

President's Message: Dear neighbors, Fall is in the air, even here in sunny Florida and there are several events taking place the whole community can enjoy during this beautiful season. Our **Annual Community Garage Sale** will take place **November 2nd**, from **8:00 -2:00**. This is a good time to clear out, clean up, throw away, and get to know your neighbors. So, get your yard signs ready, make a little money, and have some fun. The community signs will go up soon and newspaper ads will run Thursday and Friday prior. I **apologize for the confusion over dates for the garage sale. Many were concerned and disappointed about the date being Nov. 9th, so the date has been changed to Nov. 2nd. Mark your calendar!!**

TruScapes, our new landscaping company, will be on board this November and "beauty treatments" will begin for all the common areas and our front entrances. By next spring, we hope to have all the dead shrubs replaced, trees trimmed, and the hedges looking neat, even and healthy. The fence line along 33rd St. will be the first to get an upgrade. We want all who are driving by to notice what a pretty and well-maintained community we have.

I've mentioned scheduling a neighborhood **Crime Watch** meeting. The deputy in charge has limited times available through the end of the year. We may have to wait until after the first of the year; but we will get this activated.

As the **Halloween** holiday comes this week, please make sure your goblins are safe and be on the lookout for any "out-of-the-ordinary" mischief. The non-emergency number for the **Manatee County Sheriff's Dispatch** is **(941) 747-3011** to report any suspicious activity.

Rumor has it that the Activities Committee is planning some fun events for the holidays. Let us show our support and have a great turn out.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

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Please see the reverse side for more about your Briarwood community

Editor's Note: The next two months are the busiest in the lives of most people. How lucky we are that we can spend them in this beautiful sunshine and warmth. Our children can trick-or-treat without a coat, we can hang outdoor decorations or do Black Friday shopping in our shorts, and have family gatherings on our lanais, as plants are still blooming!

SEPTEMBER 17th BOARD MEETING RECAP

Code Enforcement: Management presented a spreadsheet to the board members. This template will be used going forward. Inspections will begin the upcoming week. The spreadsheet will be updated and the board will approve the letters that will be sent.

Landscape contract: After review, the board approved a motion to terminate the G & S Landscaping contract effective November 10, 2013. The board also approved the termination of the Suncoast Irrigation contract. Five different bids were reviewed for a new contract that would include mowing, trimming, and irrigation maintenance. **Truscases** was awarded the contract with a bid of \$43,863.00 for the full service.

Pool Cleaning Bids: The selection of a bid to clean the pool baths and facilities was tabled until the Nov. meeting due to errors in specifications.

Crime Watch: It will require 4 training meetings with crime prevention officers for Briarwood to become certified. It was suggested that group captains be designated to help organize the volunteers for this watch. A Board member reported that he had to contact the Sheriff's office recently, due to teenage mischief. This could have been costly to Briarwood residents involving the pool. Although there were no arrests, a report was filed with the names of those involved. It was suggested that calls be made to the non-emergency number and ask them to file a report anytime we see suspicious activity or vandalism taking place.

Our webmaster, Jason Miller, just launched an Incident Report page that can be accessed at <http://BriarwoodFL.com/Incident-Listing.php>

for those residents that have set up a website account.

With the upcoming yard sale and Halloween, we will have many visitors to our neighborhood. Please be extra watchful for us all.

Activities Committee Meeting: Chairperson, Vicky Newby, has called a meeting of this committee to discuss and plan a December holiday event. If you are interested in planning or lending a hand, please attend at the big swimming pool on **Sun., Nov. 10th** from **2:00-3:00**. You may also email Vicky at buffnewby@gmail.com . A tentative date for this event is **Sun., Dec. 15th**. The committee would like to hold a decorating party for the common areas on **Sat., Dec. 14th** for all interested. Any donations of decorations will be appreciated. Full details will be reported at the next Board meeting and included in the Dec. newsletter. May we enjoy our holidays together, as neighbors!

A BIG Welcome to New Neighbors:

Crystal Smith & Mike Kostic
3149 57th Ave. Circle E.

Tom & Lynn Suits
5722 31st Court E.

Lenni Lee Nilsson & Jennifer Kenney
3010 58th Terrace East

Larry & Jeri Stewart
3163 57th Ave. Circle E.

Any new resident that has not been contacted by the Welcoming Committee may contact Debbie Whitaker for a gift basket at: Whitaker1Briarwood@gmail.com.

Monthly Ladies Luncheon: This group meets on the first Tues. of each month at 11:30 AM. The location rotates, so call Sally Lowe at (941) 758-4220 to be added to the reservation list and take the opportunity to meet with your neighbors.

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

Monthly Men's Luncheon: Our gentlemen also meet monthly on the second Thursday. Contact Jim Crummy at (941) 758-0409 if you are interested in joining them.

Next Monthly Meeting: will be the second **Tues., Nov. 12th**, at **7:30 PM** at The Worship Place , 5535 33rd St. All are welcome.

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Website Account Membership: If you haven't yet signed up for an account on the new and expanding Briarwood website, do so at <http://BriarwoodFL.com/Account-Request.php>

In the Member's Only section, you will be able to download copies of our covenants and restrictions, read the minutes of the Board meetings, download and fill out a request form for architectural review, and even submit a Compliance Report where residents may fill in compliance infractions for a review by Casey Management.

Thank you Jason, for your diligence and expertise in our website development.