

# **^BARRINGTON NEWS**

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**In an attempt to keep the Barrington Park residents better informed of what is happening in our community, this newsletter is provided on a monthly basis. 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.**

**Where has Summer Gone?** - It seems that just a few weeks ago we were ushering in summer. Now the kids are back in school, the pool is closed, there is much less daylight and we are getting those hints of fall with the cooler mornings and warm afternoons. Soon the leaves will start changing and the crew will switch from summer maintenance to winter survival. We residents of Barrington are so blessed that we have a safe, clean, well maintained and beautiful community in which we live. The Board of Directors knows that you residents make this community what it is. It is you that keeps it safe, clean, and well maintained. It is the little things that you do like watching out for your neighbor, picking up that little piece of trash, pulling and extra weed and planting those beautiful flowers that makes Barrington Park stand out from the crowd. Thank you all for what you do.

**POOL** – The pool closed for this summer at the end of Labor Day (9:00 PM). Thanks so much to all that used the pool. You have been just great this year with your courtesy and cleanliness. We made it through the year with NO “accidents”. That is absolutely **AWSOME. GREAT!!** We hope that you found your pool experience fun and enjoyable. It is one of the best maintained and attractive pools in the valley. We also want to thank the pool monitors for their help in keeping the pool area a great place to visit and particularly Sabrina Bell who coordinates the monitors and keeps close tabs on the pool. See you next year for the Memorial Day weekend opening.

**ANNUAL MEETING** – It may sound a little early to let you know, but calendars fill up in the fall when the weather cools down. With that in mind, how about going to your personal calendar and mark

**Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November** as the date for the Barrington Park Association Annual Meeting. It will be at 6:30 PM at the John C Freemont Elementary School. While you are marking down the date, consider running for the Board or nominating someone that you think would do a good job.

Like all Community associations, Barrington Park has a representative form of government founded on the principle of elected individuals representing the people. Much of our country is based on the principles of representative democracy. It starts with organizations like community associations and progresses through our schools boards, city governments, county governments, state governments—all the way to the federal government. We vote for a person, or persons, who will act on our behalf.

Some might advocate that a board should not take action without a vote of the members to find out what the people want. That would be counter-productive. If association members were to vote on every issue before a decision was made, there would be no need for a board, but simply someone to send out ballots and tally results. However, boards find out what their constituents want in other ways. Many make time to hear from residents at each board meeting. But, it's up to you to attend meetings, voice your opinions and participate in the exchange of ideas with the board. We also encourage your involvement and participation. Perhaps you would consider joining a committee. We want your input, ideas, thoughts and opinions. The

season for our annual meetings and annual board elections is now. Consider carefully which candidates you select—including yourself. Consider running for the board to help shape the future of your community.

We have been really fortunate in Barrington in that we have consistently had great people willing to give a few hours a month to serve the community. If you are interested, or know someone who is, drop a note to the office or call 801-263-3628.

**Garden Trash** – Earlier we mentioned your beautiful gardens and flowers. A reminder that as fall comes and you ready those gardens for winter, please use your trash cans as much as possible for garden debris. However, if it can't fit in the can, simply place it by the curb and our crew pick it up. Of special note about gardens, those plants that have bulbs should be cut down to ground level and the leaves removed. In some cases, it is wise to separate and thin bulbs. Check out the internet for your particular bulb and it will tell you how keep them looking great.

**Fall Activity Around the Park** – As many of you know, Barrington Parks Fiscal Year begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. What that means is the budget for the period 1 October 2018- 30 September 2019 will start 1 October and along with that will be projects that we hope to get done or at least started before the snow fly's. You will see us try to get a few more roofs on and maybe even some concrete work done. It's all part of keeping our community running smoothly and in good repair. Again, our thanks to you homeowners who support our community with your HOA fees. It would be impossible to keep it all going without you.

**Who Takes Care of What ?** – The CC&Rs spell out what the HOA and Homeowner responsibilities are when it comes to care and maintenance of the building exteriors. A reminder that to Owners is that they are responsible for all doors (to include garage), windows, all electrical from past the meter, air-conditions and the pad they sit on.

