

# ***BARRINGTON NEWS***

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August 2018

**Summer** – is here. Wow. Hot It Is. Although we have had only a couple of days over 100, it sure feels warmer. This kind of heat is taking a toll on us, our lawns and gardens. Unfortunately, we have a bunch of brown spots and a huge water bill! Rest assured, all will come back as soon as the weather cools. And...Sorry about the ponds. This year, the ponds have taken a bigger hit than we have ever seen in the past. The middle pond lost its water 6 weeks earlier than it ever has. Both the East and West ponds are now “feet” from being full. When the water stagnates like what we have now, we know it isn’t pleasant to be around not only by sight but also by smell. Because the ponds eventually flow to the Jordan River, and because their level is controlled mostly by ground water tables, there is not much we can do to control the pond levels in times of drought. The ponds also play a very important part of Barrington Parks flood control as every bit of storm water goes into the ponds and then to the Jordan River. But even with the brown spots on the lawns, dried or low ponds, there is rarely a day goes by that some member of the Board or our Property Manager doesn’t get some kind of comment on how good Barrington Park looks. Although we know our grounds crew does a great job, most of the credit goes to you and the way you maintain your flower beds, patios and deck areas Thank you so much! THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING BARRINGTON PARK GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL!

**We forgot to mention in last month’s newsletter the success of the Barrington Park MEET AND GREET** that was held in June. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of June your Association sponsored the third annual **MEET & GREET** get together at the Gazebo. It was so good to see so many show up and meet their neighbors. The atmosphere was good with lively conversation, making new friends and seeing old friends. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with chips, fruit, vegies, salad and cookies were served. It was a great success!! We want to thank all those that helped put it on and particularly Pat Platts, Donna Hagblom and Donna’s friend Gary, Bridget Julian and Scott and Linda Platts for work they did putting this together. Also the great chefs who cooked for us, Dan Platts, Dennis Kaplanis and Cindy Huggard. Then there were those that helped with setup and take down. But more than those good people, Thank You --- residence of Barrington Park, for coming and enjoying the company of one another in this wonderful community we live in. If you missed it, we missed you. Perhaps next year you will able to come join us.

**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 and trees. Gopher pellets are also used on rare occasion and are buried directly into gopher tunnels and mounds. This policy has been in effect for many years to avoid our wildlife and pets from consuming pesticides or insecticides. We do know that owners use different insecticides or pesticides for various reasons. However, owners should not use any chemicals on any of the common areas. Owners are responsible for misuse or unauthorized use of pesticides.

**Swimming Pool** – Just a reminder that the pool will be closing for the season at 9:00 PM, September 3, 2018, which is the end of the Labor Day Holiday. Even though it has been a busy year at the pool, there has not been a single “contamination incident” where we have had to close the pool for an extended period of time YEAH !!! We thank all swimmers and ask you to please continue to be kind to your fellow residents by monitoring your children closely and see that they use the restrooms on a regular basis while at the pool.

Thanks to all of you who use the pool, obey the rules, are courteous to other bathers and respect the facilities.

**CONDOLENCES** – We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our great owners, Ray Barfield. Ray and Judy moved into Barrington Park in early 2011 and have been wonderful members and neighbors of this Community since. Ray always had a smile and good word for everyone he met even though he struggled with health issues the last couple of years of his life. Ray was always proud of his home, his neighbors and loved Barrington Park. Our deepest sympathies to Judy for her loss. Ray, We Love You. You are one of those people that make the world a better place.

**Little tidbits of Suggestions and information while living in our wonderful Barrington Park HOA-**

Here are some things that you probably already know about living in close proximity to other people and in a community development such as Barrington Park. They are mostly common-sense items that sometimes we forget so it's always good to be reminded of once in a while. This list isn't all inclusive and not in any order of importance but are items come up on a recurring basis. Here we go:

**SMOKE:** Whether it be cigarette, or pit smoke, you live very close to your neighbor. The Law says you must control your smoke so as not to offend your neighbor. The easy way to do that is not to smoke or build fires anywhere that it could drift into your neighbors living area.

**PRIVATE SPACE:** Everyone likes a degree of privacy and has expectation that others are not looking in their windows or getting too close to deck and patio areas. Although most of the grounds around a home are considered common area (the front is limited common area, which means exclusive use by the resident) it is common courtesy for people out walking dogs or just getting exercise, not to go too close to another person's home. Especially not close enough to look through the windows into someone else's home. Keep some space between you and other homes while walking around.

