

# BARRINGTON NEWS

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**THE SEASON IS CHANGING -** Spring is officially here!! Its early but the trees are blooming, the flowers are popping up everywhere and, in general, spring just brings a refreshing feeling as we come out of winter. As Spring erupts, enjoy our beautiful grounds but be safe in doing so.

The streets can be congested with kids, bikes and pedestrians. The ponds with water and ducks always attract the little ones and can be fatal to them in a matter of seconds if they are not properly supervised. The playground is a great source of fun and activity, but again, should only be used by the young with supervision. Although Barrington Park does all it can to maintain the grounds and equipment in a safe manner, the Barrington Park Homeowners Association assumes no responsibility for injury caused by use or misuse of the grounds or equipment. **Please be careful!**

**SECURITY GATE SURVEY** – Last month we asked you to complete a survey to determine if homeowners wanted to get more information on getting security gates and making Barrington Park a “gated Community”. We really appreciated the great response. Our Survey Manager is compiling the information and will provide that information to the Board at the next Board Meeting. From there we will let you homeowners know what the survey results are. We were excited at the number of people that responded. We will continue to ask for homeowner input on different subjects in the future.

**POOL OPENS** – Mark your calendars. The Barrington Park Swimming pool is scheduled to open for the season Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 28th (weather permitting). We appreciate that our residents were wonderful in caring for the pool and pool area last year. The pool is a popular place to get out of the heat and enjoy each other’s company. We look forward to another great year. Hope to see you next month.

**GARAGE SALE** – So that you can put the dates on your calendar, the Annual Barrington Park Garage/Yard sale is scheduled for 14-15 May 2016. More information will be contained in the next newsletter but this gives you about six weeks to collect all that stuff you can make your million dollars on. It’s a fun event so plan on it!!

**BUILDING REPAIRS** – If you feel that damage has been caused to your home that is the HOAs responsibility, you must notify the property manager **before** any repairs are made or started. The Association will not reimburse owners for repairs that are made without the HOA being involved in the repair process from the beginning.

**GROUNDS COMMITTEE -** One of the reasons that Barrington Park looks so good is because of the great work that is done by the Grounds Committee. Spring is here and the Grounds Committee becomes more active. This is a group of volunteers that meet and discuss things that will or could improve the aesthetics of our Community. The current Chair of this Committee is Randy Pollock. He asking that anyone interested in joining the Grounds Committee contact him for more information. Randy can be reached at 801-261-4269. It’s a pretty easy way to get more involved with your community.

**YARD and GARDEN Maintenance** – There always seems to be confusion about who maintains what concerning the yards and gardens. The CC&Rs prescribe that the HOA will do all yard maintenance on the common areas. The literal interpretation would then mean up to 1 foot around owners buildings. However, we do know that some owners have planted flower gardens in front of and down the sidewalks or drives of their properties. These plantings are done at no additional expense to the Association and are not maintained by the Association. To be clear on who maintains what areas as recommended by the Grounds Committee, the Board adopted the following policy: Homeowners who wish to plant and maintain the small areas in front of their homes and along side their driveways (normally no more than 2 to 3 feet) may do so at their own expense and **the Property Manager must be notified by those who wish to do so.** Those owners that do not notify the property manager that they wish to maintain their gardens will have their areas automatically maintained by the HOA. Owners that have planted areas and no longer wish to maintain them must notify the Property Manager. The Grounds Committee will decide what to do with the area and if it required some type of modification, the homeowner will be charged to have the area returned to HOA maintenance. It must be noted that when the HOA maintains the area, it will be the way the HOA wants it done. The Owner will have no say in the planting or care.

**Yard Waste** - Some of you like to maintain your flower gardens, and as you do, you will generate some yard waste. We ask as much as possible that you put that yard waste in your private garbage cans. If you generate more than can fit into the garbage can, please place the extra garden waste out by the street. Our maintenance personnel will pick it up the next work day. Thanks for helping keep Barrington Park beautiful.