**Rules Reminders**– Trash Containers - Residents are to place containers on the street for collection no earlier than the evening before scheduled pickup, and are to remove the containers from the street no later than the evening of pickup. Trash containers must be kept in the garage or next to the fence for units with carports.

Driveways... Vehicle leaks are the responsibility of the homeowner to properly clean up. An oil drip pan must be used; this needs be kept clean and out of sight when the vehicle is not in the driveway.

**Parking on the Streets** – Just remember that you cannot park on the streets overnight You can park on the streets during the day but just make sure that the way you park allows for other vehicles to get by you. If you do have guests that decide to stay for the night, get a parking pass from the office for them to park in the designated parking spaces, NOT ON THE STREET. If the office is closed, put a note on the dashboard with the address and that fact that the office was closed to get a pass.

**A Little Note About Security** - Good neighbors look out for each other. If you are away for a while and your neighbor knows about it, he or she can keep an eye on your place. Then, if they see anything out of the ordinary, they can alert the police. They might also let you know if you left your car unlocked or noticed other things that might help keep you and your property safe. Barrington Park has little reported crime. The ones we do hear about are usually those where a garage door was left open, or expensive valuable items were plainly visible in a car and the door unlocked. Help yourself and your neighbors from becoming victims. Watch out for yourself and others.

**Safety- Extinguishing the Flames** -Most in-home fires are caused by ordinary things like a stove burner, candle, space heater or extension cord. Mental lapses, poor judgment and carelessness make these things dangerous. Thankfully, by exercising good safety habits and taking simple prevention steps, you can cut down on deadly and damaging fire risks. First, always be sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them monthly and replace those that are more than 10 years old. Cooktops. Never leave the kitchen while something is cooking on the stove. Keep combustibles, such as curtains and wall hangings, at least three feet from the stove. Space heaters. Keep them at least three feet away from drapes and bedding, and plug them directly into outlets, not extension cords. Don't use space heaters while sleeping. Fireplaces. Empty ashes in a metal container and store them outside away from combustibles for at least a week before disposing of them in the trash. Be sure your chimney is inspected and cleaned annually. Keep any combustibles at least five feet away from the stove or fireplace. Electrical equipment. Replace undersized or frayed extension cords. Never run an extension cord under a rug. Call an electrician if circuit breakers regularly trip or if your electrical box has a warm cover. Don't use light bulbs that exceed a fixture's recommended maximum wattage. Appliances. Ensure combustion chamber covers are in place on water heaters. Clean all lint from a dryer's back service panel and from the vent line. Replace vinyl vent lines with smooth, metal ducts. Smoking. Don't smoke in bed. Use large ashtrays on tables. Soak ashtrays under the faucet before throwing cigarette butts in the trash. Candles. Use tip-proof containers. Burn candles only while you're awake and in the same room. Keep candles at least three feet away from combustibles. Matches and lighters. Store out of the reach of children.

### **August 2018 Park Report**

Job Order Status:82 new requests, closed 64, 77 still open, an increase of 18. Of the 77still open, 40 are over two weeks, 13 are future funding cement. (Counter 11586)

#### Grounds - & Buildings

1. Work Orders – Continue.
2. Shrub trimming finished
3. Tennis Court Maintenance on a regular basis.
4. Weeds sprayed in Pond 2 again.
5. Pond 1 vault cleaned.
6. 1 large French drain pump is being rebuilt. Will be another 2-3 weeks for repair. Single pump is adequate until high ground water levels probably next spring.
7. Sprinklers are on full schedule and being adjusted for dry areas.
8. 3 sprinkler main repairs. Whitby Ct, Abby Ct, Middlesex Rd
9. Responding to many wasp nest removal requests.
10. Weed control continues throughout the Park.

#### New Folks -

None this month

#### Office –

- 1231 Norwalk Trustee Sale cancelled. Owner paid

#### Board Decisions –

- Annual Meeting date.

**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 3/3

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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 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. 2/3

*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. 2/3

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING** –13 September 2018, 6:30 PM at the office.