

President's Message: You don't think of April as being the beginning of a new year, but here at Briarwood it is. The end of March heralds a new Board, your neighbors, who will be volunteering their time and resources to the management of our community.

Deborah Whitaker, last year's President, remains on the Board and I can't thank her enough for all she did. Her efforts brought repairs and landscaping improvements that make Briarwood a much more attractive neighborhood. Our website was brought online, giving residents a new way to submit concerns and contact the management company and board members. The newsletter keeps everybody informed and up-to-date. And the social committee has put together one successful event with more planned in the coming year.

Briarwood is a great community and we'll strive to continue improvements in appearance and communication. I urge each of you to get involved by attending the formal meetings, joining a committee, or even just by being good neighbors.

Happy new year, Briarwood residents!
-Jason Miller, President

Briarwood Children's Playgroup: A community playgroup has been formed and is meeting the **first Thurs.** of the month from **9:30-11:00** (weather permitting) at the **tennis courts**. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Jennifer at jennifer_kenney@hotmail.com or Christine at ckaudet@gmail.com.

Next Monthly Meeting: will be held on **Tuesday, April 8th, 2014, at 7:30 PM** at The Worship Place, 5535 33rd St. All are encouraged to attend.

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 and information about the upcoming Spring Social

MARCH 27th ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

As no names were submitted for election to the Board, our By-Laws allow for the continuation of our current members through the next year.

An election of officers was held and Jason Miller will now serve as President, Misty Pike as Vice-President and Betsy Hawkins will continue as Secretary and Treasurer. Debbie Whitaker will remain on the Board.

A nomination was made and approved to have Doug Dillon fill the vacant seat.

Doug Dillon: Doug, his wife Tammy, and two children have been residents of Briarwood since 2007. Doug is a Property Manager for the Manatee County School District. He and Tammy like to spend their free time with their family and antiquing. Doug says, "I'm glad to serve my community however I can."

Financial Report: As of February 28th, 2014, we held \$154,216 in our Operating Checking & Money Market Accounts, plus \$56,315 in CD's. Our Reserve Fund holds \$48,938 for Total Assets of \$259,469.

Landscape Bids: Two Brothers Landscape company was chosen to remove the Washingtonian palm on 58th Dr. E., and the section of tall grass on the south boundary for the lowest bid of \$300.00 per service.

Volunteer Committee Members Needed: The Board expressed the need for volunteers to serve on the **Architectural Review Board (ARB)** and to form a **Fines Committee**. Both require 3 members each. The Fines Committee would meet only when a resident requests a hearing within 14 days of receiving a fine notice. The committee will listen to the resident's explanation and then make a recommendation to the Board to waive, reduce, or justify the fine. Florida law now allows for liens to be placed on properties for non-payment.

Events Committee: Misty Pike is now leading this committee. They hope to see many of you attend the upcoming **Spring Social on Sun., April 13th**. Please see the flyer at the bottom of the reverse side for more information on this community event.

Editor's Note: After reviewing the information in this edition, you will see the reference to the word, "community," in both print and through requests to serve and come together. As a reminder to those of us who make up this one, it is: "a group of people living together in the same area, under the same laws, and having common interests;" thus, "ownership in portions of land belonging equally to and shared by all the inhabitants." Only by abiding by those laws and sharing in the care of that land and its inhabitants, can we be a great community.

Resident Requests: Teenage girls interested in babysitting weekends for one child send info to: kppt53@gmail.com

New residents are looking for other tennis players for doubles at the advanced beginner to intermediate level. Contact us at larrysny@yahoo.com or call 941-201-4816.

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Visit the Briarwood community website which has many resources at www.BriarwoodFL.com
You can also like the Briarwood facebook page at facebook.com/BriarwoodFlorida



Spring Social



Sunday, April 13th at the main pool

Children's Festivities begins at 3:30

- **Two Easter Egg Hunts** (ages 4-10 & ages 3 and under) at parents discretion
- **Crafts**

To ensure adequate supplies we request you sign up your child!

Information requested by April 6th:

- Number of Children
- Age of Child(ren)

email:

jennifer_kenney@hotmail.com



Potluck begins at 4:00

Please bring the following item according to the section you reside in:

- Section 1 - Main Dish
- Section 2 - Main Dish
- Section 3 - Veggies/Salad
- Section 4 - Dessert
- Section 5 - Dessert
- Section 6 - Bread/Appetizer

Dishes may be brought anytime after 3:30

Residents must provide their own chairs!

Please Bring Your Own Beverages
(sorry, no alcohol is permitted)

If you would like to volunteer to help set up /break down this event or if you would like to donate items for the Easter Egg Hunt (i.e. Plastic Eggs, stickers, small toys) please email: lenni_nilsson@yahoo.com