**DECK and PATIO Maintenance** - Along the same lines as yard maintenance comes deck and patio maintenance. The HOA does maintain i.e. replace decks and patios that fall into disrepair. However, decks or patios that have been modified by owners such as installing carpet or have been abused by pet waste or other activities which are considered other than "fair wear and tear", become the responsibility of the owner. Owners are also reminded that patios, decks and spaces **under decks** are not to be used for storage. Patio furniture may be placed under decks during the winter month but other items should not.

**OIL Stains on Driveways and Carports** - Many of you have received letters concerning oil stains on driveways or in carports. It may sound stupid to be concerned about it but really it isn't. Not only is the oil unsightly, but it gets into our waterway system. All of our gutter systems empty into the ponds. The consequence is added pollution hurting the water fowl, fish and plants. It is the responsibility of the owner to not drop oil in the first place, so it becomes the responsibility of the owner to clean up after oil is dropped. Many have asked how to get the oil cleaned so here are some suggestions:

1. Absorb fresh oil spots with rags, paper towels or cat litter. Then use a powder laundry soap mixed with fine sand, scrub the area with a stiff brush let this set for a while then sweep up. Thoroughly rinse.
2. Make a paste of automatic dish soap or any laundry soap (liquid or powder) with small amount of water scrub into the area let this set for a few hours then hose down, repeat if needed.
3. Mix any Liquid soap with water in a spray bottle, spray the spots and scrub into the cement let this set for a while, and then hose down, repeat if needed
4. You can also try any cola product, Baking Soda or TSP (tri-sodium phosphate).
5. Valspar Concrete Stain & Spot Remover is also good, (\$12.95 at Lowe's).

You can purchase an oil drip pan that you can put under the vehicle (Wal-Mart has these for about \$13.00) or they have them at auto parts stores, **This will need to be removed and put somewhere out of sight when the car is not in the driveway, this pan will also need to be kept clean.**

The Compliance Committee

If you have questions or comments call Deloris 801-265-0580

**AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS** – Here is another advertisement asking that you sign up for Automatic Withdrawal of HOA fees from your bank or credit union. Once you sign up, you never have to worry about being late or forgetting your payments. The payments are credited to your account on the same day each month. It saves you a trip to the drop box, a stamp or time scheduling the payment from your phone or computer. Your account information is safer than a check because it is not floating around on a piece of paper and you can change accounts or stop the automatic withdrawal at any time. Checks seem to be disappearing as a means of payment and for many of you, your association check is probably one of the few you write each month. Consider Automatic Withdrawal. It's safe easy and the wave of the future. For more information or to sign up, give Bruce a call at the office 801-263-3628.

## March 2016 Park Report

Job Order Status 30 new requests 29 closed, 24 still open, an increase of 1. Of the 24 still open, 12 are over two weeks, 9 are future funding cement. (Counter 10120)

Grounds - & Buildings

- Work Orders – Continue.
- Spring clean-up started.
- Lawn aeration completed.
- Security lights on the back of Winfield all repaired.
- Street lamp post renovation started (wood pickets to be replaced).
- Starting sprinkler repair.
- Rugby Court carport lights new wire pulled to repair. Shorted underground wires.
- In ground junction box replacement started. 3boxes.
- Pond fountain pumps for pond 1 and 2 on order.
- All exterior post lights removed cleaned, painted, checked and remounted.
- Office refreshed with new flooring, paint and lights.
- Playground sand tilled and raked.
- Tree rings and gravel being removed and cleaned up.
- Flower boxes complete on 4230/32 Waverly completed.

New Folks -

1172 Middlesex                      Wiley      (Olsen)

Office -

- Gate survey out. Getting good response
- Impaired driving report.
- Two Trailers in RV park had locks broken off.
- 1223 Norwalk account sent to Attny for foreclosure.
- Dog park request.

Board Decisions –

- Exterior light bulbs.
- HOA insurance quotes.
- Fertilization contractor.
- Date for Yard Sale. Recommend 21-22 May

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Homeowners who were at least 2 months in arrears as of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

1223 Norwalk	Rasmussen
1231 Norwalk	Maughan
4232 Winfield	Roundy
4272 Taryton	Erickson
4291 Winfield	Birrell
4304 Arden	Davis

**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. 3/3

*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 3/3

*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 you Real estate needs. Sam Holman 801-842-2225 3/3

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** 12 April 2015, 6:30 PM at the Office