

# BARRINGTON NEWS

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**THE SEASON IS CHANGING** - Spring is officially here!! 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!**

**VANDALISM** - For the past couple of months there has been a group of three, sometimes four young men, in their early teens that have been roaming around Barrington Park all hours of the day and night. They have been involved in various minor acts of vandalism and mischief such as destruction of yard items, breaking lights, pulling letters off the front wall, minor thefts, doorbell ringing (all night), littering, egging, and other acts. A couple of homeowners who have confronted these young men have been called names, threatened and in one case had their car egged. Our investigation to this point assures us that most, if not all, of these young people do not live in Barrington Park. We have video of these young men and two teenage girls going through Barrington Park almost all night and early morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March. The police have been called and warned these young people to stay out Barrington Park. We ask you, if you see them and identify them as not belonging in Barrington Park, call the police immediately. It may be the only way to have their parents being kept informed of what there are doing all hours of the day and night. We do have a couple of pictures in the office that we would more than willing to share.

**POOL OPENS** – Mark your calendars. The Barrington Park Swimming pool is scheduled to open for the season Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 27th (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 tentatively scheduled for 20-21 May 2017 (weather permitting). More information will be contained in the next newsletter but this gives you about seven 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. Theses 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.

**Biggest Barrington Park Complaint – Pets .....** Here we go again. The greatest number, and may we add, about the only complaints we get at the office and to the Board is about pets. The largest is Dog Waste and the next is Cats Running Loose. Not cleaning up after your pet or allowing your cat or dog to run loose without a leash are both violations of the CC&Rs. Even though we have 6 pet stations around Barrington Park and use about 20,000 doggies bags a year, some owners still don't pick up after their pet and/or let them out at night, off lease, thinking nobody will see. To do so is disgusting and shows total disregard for everyone that lives in this community. The Board is getting more and more people suggesting a change to the CC&Rs which would reduce or eliminate the number of pets, make pet owners pay additional fees, register dogs and cats or require owners enroll in a pet DNA program. We really don't want to see that happen. Barrington has always been a pet friendly community and it's a shame that a few people may cause

it to be otherwise. We know that there are many very responsible pet owners and want to solicit their support in identifying those that are not. **Here's how.** If you see anyone that does not pick up after their dog or cat or does not leash their dog or cat, please let the HOA know by calling office and either leaving a message through the switchboard to the Compliance Committee or talking directly to the Property Manager. That phone number is 801-263-3628. You will need to tell us the address of the violator, the date and approximate time of the violation and your name and call back number. Your name is never divulged to the violator so don't worry about retribution. The only reason the Compliance Committee needs your name and number is to verify the complaint. If we can get enough people reporting the violations, perhaps we can **train** some owners how to be responsible and make a dent in the amount pet waste is left on the grounds. Thanks for your help!!!

### March 2017 Park Report

Job Order Status 25 new requests 20 closed, 25 still open, an Increase of 5 Of the 25 still open, 9 are over two weeks, 6 are future funding cement. (Counter 10765)

Grounds - & Buildings

1. Work Orders – Continue.
2. Snow removal and ice control minor since 1 Feb
3. Cat traps are out. 3 cats removed.
4. Roofs. Three more roofs to be replaced from this year's budget. 1164/66 Middlesex replaced this month. Other roofs to be done 1150/54 Norwalk, 1180/92 Norwalk, 1209/13 Norwalk.
5. Deck replaced 4276/80 Dunmore.
6. 1218/22 Middlesex sinking foundation. Lift company giving prices.
7. Spring cleanup started.
8. Annual Tree trimming contract complete.
9. Fertilizer Contractor renewed
10. Tree replacements pushed off to early spring.

New Folks -

- 1188 Norwalk            McEvoy            (Walker)
- 4319 Haverford        Horne              (Pike)
- 4236 Winfield         Kant                (Brooks)

Office -

- Still working Bad Trex Claim, 11 Decks Approx 1700 Sq ft bad material.
- 1231 Norwalk Non-Judicial Foreclosure cancelled due to payoff.
- Small truck purchased and in service.

**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.

1198 Norwalk	Silcox
1230 Southampton	Farmer
4224 Derbyshire	Bond
4228 Derbyshire	Ashby
4304 Arden	Davis
4305 Arden	Sundell
4313 Rugby	Parker
4314 Abby	Johnson
4320 Haverford	Escalante

**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 1/3

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*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 2/3

*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 1/3

**NEXT BOARD MEETING - 13 April 2017, 6:30 PM at the Office**