

BARRINGTON NEWS

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In an attempt to keep the Barrington Park residents better informed of what is happening in 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.

Board Member Article and Request for Homeowner Input

To the Homeowners of Barrington Park

An area of concern for many owners is the condition of our concrete driveways, patios, steps and sidewalks throughout the Park. Some are weathered and show 30 years of wear, others are severe safety concerns and trip hazards and some have some cracking that does not effect the use of the concrete other than aesthetics

As Chairperson of your Architectural Control Committee, I am asking all homeowners to get involved and assist us in determining the severity of this problem. Once the problems are identified, it becomes the Boards responsibility to determine and recommend ways to adequately fund the requirements.

Attached at the end of this newsletter is a brief survey available to all owners to rate the present condition of all concrete surfaces outside of your home.

The Architectural Control Committee, with the assistance of the Grounds Committee will evaluate the common areas. All reported concerns will help determine a \$\$\$\$ amount and necessary funding

*Thank You for taking the time to complete and return the brief Concrete Survey. Please return by **25 August 2011***

Steve Walker

*Chairperson, Architectural Control Committee,
Vice President, Barrington Park HOA*

Pest Control –We have had several people ask again about spraying for bugs, slugs, earwigs, ants and other insects. As policy, Barrington Park does not use pesticides of any kind other than wasp freeze that is sprayed directly at an active wasp nest on the buildings only. Gopher pellets are also used on rare occasion and are buried directly into gopher tunnels and mounds. We do know that owners use different insecticides or pesticides for various reasons. However, owners should not use any pesticides on the common areas. Owners are responsible for misuse or unauthorized use of pesticides. If you do use insecticides, please use only as directed and please mark the area that has been treated

Summer – is here and the temperatures are on the climb. All the rain this spring has really helped keep us green as well as saving a great deal of money on watering. As the temperatures climb, the lawns will attempt to go dormant so we don't want homeowners to get too alarmed as you see some dry spots. We keep enough water on them so they stay alive and as the weather cools the dormant spots will go green again. We ask that you bear with us as we try to strike the balance between water conservation and remaining green. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Building Coatings - We are getting closer to the end!!!! As of this writing we are in the single digits of remaining homes to be repaired and coated. 9 to be exact. At the current rate, we should be able to get them all done this year. Hooray!!! After they are done we will be getting with as many owners as possible for a final walk around to determine any problems that we can see before we send the paint crews home and put away all the paint equipment. We'll keep you posted.

Carports – Owners who have carports are reminded of few items and rules. 1st You and your guests are to park only in your own carport unless you are given specific approval of the owner of another carport owner to park in theirs. 2nd Carports are to be used for vehicles only. They are not to be used to store furniture, appliances, or anything other than vehicles. 3rd Only garbage cans can be placed outside the patios and under the carports. 4th Carports are not to be used for vehicle repairs and servicing. After the 15th of August items other than vehicles will be disposed of by maintenance personnel and Homeowners will be back charged for labor and hauling.

Save Our HOA Money- Littering costs us all quite a bit of money. You may think that your candy wrapper, shopping bag, pop can, cigarette butt or fast food bag thrown or dropped on the grounds is no big deal. Well, we figured it out and we spend approx \$95 per week for someone to pick up and dispose of trash thrown or left around the grounds. That comes out to about \$4940 a year!!! That would go a long way to help the cement, fencing, sprinklers and other projects we need to get done around here. Please help Barrington stay beautiful and clean along with saving all of us money. Thank you in advance!!

A note on Security - During the last month we have heard of 1 car theft (unlocked) and items stolen from a home.. We should all be aware of what is happening around us and report any suspicious activity to the police. We also suggest that newspapers and phone books be promptly retrieved from the front porches, especially the town houses on our southern edge of the property. Many of these owners seldom use the front door and quite a bit of material can accumulate, making the home appear to be unoccupied and vulnerable. Watch out for your neighbors.

RV Parking Lot – If you have an RV in the RV parking lot, the rules require that it has a current license (if required by the state) and operable. Also owners that rent spaces should make sure that only the RV is placed in the lot. Other items are not authorized.

