

BRIARWOOD MESSENGER

HAPPY 25TH BIRTHDAY BRIARWOOD!!

Briarwood Master Association, Inc. was filed as a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation on May 27, 1988.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Once again, an attempt will be made to publish a monthly newsletter to keep our residents updated on decisions and changes that affect the 355 property owners that call Briarwood home.

Our newest editor, Tonya McDonald, will do her very best to bring you information you want and need concerning your home front.

NEWSWORTHY: You may or may not have noticed that, as of your latest HOA dues in March, we are no longer managed by Action Association, but Lighthouse Property Management. The news from our board is that Action closed and sold our contract to Lighthouse. For those who have attended any of the recent monthly meetings, you would have seen Frank Santoro, who is their representative.

As of the March 27th Annual Members Meeting, our Board of Directors is now made up of two returning members, three new members and two remaining positions open. They have each been asked to give a brief bio on themselves.

SPOTLIGHT: Our new President is **James Forrest** and one of two returning members. He and his wife have two beautiful daughters, ages 12 and 10, and have been residents of Briarwood since 1998. James works for the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office as a lieutenant in the jail. He is a native Floridian and enjoys all our state has to offer. His passion is writing, with one novel under his belt and others in the works. James says, "I'm a big projects guy at work and constantly push for change and efficiency."

Jane Glanz also returns from last year and has been on and off the board since 2002, and is currently serving as our Treasurer. She has lived in Briarwood since November, 1999. Jane says,

"I am continuously looking for ways to help keep Briarwood beautiful. If you see Christmas lights, they are one of my projects."

Richard Newby is a new member and agreed to serve as our Vice-President. He is also a member of the Architectural Board for Briarwood. He and wife, Vicki, are from Iowa and built their house in Briarwood 11 years ago. He works for the Manatee County Utilities Dept., is a Vietnam Veteran and served in the Air Force. Richard says, "During my free time, you might find me working in my yard or riding my bike. I look forward to serving our community, and I will do my best to make our neighborhood an enjoyable place to live for everyone."

Misty Pike is another new member and serves as Head of Compliance. She, husband, Jason, and three sons, ages 4, 7 & 13, have lived in Briarwood since June of 2000. She has lived in Bradenton most of her life and is a Manatee County teacher. She enjoys living in a family friendly neighborhood, as well as our nice lakes and natural wildlife. Misty says, "It is important that we work to uphold our neighborhood bylaws to keep Briarwood looking its best. I am excited about being on our community's board and look forward to assisting in keeping our neighborhood looking great."

Betsy Hawkins is the third of our new board members and is serving as our Secretary. She and husband, Jack, moved to Briarwood four years ago from Sebastian, FL. She is retired from the accounting field. She uses her "free time" now volunteering at an elementary school and gardening, and enjoys walking around our community and talking to others. Betsy says, "I believe the goal of our board should be to make Briarwood a community where people enjoy living. I would like to help accomplish this and have the board become more community friendly."

Please see the reverse side for more about your Briarwood community

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WANTED: We have a new Welcoming Committee and Finance Committee (more committees on the way). If you would be willing to say “Yes!!” to either of the above, please contact Jane Glanz our board treasurer. Don’t be surprised, as I was, when they come knocking on your door to ask you to volunteer if you don’t. Although, you may also find, as I did, that giving a little of your time to the community you share brings you new friendships, a feeling of ownership and an awareness of how and why a Home Owner’s Association is beneficial to us all.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT: A fresh facelift to our two entrance signs is in the works. The lighting has already been replaced and new landscaping is planned. Many of you may also have noticed the potholes at the entrance and throughout the neighborhood have been filled recently.

WHAT’S NEW: You will be receiving (if you haven’t already) a letter through Lighthouse Management the first week of June, informing you of the new keyless entry system for our pools and tennis courts. Important dates to remember are June 29th from 9:00-11:00 AM and July 7th from 12:00-2:00 PM for distribution of the FOBs by our board members at the large pool. Homeowners may assign a designee to pick up their FOBs by contacting Lighthouse before June 24th with the name.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: will be held on Tues., August 6th, at 7:30. FYI...the meetings are now held at The Worship Place Church, 5535 33rd St.

NOTE: As of this meeting, you will have the choice, at sign-in, to have the minutes of the meeting and/or the financial records emailed to you. We have five members of our community volunteering their time to represent the rest of us in the decisions that affect us all. Attending these meetings is your chance to know what the problems are, voice your opinion on how to solve them, and do your part in determining the type of community Briarwood becomes. The

refreshments are really tasty too!! Mark your calendars for the first Tues. of the month and plan to attend.

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