

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.

WINTER WHERE? - Well, here it is the first of February and we have yet to have a really big snow storm. Some think that's really good and some think that's really bad. For Barrington Park it means that we have used very little time for snow removal (that's good, we used the manpower elsewhere), we have spent almost nothing on ice melt or salt (that's good, as it has saved us about \$800 so far this year), we have been able to plant trees, zeroscape some areas, replace bad Trex Boards, on some decks and do many tasks that we are unable to do when there is snow on the ground (that's all good as it helps us get ahead of the normal seasonal changes). The only down side we see is that there is some concern about next summers water supply. They say there is enough water in the reservoirs get us through summer but when there is not a great deal of ground water, our landscape suffers. There is still plenty of winter and spring left so we will hope for the best as far as getting water is concerned. Otherwise, enjoy the weather and grounds.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR INFORMATION – Last month we told you that the Board of Directors would be electing new officers in January. That did not happen but will take place at the February meeting. When they are finalized, you will receive an updated contact list.

DUCK FEEDING POLICY - It is the policy of Barrington Park for residents and guests not to feed the ducks. We know it's fun for the kids and seems harmless enough but it can and does cause some issues for the ducks and our environment here at Barrington. We have extracted some information from a bird book that might give some helpful information about feeding ducks:

"Bread and similar products such as crackers, chips, donuts and popcorn are a great source of carbohydrates but they offer little other nutritional value for ducks, waterfowl and other birds. In fact, bread is the equivalent to junk food for the birds, and too much bread can lead to excessive weight and malnutrition as well as many other problems. Offered in extreme moderation, bread is not harmful to ducks or birds, but that moderation is hard to judge. While one family may only feed the ducks once every few weeks, there are many other families and individuals who are also feeding the ducks, which leads to a diet based almost solely on unhealthy bread products. Environmentally conscious birders will refrain from offering any bread to ducks to avoid dietary problems and other issues caused by a carbohydrate rich diet.

Why Bread is Bad for Ducks: Not only can bread be fattening to ducks and make it harder for them to fly and otherwise evade predators, feeding ducks bread can also lead to other problems. **Duckling**

Malnutrition: In an area where ducks are regularly fed bread, ducklings will not receive adequate nutrition for proper growth and development. Furthermore, because ducks will naturally seek out an easy food source such as human handouts, ducklings will not learn to forage for natural foods as easily.

Overcrowding: Where an easy food source is abundant, ducks and other waterfowl will lay more eggs and the pond or lake will become overcrowded. This makes it more difficult for the birds to seek out healthier food sources and increases the likelihood of territorial aggression. **Pollution:** When too much bread is offered to ducks, not all of it will be eaten. The soggy, uneaten bread is unsightly and rotting bread can

create noxious odors as well as lead to greater algae growth that can clog natural waterways. This concentrates the pollution and can eventually eradicate fish and other life in the vicinity. **Diseases:** Feeding ducks bread can increase the spread of diseases in two ways. First, a carbohydrate-rich diet leads to greater defecation, and bird feces easily harbor bacteria responsible for numerous diseases, including avian botulism. Second, moldy bread can cause aspergillosis, a fatal lung infection that can decimate entire duck and waterfowl flocks. **Pest Attraction:** Rotting supplies of food leftover from sated ducks will attract other unwelcome pests such as rats, mice and insects. These pests can also harbor additional diseases that can be dangerous to humans. **Loss of Natural Behavior:** When birds become accustomed to handouts, they lose their natural fear of humans and may become aggressive in order to get more food. Their loss of fear can also cause other dangers, such as a willingness to cross busy roads in order to reach picnickers and other likely sources of food.

Bread Alternatives: Wild ducks and waterfowl can live longer, healthier lives by relying on natural food sources such as aquatic plants, seeds, grasses and insects rather than taking handouts from well-meaning humans. If you still want to feed the ducks – and doing so can be an enchanting experience – there are many healthier alternatives to offer them instead of bread. Great [foods to feed ducks](#) include: Grapes cut in half, [Cracked corn](#), barley, oats, birdseed or other grains, Frozen peas that have been defrosted Duck feed pellets available from farm supply stores “

CHRISTMAS and HOLIDAY DECORATIONS – Thanks again for making the Park look good over the holidays. However the holidays are over now and we asked that decorations and lights be removed by the 15th of January. Several owners still have decorations up. In a week or two the maintenance crew will be directed to remove any decorations on Common Areas. Additionally, homeowners who have not removed decorations from the outside of the homes may receive fines until the decorations are removed. Please help Barrington remain the attractive and tidy community it is.

