

BRIARWOOD MESSENGER

Editor's Note: As the dog days of summer are winding down, the kids have returned to school, and fall sports have begun, life goes on as our community of Briarwood continues to evolve.

There will be no President's Message this month, as James Forrest, along with Treasurer, Jane Glanz, have resigned our Board of Directors for personal reasons. Many thanks for their service. Two new members will be nominated at the next board meeting and officers will be chosen.

Note: The Sept. board meeting has been changed from Sept. 3rd to **Tuesday, Sept. 17th**, due to the Labor Day holiday.

AUGUST 6TH BOARD MEETING RECAP

Treasurer's Report: As of July 31, 2013, we held \$129,239 in the Association Checking Account, and a total Operating Account of \$200,241, including CD's and the Money Market Account. With the addition of \$45,541 held in reserves, our Total Assets are \$245,782.

West Boundary Fence Repair: Lee Anders had been working on repairs until he was stopped due to overgrowth of vegetation. Manatee Horticultural was contacted to bid on the clean up six feet from the fence for a total of \$1800. The motion was made and passed to accept this bid.

CD Purchase: The interest amount from last month's purchase decision was in error. The surplus \$50,000.00 would draw 0.6% interest for a period of 14 months. The Board discussed and made a motion to transfer the funds into the Money Market Account instead, so that it remains liquid at a rate of 0.30%. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tennis Court Drainage Issue: A bid of \$280.00 by Wilhite Aluminum was accepted by the Board to install the gutters and connect them to the existing downspouts. This does not include the digging and connecting to drainage pipe to extend the water flow to the lake.

New Management Selection: The Board terminated the contract with Lighthouse

Management effective July 31st. Richard Newby made a motion to accept Casey Condominium Management's contract. All members voted in favor, except Jane Glanz. Present at the meeting were: Bridget Spence, owner/manager and Taylor Anderson, who will be our contact person for Briarwood.

Key Fob Distribution: The remaining key FOBs that have not been picked up will now be turned over to Casey's and owners will need to contact them. In discussion on the pool security system, it was decided to extend the release time on the emergency button at the pools.

Welcoming Committee: Rachel Blair was accepted as a new member to the committee.

New Landscaping Bids: The Board asked the new management company to obtain three bids for a new landscape company that would include all irrigation and pest control in the common areas, in addition to the trimming of both the west and south boundaries. They also asked for bids to perform the janitorial duties at both pool areas.

Basketball vs. Tennis Courts: There was much discussion on the suggestion that a basketball hoop be installed at the tennis courts. That idea was tabled when an agreement could not be reached.

New Activities Committee: Betsy Hawkins suggested that we form this committee and have residents volunteer to join in forming events that would include all of our residents a few times each year. Here's your chance if you like to throw a BIG party!! Call 941-755-9013.

ZUMBA: has found its way into our community. Licensed instructor and resident, Sharyl Caruso, has set up her talents on our tennis courts for any of those interested on Sat. mornings from 9:00-10:00 AM. The classes are for residents and their guests and beginners are welcome. For more info, call Sharyl at 941-266-2491.

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Monthly Ladies Luncheon: Resident, Sally Lowe, would like to extend an invitation to join the ladies on the first Tues. of each month at 11:30 for lunch and the opportunity to meet with your neighbors. The Sept. luncheon will be at Recipe Box. Call Sally at 941-758-4220 to be added to the reservation list.

Monthly Men's Luncheon: Not to be outdone, approx. 8 men meet for a similar outing on the second Thurs. of each month. Contact Jim Crummy @ 941-758-0409 if you are interested.

Welcome to our Newest Neighbors:

Timothy & Mary Ellen Healy Family
5851 28th Lane E.

Derek & Cheryl Szarko Family
5819 28th Lane E.

Jason Smith & Jasmine Bynoe
2819 57th Drive E.

Security Committee: Now that we have discussed the "fun stuff," we need to address the serious issues that affect us all. Discussion was held at the Board meeting concerning the current security patrol that John Marcinkiewicz has organized. There are currently six resident members who volunteer in shifts to patrol the pool areas and tennis courts. The Board decided that Richard Newby should be the liaison between them and the committee. NEWS ALERT: Our community is NOT exempt from crime and vandalism!! We have already had lounge chairs thrown in our pools, along with "waste" that costs us all about \$125.00 per treatment to clean up. This is after the key fobs were activated. Briarwood has also had at least one attempted burglary in the past month...in broad daylight. We must keep our eyes and ears open to anything or anyone that is unusual or suspicious. You can do your part by volunteering for the Security Patrol Committee by contacting newbyrv@yahoo.com or calling the Manatee County Sheriff's dispatch @ 941-747-3011 to report any activity.

Check out our new Website: BriarwoodFL.com thanks to our newsletter printer, Jason Miller. He has some great ideas on how residents can make the most of this means of communication.

The Price We Pay to Live in Paradise: Misty Pike, our Compliance Director, reports that several letters are going out to homeowners who are in violation of Section 5.1 (g) for simple lawn maintenance. Please take the time to keep your lawns and hedges trimmed and landscape beds free of weeds during this wet growing season.

Dues are Due: Yes, it's that time again to pay our bi-annual dues of \$269.00 as of Sept. 1st. Casey's Management has been kind enough to enclose a self-addressed envelope in their letter of introduction, so we won't have the excuse of not knowing where to send it. If you need help with changing an automatic withdrawal, feel free to contact their office at (941) 922-3391.

Next Monthly Meeting: will be held on Tues., Sept. 17th, at 7:30 PM. Come join us at The Worship Place Church, 5535 33rd St.

Note: Due to the fact that the last meeting was not adjourned until 9:23 PM, the Owner's Comments will now be addressed at the beginning of each Board meeting. In addition, each resident will be held to three (3) minutes. Any extensive issues should be emailed to one of the following Board members:

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