

BRIARWOOD MESSENGER Feb. 27, 2014

President's Message: Dear Briarwood Neighbors,
Dear Homeowners,

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

Yearly elections are right around the corner. If you are interested or have someone in mind to run, please include names with your election materials by March 3rd.

At election time I will be saying goodbye as HOA president. I was asked to fill the remaining six months after the former president stepped down and these six months have gone by quickly. The new appointment is for a 2 year-period and previous obligations keep me from considering a return.

I want to thank everyone for your support and patience as I've been in a continual learning process since arriving on the scene. Meeting and getting to know my neighbors has been a rewarding experience. Some really nice people live here. We should all take pride in this.

Thanks again and blessings to all,
Debbie Whitaker

Spring Cleaning!

Spring is around the corner as Punxsautawney Phi informs us,

though our northern neighbors might take exception to this!

And as spring approaches it is time for us to start cleaning the

inside and outside of our properties.

I'm sure we all look forward to having our yards green again and getting to play in our gardens. I would remind us all to keep our lawns looking their best.

This not only helps our property values but show we care about community, our neighbors and having a beautiful place to live.

Special thanks to Palm Printing. Contact Jason@PalmPrinting.com or call 941.907.0090.

Please see the reverse side for more about your Briarwood community

Several Reminders: RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS
Scoop Your Dog Poop
Keep your dog on a leash

These are the law and fines can be levied up to \$500. For information regarding these laws google or check the library under Manatee County Animal Ordinance 12-10, Sect. 2-4-12 and 2-4-24.

When possible, please keep your vehicles parked on your driveway! Our streets are narrow and too many cars or trucks can pose a problem for emergency vehicles.

Assessments: Fees are always due on March 1 but as materials were late going out late fees would not be charged til April 15.

Should you have problems or questions please contact Casey Management.

Clean Slate Letter: Please note the new date March 5th for materials. Feb 14 obviously has passed. Please contact Casey Management if you have problems or need help.

Sidewalks: Manatee County is aware of the cracks and uneven sidewalks we have throughout the neighborhood. They placed barricades in several of the more noticeable locations. It may take them several months to correct the problem, so please use caution until they are able to fully correct the problems.

Potholes: Casey Management contacted Manatee County to come out at our request concerning several potholes throughout the neighborhood.

Manatee County went through the entire subdivision and filled any potholes found within Briarwood, including the specific ones we alerted them to on 57th Ave E and they said they found one on 56th.

They were grateful we called as they do not often ride through subdivisions and like to stay on top of these types of things. How nice is that!

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Welcoming Committee: Are you new to the neighborhood and would like a welcome basket?

Contact Debbie Whitaker:

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FEBRUARY 11th BOARD MEETING RECAP

Owner's Comments: Included information about changes in FEMA's flood maps and potential flood insurance impacts for some residents; notification about pool lights being out; compliments to TruScapes for progress on the fire ant issues throughout our common areas; and the water level in the pool being low.

Old Business: Pool Deck / Lake Erosion:

Deborah Whitaker informed those present that she had the pool inspected by an engineer who agreed that the pool is not suffering from lake erosion. All pool paver quotes were not received and the discussion on pool decking was tabled until after the annual meeting.

The announcement was made that the community is still in need of Compliance/Fine Committee Members.

New Business: Financial Report: Betsy Hawkins provided the following: The Assessments are due March 1, 2014 in the amount of \$260.00. The cash position to date is as follows: Operating Checking \$108,437.22, Operating MM - \$50,034.53 and Reserves MM at \$47,932.07.

A few members of the Board did meet with Stephen Thompson and Rick Weller of Najmy Thompson, P.A.

The Clean Slate letter was reviewed by Attorney Stephen Thompson and went out with the First Notice of Annual Meeting.

The Board is working to verify that our Bylaws were recorded.

A discussion began on updating the language of our Covenants to remove the developer language from the current documents as the developer turned over the association to the membership long ago and bring the language up to the current Florida Statutes. Any changes require a vote of the majority of the membership.

Community Involvement: Resident Bill Ditzel with Gulf Coast Fire and Safety Inspected our two fire extinguishers for free. We appreciate all residences who help us keep our community cost down.

Annual Meeting: The next meeting is our annual meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 26th. Please try to attend.

Spring Community Party: Misty Pike is in charge of the upcoming Spring Fling Community party for Easter.

We are looking for anyone interested in planning or helping in any way. Also, donations of plastic eggs, bags of candy or small toys to fill the eggs and any other decorations of Easter or spring that homeowners would be willing to donate for the event are greatly appreciated.

Contact Misty Pike at mistypike@ymail.com for more information or to offer your help and/or donations. We had such a great turn out for the holiday party. Let's make this one even better.

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The Briarwood community website received over 550 hits in the last month. If you aren't already using this resource for community information, go to www.BriarwoodFL.com today and sign up for an account so you can access secure content like Minutes and Covenants as well as forms and general information.