

# BARRINGTON NEWS

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JANUARY, 2011

## — WORDS FROM THE BOARD —

Happy New Year to everyone. 2010 is behind us and things look much brighter for 2011. New officers were elected to the Barrington Park Board of Directors at the December 2010 meeting. They are as follows: Greg Fraser—President, Steve Walker—Vice President, Deloris Lenhart—Treasurer, and Roseanne Corburn—Secretary. I would like to extend a very heart-felt thank you to Thelma Olsson for her service the last three years as President. Thelma put a lot of time and effort into the job, and she was the driving force behind the first Barrington Park picnic and the golf tournament. A lot of people met fellow residents through these two events. I would also like to thank Donna Hagblom for her many years of service as Treasurer for the Barrington Park Board of Directors.

As residents of Barrington Park, you can be assured that your Board of Directors is constantly working, on your behalf, for the betterment of Barrington Park, with no hidden agendas on anyone's part. We realize money is tight for many people, and we will continue to do our best to get the biggest "bang for the buck" from your monthly dues. Board meetings will continue to be on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm, and any residents wanting to attend are welcome. We ask that any resident wishing to address an issue at a board meeting let us know in advance, so we can reserve time for you on the agenda. There are many committees in the Association, and if anyone wishes to serve on one—such as Budget, Compliance, Grounds, or Architectural Control—please call the office and leave your name and phone number, and the appropriate committee chairman will contact you. The more people who get involved in our community, the better Barrington Park will be.

Greg Fraser—President

## — HOLIDAY DECORATIONS —

Barrington Park looked amazing during the past holiday season. There were lots of great decorations and the whole Park looked and felt festive. The board and the office wish to thank all those that decorated. To assure the Park continues to look well-kept, please remove all holiday decorations by January 15th, weather permitting. If you have any trees you need to get rid of, place them on the curb and the maintenance crew will take them to the recyclers.

## — PAPER RECYCLE BIN —

Did you know that in 2010, the Park received over \$380 for paper placed in the paper recycle bin near the office? Funds earned from recycling help defray costs in the Park, and all residents are encouraged to take advantage of the bin. If you wish to recycle, please refrain from putting anything but paper and cardboard products in the bin. Also, cardboard boxes should be broken down and flattened to assure the bin gets filled to its maximum capacity.

## — ICE —

One of the consequences of the snow and subsequent freeze-and-thaw cycles is that our rain gutters quickly become "ice gutters". As a result, massive icicles can develop as water drips over the edge. The true cure for ice gutters is warm weather. In the interim, a temporary cure is for the maintenance crew to knock the icicles down before they can cause damage to the home and the rain gutters. If you see big icicles develop over rain gutters, please notify the office.

And as a reminder, ice melt will help control slippery surfaces where icicles drip onto walkways and porches, and it will be delivered to you if you make a request to the office.

Please be careful and use caution as you move around Barrington Park.

— **SNOW REMOVAL** —

**Snow Plowing** – This is done on a priority basis, with the first areas being the entrances and around the mailboxes. Next are the main streets, followed by the side-streets. Unfortunately, snow needs to be piled wherever we can find a spot, including along the curbs. If the snow piles get out of control, they are hauled away. This, however, tends to cause some damage, so it is used as a last resort. Although maintenance is sensitive to the noise plowing causes, there may be several times a year that they need to start early and will work late in the evening. Please give the plow the right of way and remember that there is no overnight parking in the guest parking without a permit, and there is no overnight parking on the streets at all. It is easy to spot violators when it snows because their cars make snow removal problematic. If you don't want your car towed, and if you want the roads of Barrington to remain safe, please help by parking appropriately.

**Snow Shoveling** – Shoveling the walkways and driveways is an added part of the Park's contract with DFI. As with plowing, the blowers and shovelers work on an established priority system. The first area shoveled is near the office and mailboxes, then the major walk areas, then the rest of the driveways and walkways. With only four or five workers taking care of 278 homes plus walkways, it takes a bit of time for them to get to everyone. Please be patient with the shoveling crew and know that they will get to your walkway or driveway as quick as they can. Any help you can provide is appreciated and expedites the whole snow removal process.

— **HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING** —

Now that Mother Nature has made it abundantly clear that winter is here to stay, no doubt some of you are finding that your furnaces may not be performing to their capacity and could use a tune-up. If you have this or other heating and air conditioning needs, Red Rock Residentials—a local HVAC company—is offering a special deal, only for residents of Barrington Park.

For a limited-time, Red Rock Residentials is giving a coupon sheet to Park residents free of charge. Among other things, this coupon sheet has a free furnace service, free air conditioning service, 15% off a new furnace purchase, and a myriad of other savings. They are offering these coupons—one sheet per household—with the hopes that residents in Barrington Park will give their services a try and see if they aren't one of the best HVAC companies around.