**TRASH:** Most of us really hate litter. It looks bad and shows that someone does not respect other people who live in the community. Every day the grounds crew does a "sweep" and picks up trash that gets thrown out of cars or simply gets dumped out of trash cans. That "sweep" costs us all money and especially valuable time the crew could use doing other things. The same goes for Cigarette butts. Please help keep the place looking beautiful by disposing of trash and cigarette butts properly.

**DOGS:** We talk a lot about dogs but sometimes forget to mention that some people and some dogs are really afraid of dogs. So not only is it imperative to keep any size dog on a leash but also control the dog when someone else is in the area. Dogs on a loose leash may run up to a person intending to be friendly but that person or other dog may feel threatened and truly scared. Please watch your dogs, especially those that might tend to be a bit friendly or aggressive. OH! and DON'T FORGET pick up after your dog We have six (6) dog stations with bags around the park. There is no reason for anyone not to be able to pick up after their dog and dispose of the waste.

**BIRD FEEDERS:** We love our birds and we love bird feeders as long as they are not placed where the seeds fall on the lawn. What happens is the ducks find that fallen seed irresistible. While feasting on the seed, they eat the trample the grass too. Soon we have a big dead spot that turns into mud. Place your feeders wisely.

**GARBAGE CANS:** You probably already know that garbage cans left out past the day of pickup can cause Courtesy Letters and/or fines. It might be real neighborly if you know your neighbor is out of town or gets hung up at work or has other problems, that you take their can in for them until they get back. They'll probably love you for it and may even make some cookies for you. Simply, lets watch out for each other...and it keeps Barrington looking clean and tidy.

**FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE ASSOCIATION.** Community associations like ours have a lot in common with municipal governments. As members of a governing body, our board members meet regularly to discuss and vote on important community issues, like paying the association’s bills, funding our reserves and contracting with vendors to keep our community amenities in good repair. The board makes decisions about these and other important topics using a democratic process. Also, like a government, our association board has the legal authority to enforce rules and regulations—somewhat like laws—and to collect assessments, like a government collects taxes, to pay to maintain shared amenities like parking lots, general landscaping and street lights, and to pay the association’s bills. Our association also has the authority to take legal action, if necessary, if a homeowner fails to meet his or her obligations that we all agreed to when we purchased in this community. These obligations include paying regular assessments on time, abiding by architectural or design policies, and observing community rules. It is important for our owners to know that what makes this community have the success it has is the owners themselves by being involved in their Association. That involvement can include, but is not limited to, helping keep a clean and tidy home and garden, serving as a volunteer on various Committees, following the Association Rules and serving on the Board of Directors.

### JULY 2017 Park Report

Job Order Status: 70new requests, closed 80, 59 still open, a decrease of 10. Of the 59 still open, 38 are over two weeks, 13 are future funding cement. (Counter 11504)

Grounds - & Buildings

1. Work Orders – Continue.
2. Shrub trimming ongoing.
3. Tennis Court Maintenance on a regular basis.
4. Playground roto tilled.
5. Weeds pulled out of pond 2 (dry).
6. 1 large French drain pump is being rebuilt. This pump evacuates the water vault through the pond 1 waterfall.
7. The two large water filters on the swimming pool had to be replaced. One burst and flooded office basement. Also took out water heater.
8. Sprinklers are on full schedule and being adjusted for dry areas.
9. Sprinkler clock 5 replaced
10. New sprinkler valve line feed from clock 3 to valve trenched in.
11. Responding to many wasp nest removal requests.
12. Weed control continues throughout the Park.
13. Shrub trimming has started throughout the park.

New Folks -

- 1132 Norwalk                      Cowles                      (Martin)
- 4313 Rugby                        Mitchell                     (Comm Dev Corp)
- 1192 Norwalk                      Marchitelli                (Ribe)

Office –

- 1231 Norwalk – Trustee sale scheduled for 19 July
- Garbage Contract renewed at the old price instead of the \$450.00 proposed increase

**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.

1180 Middlesex Twitchell

**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 385-743-2425 2/3

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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 801-856-96.92 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 your Real estate needs. Sam Holman 801-842-2225. 1/3

*NEED A TUTOR?* Is your child struggling to keep up in school? I can help! I am a current PhD student at the University of Utah with a Master’s in science and experience as a private tutor. I can help with most K-12 subjects, Spanish, essay writing, college applications, class projects, and SAT/ACT test prep. I am available evenings and weekends with a flexible schedule, and since we’re neighbors, I can come to you! Call Nicole at 972-979-1154. 1/3

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING** –9 August 2018, 6:30 PM at the office.