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NOTICE OF BARRINGTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Set aside Thursday evening 13 November 2014 6:30 PM to attend the Barrington Park Homeowners Association Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Johns C. Fremont Elementary School, 4249 South Atherton Drive. This is your community and there are many things that are discussed based on your input. Also, there are 3 positions on the Board of Directors that are available. If you are enthusiastic and energetic, with an interest in serving as a member of the Barrington Park Homeowners Association Board of Directors, please call Evelyn Strong (Nominating Committee Chairperson) 801-904-3591 ; Hazel Beck 801-270-0233; Laura Geisler, 801-262-8128 or phone or drop by the office and let Bruce know. 801-263-3628

Annual Meeting – You have the official notification of the Annual Meeting but we thought we would take a minute and elaborate just a little more. The Annual Meeting is a requirement of the CC&Rs. It is meant to require at least once each year, members of the Barrington Park Homeowners Association to come together as a group and conduct official business of the Association. It is a time when members can be briefed by the Board of Directors as to what is happening, how funds are being spent, issues and concerns of the community as a whole and information in general that pertains to the community. Another official function is to elect three (3) members to the Board of Directors. These are owners who represent you and set the course and insure Barrington Park is operating as you want and expect it to. The Board is also the body that sets the rules and, when necessary, enforces those rules. This meeting also provides an opportunity for you to bring up issues pertaining to the community as a whole that you feel should be addressed by the Board during the question answer period. These concerns are recorded and dealt with by the Board at a later date after research and investigation is conducted on the issue or concern. .

The whole point is that the Annual Meeting is important to our community. It cannot be officially conducted unless we have a “quorum” of owners as defined in the BYLAWS of seventy (70) members. If seventy (70) members do not show up for the meeting, a subsequent meeting is called where only fifty six (56) members are required to show up. Imagine, only fifty six (56) people making decisions for so many. We don’t think that should happen so it is very important for you to attend the meeting. **Please Make and Extra Effort to Come**

Fall is Here – Soon the leaves will begin to fall, the flowers will catch that first hard frost and we could get snow that sticks at anytime. As we prepare for winter we urge you all to take a minute and walk around our beautiful grounds. Take in the last look of the flowers that you and your neighbors have planted. Enjoy the quiet warm days and cool nights before it freezes. There is hardly a day that goes by that someone visiting doesn’t say “What a beautiful place this is.” Or “I had no idea there was such a place like this in the middle of the city.” Thanks to all of you who help keep it clean and wonderful. Enjoy Fall at Barrington

Seasons Transition –As we do move from summer to fall with winter around the corner, here is the plan. 1) Ice melt and salt has been stocked. Hopefully, four pallets will be enough for the season. Remember that Ice Melt is available for residents to spread sparing on their walkways, patios and steps. (We ask that no ice melt or salt be spread on the concrete that was just laid this year). Simply let maintenance or the office

know if you need some, or you can pick some up at the office after the first snow fall. Please **do not** use salt on any concrete surfaces as salt will destroy the finish. 2) The sprinkler system will be turned off, drained and blown out sometime between the middle and the end of October depending upon the amount of rain we receive and the outside temperatures. Homeowners who wish to continue watering their flowers or plants must do so with their garden hoses. 3) After Homeowners are through with outside watering and before the first real hard freeze, the outside hoses should be disconnected from the house. This helps prevent the hose bib from freezing which could cause considerable water damage to a home. As a reminder, Barrington Park is not responsible for the outside hose bib or damage that may result from misuse or freezing. 3) The length of time between lawn cuttings will be opened as the growth slows. Saved lawn time will transition to leaf cleanup. 4) Rain gutters will be cleaned with those around big trees being done last after most of the leaves have fallen. **What should homeowners do to get ready for winter?** 1) Again, make sure your hose is not attached to the outside hose bib before the first hard freeze. Before you unhook your hose, rinse out your garbage can. Your neighbors will appreciate it. 2) Check weather stripping around your doors and windows. 3) Make sure your furnace is working properly. 4) Do a water release from your water heater to get any sediment out of the bottom. 5) Put away or cover your patio furniture. Make sure your fireplace flue is drawing properly and if you use wood, consider having the chimney cleaned by professionals. 6) If you don't already have one, get and install a carbon monoxide detector. 7) Pick up those smoke alarm batteries so you can change them when daylight saving time changes. 8) Have your car completely serviced to include checking the battery and tires. 9) After you've done all that, sit back and relax and reward yourself with a night out!!!

Best Looking Garden Award – Results of the Best Looking Garden Contest. Independent judges went around Barrington Park and made their recommendations as to who had the best looking garden areas. Many of you did a wonderful job and they had difficulty in making up their minds. **THE WINNERS** of the **Best Looking Gardens in Barrington Park are: 1st McKel Reese \$75.00 (1242 Thames Court), 2nd Valerie Sehara \$50.00 (4241 Waverly Court) and 3rd Barbara Svec \$25.00 (1227 Carlton Court).** These winners will receive Checks as indicated for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Congratulations to these winners for their efforts and making Barrington Park beautiful. Although they did not win cash, our judges wanted us to make note of their Honorable mentions **Jesse Birrell (4291 Winfield Road), Garth & Kerrie Hyden (1243 Thames Court), Beryl Redfield (4281 Winfield Road)**

Winter and Rodents - Although it is never a good idea to leave pet food outside, it is particularly important during fall and winter seasons. Rodents are trying to find warmer places to live and those that have food and water available are very attractive. Mice, rats, squirrels, skunks and even raccoons have been known to roam and take up residence in Barrington Park. It may sound harmless but we have had one owner report that the wiring under the hood of her car was destroyed by chewing rodents. Homeowners, please be considerate of your neighbors. Don't put food out and tidy up your patios and decks so animals don't have a place to make their nests.