GARBAGE CANS – As a reminder, we are quoting the Director Rules which state “ Residents are to place trash containers on the street for collection no earlier than the evening before scheduled pickup, and are to remove containers from the street no later than the evening that day. At the time of this writing, collection is scheduled for Thursday of each week. **Trash containers are to be kept out of sight from the road, except for units with carports only.**” *Emphasis added for the last sentence.*

PARKING PASSES - Every homeowner has been provided enough parking for two vehicles by garages, driveways or carports. Temporary Parking Passes may be obtained from the office for those requiring limited guest and extra parking spaces in designated locations in Barrington Park. Those individuals that require extra space parking for over 30 days must obtain a permit from the office. The extended permits require a \$25.00 per month parking fee that gets added to the owners account until such time as the pass is returned to the office. Parking in guest parking is being monitored by the Compliance Committee. Those found to be in violation of the parking rules will be fined and/or have their vehicle towed. Rules are published and signs posted , no further warning is required.

BOOK EXCHANGE - A Few people expressed an interest in starting a Book Exchange in Barrington Park. For those that don't know what that is, it is simply “BRING A BOOK AND TAKE A BOOK”. Here is the Information:
PLACE: Barrington Park Office
Time: 2 PM to 5PM
Day: Every Saturday
For more information or questions, call Sandy at 801-262-1444

ROOFING PROJECT APPROVED - We have let the contract to reroof 7 buildings this year. They will start work around mid February weather permitting. The homes to be roofed this year (not necessarily in this order) are:

1159-63 Norwalk
1256-60 Norwalk
4233-37 Derbyshire
4249-51 Gloucester
4259-61 Gloucester
4238-40 Waverly
4230-32 Waverly

We are excited about the number of roofs we are able to do this year. Normally we have been able to do only about 5 per year. The increase in the number being reroofed is a direct result of the reserve fund increase that you homeowners approved.

If you have questions or concerns about your reroof project, contact either Bruce or Mike.

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Job Order Status 26 new requests, 64 closed, 95 still open, a decrease of 38. Of the 97 still open, 37 are unfunded of which most are cement work. (Counter8050)

Grounds - & Buildings

- Work Orders.
- Leaf cleanup completed.
- All equipment ready for snow.
- Cleaning rain gutters.
- Gopher control continues on the back of Norwalk.
- 8000 Lbs of landscape rock placed around area.
- 16 Trees panted to replace damaged, cut down or dead ones.
- 15 replacement decks done, 1 will need further repair.
- Security lights added to Mail Area for security. Adding signs to premises.

New Folks -

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| • 4307 Haverford | Lucan | (US Bank) |
| • 1159 Norwalk | McManus | (Clark) |
| • 4285 Gloucester | Davis | (Woolf) |
| • 4311 Abby | Snow | (Community Development) |
| • 4301 Rugby | Kitchen | (Lowe) |
| • 4279 Hemingford | Sanders | (Johnson) |

Office -

- 4315 Rugby water spot – at Appeals

Board Decisions –

- Roofs – want to do 7 this year + \$9275.00

Executive Session – All Complaints have been forwarded to Compliance Committee

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.

1170 Norwalk	Nielson
1184 Southampton	Jellings
1192 Norwalk	Woodruff/Lawson
1194 Middlesex	Garduno

4229 Derbyshire	Griffiths
4271 Gloucester	Luna
4280 Dunmore	Gray
4289 Winfield	Hansen
4307 Cromwell	Andrews
4307 Haverford	Montoya
4309 Rugby	Hawks
4311 Abby	Blackie
4311 Cromwell	Lewis
4311 Rugby	Barney
4314 Abby	Johnson
4316 Abby	Gall
4319 Abby	Bethers
4320 Haverford	Escalante

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

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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 Legal Shield 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 or Steve @ 801-269-1024.

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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.

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NEW BABYSITTER – Well.. My name is Joeley and I am 14 years old. I have at least 4 yrs of experience with children from the age of 5 months old to 8 yr old. I enjoy working with kids that are younger, but will watch children that range as high as 10 yrs old. I'm great at keeping children entertained and or calm when and befog the parent may leave. I prefer to know all contacts before the parents may leave in case of any questions and or emergencies. INFORMATION: My parent and I will interview any interested (To make sure you're not crazy, dangerous, and or creepy) If you have any questions about me or my skills you can call: 801-831-5692 ask for Lacey. My number you can reach me at is : 801-266-2372 ask for Joeley.

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HOUSE CLEANING Very efficient and fast worker; windows, wood work and general weekly upkeep. Available weekdays \$15.00 an hour. Most houses can be done with in a two hour time frame. Call Annaliza for an estimate. @ (801) 266-2372.

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NEED A HANDY MAN – I can do most all jobs when it comes to things around the house from plumbing to simple electrical. I am retired and live here in Barrington so I care about the community, and I can respond quickly and honestly. Give me a try I know you will be pleased. Call Boris at 801-685-7118

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NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING – 9 February 2012, 6:30 PM at the Office