

President's Message: It takes a village...

That saying doesn't just pertain to raising a child, but also to keeping things running smoothly. And we need your help. Yes, you.

Do you see people accessing the tennis courts or pools without a fob? Kids (I sure hope it's kids, not adults) throwing deck chairs in the pools? Trees or shrubs that need to be replaced or repaired? Anything that you think may need Board Member or Management Company involvement?

Let us know! There's a contact button on the website, www.BriarwoodFL.com (or a form you can submit if you've requested an account), we have a Facebook Page at www.Facebook.com/BriarwoodFlorida, and the email addresses for the Board and Management Company are on the other side of this newsletter.

Help us keep Briarwood clean and attractive by giving us a heads up on anything you may notice. After all, it's your community!
-Jason Miller, President

APRIL 8th BOARD MEETING RECAP

Attorneys Stephen Thompson and Geoff Nichols of Najmy Thompson, PA, gave a presentation on collections and the actions the Board could invoke to collect assessments. They suggested that the Board of Directors discuss creating a collection policy. The attorneys offered to look at the delinquencies over 90 days late and make a recommendation on actions the Board could make in the best interest of the Association.

Financial Report: As of April 8, 2014, our Operating Checking Account held \$153,000.00, plus \$50,000.00 in our Money Market Account and \$56,000.00 in CD's. In addition, there was \$49,000.00 held in our Reserve Funds, for Total Assets of \$308,000.00.

Owner's Comments: A reminder was made that vendors are not allowed to place advertisement signs within the community. A suggestion was made that the Board approach the County to purchase surplus road to prevent the proposed construction of another complex from having driving access through our community.

APRIL 24th SPECIAL MEETING RECAP

The Board received three quotes to install new pavers at the large pool only. SOL Pavers submitted a much lower bid and was chosen by the Board after a review of their work at another community. The installation of pavers, plus sealer, was bid at \$11,977.59.

The Board made the decision to utilize \$4000.00 of the pool deck reserve funds and transfer the remaining \$8,000.00 from the operating surplus balance.

EXTERIOR CHANGE COMPLIANCE: Board discussion was held on concerns that some residents are beginning exterior changes to their property **before** providing the required ARC request. This is a requirement stated in our By-Laws and noncompliance gives the Association the right to require the removal of any alterations. Please take the time to make your changes according to our community rules.

COMPLIANCE/FINES COMMITTEE: Thank you to the three residents who responded to the request last month to serve on this new committee.

The Board will hold discussion on establishing this system at the May meeting. Volunteers are still needed to serve on the Architectural Review Board.

Thank You!! To all who either helped plan, set-up, or attended our first Community Easter egg hunt/Potluck on Sun., April 13th. Special thanks to Jennifer Kenney for her time and effort. We had about 25 children participate in the egg hunt, and 50+ adults provided a delicious potluck dinner to share.

Thanks also to the donations of plastic eggs; they were collected and will be recycled for next year. Look for news next month on a 4th of July celebration.

Please see the reverse side for more about your Briarwood community.

CRIME WATCH: New Board member Doug Dillon will be heading up this committee. If you are interested in being a part of a neighborhood watch, contact him or talk to him at the May meeting.

UNWANTED SOLICITORS: Had your doorbell rung by an ADT salesman lately?

After calling the ADT local office to complain, a resident was told that they had no record of sales reps in our community. When they were informed that we have "No Solicitation" posted, the suggested action was to ask to see a required photo ID with the local office number. Residents should then report the names to this number.

PLEASE DO NOT: Swim in our lakes! Two pools are provided and they are sanitized and critter free.

PLEASE DO NOT: Park on the grass! We all pay for the irrigation system (and its repairs) in our common areas. It is not designed to withstand the weight of a vehicle. Ask your guests to use the street or the swimming pool parking lots.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: The community Ladies Luncheon is held every month on the first Tues. @ 11:30. Make plans for June 3rd, and call Sally Lowe for reservations at 941-758-4220.

The Men's Luncheon is held for our gentlemen on the second Thurs. each month. Contact Jim Crummy at 941-758-0409 for the time and place.

A Children's Playgroup now meets on the first Thurs. monthly from 9:30-11:00 at the tennis courts.

VACATION NEWS: If you will be out of town for the summer, and would like to continue receiving your newsletter, drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Board member Betsy Hawkins. See the Contact Information in the right column.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: New residents may contact Debbie Whitaker at: Whitaker1briarwood@gmail.com to receive a welcome visit & basket.

BOARD MEMBER CERTIFICATION:

On April 24, 2014, the entire Board of Directors, Jason Miller, Misty Schwartz Pike, Elizabeth Hawkins, Deborah Whitaker and Doug Dillon took three hours out of their evening to attend a Board Certification Class.

They have each now completed the required course to become Board Certified in accordance with the Florida Statutes.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 7:30 PM at The Worship Place, 5535 33rd St. Please join your neighbors.

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The Briarwood community website received nearly 600 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.

You can also like the Briarwood facebook page at facebook.com/BriarwoodFlorida