

President's Message: Summer is in full swing here at Briarwood and with it come many additional responsibilities for us homeowners. The grass grows faster, weeds sprout quickly, and bushes and trees double in size.

We all pay an equal share of the costs for keeping our community maintained. Our recently formed Fine Committee is here to help ensure that individual lots are maintained properly and our that property values aren't diminished by individuals who don't do their part. Owners need to maintain their properties to the standards they agreed to when purchasing a home in our community. This committee is a leverage arm that will compel those owners who are resistant or lax to do so.

So please be sure your lawn is mowed and edged (bag or blow those grass clippings so they're not covering sidewalks and driveways), trees and bushes are trimmed (note that Waste Management will not pick these up unless they are bundled, bagged, or placed in trash cans), keep the exterior of your home (including driveways, sidewalks and mailboxes) free of mold and mildew, and if your home is in need of painting or your roof requires repair, now is a great time to get those done.

If you are interested in serving as an alternate for the Fine Committee, please contact April Lipstein, our Community Association Manager with Casey Condominium Management, at 727-4698. It would be great to have an individual we can call upon should one of our regular members be unavailable.

-Jason Miller, President

JUNE 10th BOARD MEETING RECAP

Owner's Comments: It was brought to the attention of the Board that part of the west boundary fence is leaning after a recent storm that brought high winds. The Board agreed the repair should be addressed.

There were remarks from several owners over the inflatable bounce house for the July 4th cookout and the liability the Association might incur. This was cancelled when the vendor failed to provide the promised insurance.

Financial Report: As of May 31, 2014, our Checking Account held \$117,164.00, plus \$50,096 in our Money Market Account and \$56,524 in CD's. In addition, we had \$58,576 in our Reserve Fund, for Total Assets of \$282,360.

Architectural Review Committee Requests: The Board reviewed many requests for approval of exterior paint colors. All were approved.

South Gate Maintenance: Board member Doug Dillon explained that there was a need to replace and repair the hinges on the gate, along with adding a self-locking latch. The gate had been found hanging open numerous times. He reported that he had requested and received three (3) bids on the repair work and recommended Arrow Fence Company. The Board voted and approved this bid. The signs on the fence will be replaced as well.

Directors' Comments: Betsy Hawkins announced that the landscape projects were on hold for now. Manatee County has served our association after a complaint was made concerning the south boundary tree line. They have stated that we are not in compliance, and it will take an estimated 986 bushes and trees along this boundary from 33rd St. to Hwy 301 to be approved. Betsy explained that the extending limbs from the properties south of us will need to be removed to prevent the shading that has caused many of our original shrubberies to die. In addition, some type of irrigation will need to be added to allow the new plantings to thrive. She stated this would be an extensive project to both work on and pay for.

Betsy also added that the new paver pool deck is completed and the big pool has been reopened for residents to enjoy. The Board chose a light colored paver to keep it cooler, and the finished project looks quite nice. Hopefully, residents will stop by to look, even if they don't use the pool often. The face lift was well worth the week or so that the pool had to be closed.

Please see the reverse side for more about your Briarwood community and information about the upcoming 4th of July Celebration.

BRIARWOOD MESSENGER June 25, 2014

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS:
Jack Feeney and Charlotte Campbell
3027 58th Ter E

WHAT'S HAPPENING: The community Ladies Luncheon will be held on the first Tues., July 1st, at 11:30 AM. This month the group will meet at the Bob Evans restaurant on SR 70 near I-75. Please call Sally Lowe at 941-758-4220 for your reservation.

The Men's Luncheon is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Jim Crummy for the time and the place at 941-758-0409.

Next Monthly Meeting: There will be **NO** Board meeting for the month of July. The next meeting will be held on Tues., Aug. 12th at 7:30 PM at The Worship Place, 5535 33rd St. E. You are welcome and encouraged to attend. Until then...**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!**

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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

4th of July Celebration

Friday, July 4th 3:00-6:00 at the big pool

Enjoy some tasty treats!

Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided

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

Sections 1, 2, & 3: Side dishes/salads

See the map in the large pool notice board if you are unsure which section you reside in

Sections 4, 5, & 6: Desserts

Everyone is responsible for their own drinks
(no alcoholic beverages, please)

Please RSVP to Misty at the following:

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