Skates Boards, Scooters and Safety -- We are alarmed at the number of reports and complaints being received concerning the near misses of children almost being hit by vehicles. It happens when the children are using skateboards and scooters, particularly on the hills at the entrances and coming out of townhouse driveways on the south side of the complex. The children dart in front of oncoming traffic, unable to stop, and the vehicles are unable to react fast enough. We are terrified that at some point some youngster will be hurt or worse, be killed. Barrington Park has had a long standing policy prohibiting their use on the streets and sidewalks of Barrington Park. That policy was relaxed several years to allow use while leaving or

entering the Park. Parents, please help us keep your children safe by not allowing them to play and/or ride unsafely. We suggest that that they use the parks specifically designed for such activity.

Thefts at Barrington Park - The two most (and only) reported crimes in Barrington Park are car prowls and thefts out of garages. The car prowls usually involve a car that is left unlocked and has items of value that can be easily seen. Simple solution to stop most prowls--- Don't leave any valuables in your car and lock the door. Garage thefts are done when homeowners leave their garage door open and no one is in the garage, even for short periods of time. The thief passes by and simply walks in, quickly grabs an item or two that may have some value and walks out. Simple solution to stop garage thefts --- Keep your garage door closed when you are not in it. The common thread with these types of thefts are the easy opportunity the thief is given by our carelessness. Unfortunately, there are too many worthless people that will take advantage of someone else given the chance. Just be mindful and careful.

A Couple of Simple Administrative Items - If you are not getting your statements and newsletters by e-mail, we are making another plea that you sign up to do so. It saves your Association a great deal of money if you do. There are less than 100 owners who are not using e-mail for their Barrington Park business. Simply give the office the e-mail address you wish to use and we'll take care of the rest. **EASY!!**

The next Item -- Are you getting tired of writing HOA assessment checks each month? Do you sometimes forget and have to pay that darned late fee? The solution is simple. Sign up for automatic withdrawal from your account. It's safe, easy and you will not have to worry about getting that check in or it being on time. You get to decide which day it is withdrawn and you can discontinue using it whenever you wish. It's simple to start, so again, call or stop by office to get you started. 801-263-3628. (even if you currently are using your financial institution's bill pay service, you may want to think about switching. Many times those bill pay services do send the checks out to arrive when you think they are supposed to. Payments are processed when received, not when the check is dated)

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 15th of the month. Homeowners who were at least 2 months in arrears as of the 15th 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.

	Jellings
1194 Middlesex	Garduno
4272 Hemingford	McCarthy
4280 Dunmore	Gray
4289 Winfield	Hansen
4301 Rugby	Trinh
4304 Arden	Davis
4304 Whitby	Pitts
4308 Haverford	Padilla
4311 Cromwell	Everhome Mortgage
4314 Carnaby	Peterson
4316 Abby	Maroney
4320 Haverford	Escalante

SEPTEMBER 2014 PARK REPORT

Job Order Status 43 new requests, 46 closed, 23 still open, a decrease of 3. Of the 23 still open, 11 are over two weeks. 4 are future funding cement. (Counter 9455)

Grounds - & Buildings

- Work Orders – Good progress
- Lawn Care ongoing cooling weather will slow growth.
- Fourth fertilization applied. Some grub areas still being reseeded now.
- Minor sprinkler repairs and adjustments still being made.
- Sprinkler system off 13 days, thanks to rain.
- Warranty re-roof scheduled for next couple of weeks on 4239-4251 Winfield. No cost to Barrington. .
- Playground weeded and raked again. No cat mess.
- Repaired broken water line to house (1215 Middlesex). Repaired 1219 last month. Repaired by crew.
- Plaster repair ongoing throughout Park.
- Seko Flex ongoing on patios and drives.
- Carport hit Abby Court, Repair scheduled approx 15 September..
- Concrete Replacement started. 5 done, 6 ready, need dry spell.
- Pool Closed
- Many dead ducks removed due to disease.
- Only minor water issues due to torrential rain. Systems handled it pretty well

New Folks -

1174 Southampton	McKinney/Keil	(Derringer)
4313 Winfield	Smith	(Smith)

Office -

- Nov 13 Reserved at school for Annual Meeting. 1st notice sent
- Visit from Best Friends - Community Cat Coordinator

FROM YOU - We will advertise your businesses as long as it can be relatively short, you 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. Owners are responsible to obtain proper approvals for any work being done to the outside of the buildings. Workers should ask to see the approved plans by the HOA prior to doing any work to the exterior of the buildings. We will publish your add for a period of three months unless terminated earlier by the business owner. Renewals are made by contacting Bruce @801- 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. 385-202-0326 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. 1/3

NEED A HANDY MAN – I can do most all jobs when it comes to things around the house from plumbing like leaking faucets, disposal replacement, toilet valves, building shelves, changing doors, wiring issues, cabinet repair. Just about anything you need done. 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 1/3

YOU HAVE A REALTOR LIVING IN BARRINGTON PARK WITH YOU! Do you need to sell your home? I can help. Do you want to buy a home? I can help. Do you know of anyone wanting to move into the area? I can help. Or even if you are just curious how your Real estate Portfolio/Values are doing, give me a call. I'd be more than happy to assist you with all of your Real estate needs. Sam Holman 801-842-2225 3/3

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 9 October 2014, 6:30 PM at the Office