Best Looking Garden Award – On August 20 2011, Gift Certificates in the amounts of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$75.00 will be awarded to the homes that have the best looking yard. Many of you do a great deal around your 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 a lot of time to get those flower beds going, so get busy and start cleaning, planting and having fun. (prizes have been donated by DFI, LLC).

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. 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 or 5%, whichever is greater, WILL** be charged for any payment received after the 25th of the month. Homeowners who were at least 2 months in arrears as of the 25th of last month 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.

		Maintenance	Assessment
1184 Southampton	Jellings	X	
1192 Norwalk	Woodruff/Lawson	X	X
1199 Norwalk	Winward	X	
1208 Middlesex	Roh	X	X

4229 Derbyshire	Griffiths	X	
4261 Winfield	Sepulveda/Gallardo	X	X
4271 Gloucester	Luna	X	
4280 Dunmore	Gray	X	
4301 Cromwell	Flores	X	
4307 Cromwell	Andrews	X	
4307 Haverford	Montoya	X	X
4309 Rugby	Hawks	X	
4310 Newton	Frisby		X
4311 Abby	Blackie	X	
4311 Cromwell	Lewis	X	
4312 Cromwell	Roennbeck		X
4319 Abby	Bethers	X	X
4320 Haverford	Escalante	X	X

July 2011 PARK REPORT

Job Order Status -128 new requests, 80 closed, 160 still open, an increase of 48. Of the 160 still open, 34 are unfunded of which most are cement work. (Counter7791)

Grounds - & Buildings

- Regular lawn care, still bagging fast growing lawn.
- Water turned on. Regular watering @120%, turned up as weather heats.
- Few sprinkler repairs. Mostly adjusting.
- Sprinkler renovation behind Norwalk should be complete 15 July. Mostly sprinkler head moves, some changing to gear drives and head type corrections.
- Met with church representative concerning Haverford and Whitby Court water issues.
- Next round of lawn fertilization & weed control scheduled for 18 July.
- Micro burst winds continue to hurt some of our trees.
- One more fence repairs with Meadowbrook Condo, Vandalism
- Shrub trimming started.
- Pines sprayed again. Left over from ChemLawn so no charge.
- Pool operations seem to be going well. Very few problems..
- Pool solar panels working well now that we have some sun.
- All building coating has been received. Should be Okay to finish project.
- 5 Buildings repaired ahead of Painters, 15 remaining
- 8 Buildings Painted. 21 remaining
- Two Paint crews up and running when ever weather permits, perhaps 1 more
- Summer crew hired except one

New Folks -

- 4273 Brunswick Rausch (Baker)

Office -

- In process of reinstating Barrington HOA Corporation.
- New state law creates some Insurance issues, Board discussion.

Board Decisions -

- Fireworks violation

Executive Session – All Complaints have been forwarded to Compliance Committee

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 @ 263-3628

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 \$45 hour for any work done within Barrington Park. Call for quote on computers, printers, software, etc. 265-3813 2/3

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 – Hefty discounts on all other legal services. All of this for only \$35.95 per month. Call Thelma @ 801-269-1024. 2/3

SEAMSTRESS – Expert seamstress right here in Barrington Park. More than 25 years experience in alterations and repair to women's and men's clothing including dresses, pants, shorts, shirts and all items of apparel. Also able to manufacture drapes, pillows and bed spreads. Call for all your home and clothing fabric needs. Call 801-685-7118, ask for Galina. 3/3

DECK SECURITY GRATES – We have security grates that will fit the deck sliding doors for the Barrington Park units that have the two sliders that open to the deck. They are in excellent condition with lock and keys, ready to install. These security gates are well built and cost a great deal of money when initially installed. Come see them – Give us a call at 801-268-4103 2/3

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 11 Aug 2011 6:30 PM at the Office

Barrington Park HOA Concrete Survey

Address _____

Please put applicable number next to you concreted area below.

- 0 – Condition OK (acceptable wear no safety concerns)
- 1- Condition Fair (minimal cracking, surface even, no trip hazards)
- 2- Condition Poor (cracks, un-even surface)
- 3 – Condition Severe (Holes present, broken missing chunks, trip hazard)

Driveway _____

Patio _____

Steps _____

Side walk _____

Please detach this survey from newsletter and deliver completed survey to office drop box, fax to 801-263-4303, or email to barringtonoffice@comcast.net **Not later than 25 August**