing extra spaces

From Finance & Management – When making payments please make sure your **Barrington Park** 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. Regular HOA fees are due the 1st of the month (even if you do not get a statement until sometime later). A Late Charge of \$25.00 may be charge for any payment received after the 20th of the month. As stated in the <u>CC&Rs</u>, 1 percent interest per month is charged on the unpaid balance of all accounts.

The following are delinquent on maintenance fees for 60 days or longer. Liens are in progress or have been placed. Requests for Judgments and Foreclosures have started for chronic delinquencies.

 1164 Norwalk 1184 Southampton 1192 Norwalk 1198 Norwalk 1199 Norwalk 1208 Middlesex 4228 Derbyshire 4237 Derbyshire 4261 Winfield 4271 Gloucester 	Degraw	4301 Rugby	Whitney
	Jellings	4305 Abby	Mann
	Woodruff/Lawson	4305 Haverford	Hood
	Silcox	4306 Newton	Cunliffe/Gilmore
	Winward	4307 Cromwell	Andrews
	Roh	4307 Haverford	Montoya
	Ashby	4310 Newton	Frisby
	Mosher	4310 Rugby	Minaya
	Sepulveda/Gallardo	4311 Abby	Blackie
	Luna	4319 Abby	Bethers
4271 Gloucester	Luna	4319 Abby	Bethers
4289 Winfield	Hansen	4320 Haverford	Escalante

<u>FROM YOU</u> – Due to space limitations we are unable to print the "From You" this month. We publish again next month.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: 12 November 2009, 6:30 PM at the Office