If you are interested in acquiring a coupon sheet, contact Adam Hunter at 801-243-3881.

— **PARK REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2010** —

Job order status: 68 new requests, 75 closed, 166 still open. A decrease of 7 requests (counter of 7327). Of the 166 open, 29 are unfunded, most of which are cement work.

- **Grounds & Buildings**
  - First major snowstorm on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Extensive tree damage. 118 hours of manpower for snow and branch removal. Two trees lost: one on Winfield, other is near gazebo (to be removed in the spring).
  - Second major snowstorm on November 29<sup>th</sup>. 84 man hours for snow removal. No new damage reported.
  - Week of November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>: numerous calls on ice dams and icicles. Two buildings lost rain gutters (on Arden and Brunswick).
  - Reports of slight water damage at 4261 Gloucester (chase cover leak).
  - Leaves continued to be picked up as snow melts. Many came down after first snow.
  - Cleaning rain gutters as ice melts.
  - Patio fences replaced on 4295/99 & 4305/09 Winfield.
  - Concrete work started: driveway repair at 4312/16 Cromwell, sidewalk on Gloucester, 5 flower boxes (4248/50 Gloucester, 1180/86 Middlesex, 1243 Thames).
  - Salt and ice melt on site.

- Poison baited gophers behind Norwalk.
- New Folks
  - None.
- Office
  - Trex claims adjuster sent letter about needing all snow and ice off decks. Will schedule when weather allows.
  - Insurance claim filed by 4305 Rugby for electrical. Adjuster has made contact. Not resolved.
- Board Decisions
  - Audit
  - 4305 Haverford – water damage.
  - 4261 Gloucester – water damage.
  - Response to rental property complaints.
- Executive Session
  - 1 complaint.

**— QUARTERLY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT —**

Your Special Assessment balance should be no more than \$150 as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Assessment statements were mailed in November.

**— DUES AND ASSESSMENTS —**

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 doing so helps ensure your payments get posted to the proper account. You do not need to write two separate checks for the regular and special HOA dues, unless you want to for your own accounting purposes. Anything above what your normal dues are will be applied to any special dues unless you indicate differently. Payments received are first applied to the regular HOA dues and then to any special dues. Regular HOA dues 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 or 5% (whichever is greater) will be charged for any payment received after the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Homeowners who are two months in arrears as of the 25<sup>th</sup> of last month are listed as follows. Others that were on the list have since become current. Liens either have been or will be placed in these properties if they are not brought current immediately.

ADDRESS	HOMEOWNER	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
1192 Norwalk	Woodruff/Lawson	X	X
1202 Norwalk	Layton		X
1208 Middlesex	Roh	X	X
1229 Carlton	Woodbury	X	
1231 Norwalk	Kisner	X	X
1258 Thames	Szabo		X
4236 Winfield	Brooks		X
4237 Derbyshire	Mosher	X	X
4261 Winfield	Sepulveda/Gallardo	X	X
4289 Winfield	Hansen		X
4272 Taryton	Erickson	X	
4273 Brunswick	Baker	X	
4274 Brunswick	Stanley	X	X
4295 Winfield	Lucero		X

4301 Rugby	Whitney	X	X
4304 Whitby	Pitts	X	
4305 Haverford	Hood		X
4306 Newton	Cunliff		X
4307 Cromwell	Andrews	X	
4307 Haverford	Montoya	X	X
4309 Arden	Johnson		X
4310 Newton	Frisby		X
4311 Abby	Blackie	X	
4312 Cromwell	Roennbeck		X
4312 Rugby	Hodge	X	X
4316 Whitby	Hall	X	X
4319 Abby	Bethers	X	X
4320 Haverford	Escalante	X	X

— FROM YOU —

(As a service to Barrington Park residents and employees, we will advertise your businesses in the Barrington News. As long as it is relatively short, you can provide a copy of your business license, and you are a resident or employee of Barrington Park (no tenants or landlords, please), we will advertise for a period of three months, unless terminated earlier by you. Renewals are made by contacting Bruce (801-263-3628). Please note that Barrington Park does not endorse or assume any responsibility for the agreements residents may enter into with any of these businesses.)

**Binary Empires** – This company specializes in computer and network services, hardware, and software. Services of interest to Barrington Park residents may 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 \$45 hour for any work done within Barrington Park. Call 801-265-3813 for a quote on computers, printers, software, etc.

**Legal Services** – You don't need to pay \$300-\$400 per hour for your own top notch lawyer. For just \$35.95 per month, you get a Prepaid Legal Services Package where you receive: Identity Theft Protection, Legal Will Preparation, Audit Assistance, and hefty discounts on all other legal services. All of this for only \$35.95 per month. Call Thelma at 801-269-1024.

— NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING —

The next board meeting is scheduled to take place at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Park office. All homeowners are invited to attend.