

# BRIARWOOD MESSENGER

**Editor's Note:** I do hope you found our first newsletter to be both informative and yet, interesting. I will continue to strive to give you both. However, as fellow residents of Briarwood, your contributions and opinions will be greatly appreciated.

**President's Message:** "As we strive to keep Briarwood a wonderful community, the decision was made to move on from Lighthouse Management. We want a company that is going to work with and for us. At the next board meeting, August 6th, we will vote and sign on with a new company. Given the time of the year, the first order of business will be to handle the bi-annual dues for Sept. We would love to see you at the meeting; but if you can't make it, don't worry. A notice will go out and let you know who the new company is and where payments should be sent. Thank you for your patience in these matters and hopefully, you'll see the benefits of the change."

-James Forrest

## JUNE 4TH BOARD MEETING RECAP

**Treasurer's Report:** As of May 31, 2013, our Operating Account held \$149,000. With Reserves held at \$46,000., plus \$55,000. in CD's. Our bad debt and uncollected dues are now \$61,000., with Total Assets being \$272,000.

**Deed Restriction Report:** A total of 12 violation letters were sent out in May. It was noted that our community documents state that, if residents fail to comply, at the Board's discretion, they can be referred to the association's attorney.

**New Finance Committee:** This committee was approved unanimously and is made up of Board members, Jane Glanz and Betsy Hawkins, along with Michael Audet and Carey Miller.

**West Boundary Fence Repair:** The board voted to accept the bid of Anders Home Services to make the repairs for \$1,150.00.

**CD Purchase:** After previous discussion, the board voted to purchase two (2) CD's of \$25,000.00 each, for a period of 14 months @ 0.75% interest.

**Tennis Court Drainage Concern:** A motion was passed to obtain bids to install a new gutter at the rear of the large pool building, with downspouts to drain to the lake, in order to alleviate the pooling of water on the new court surface.

**New Pool Key Fob Distribution:** A motion was passed to instruct Lighthouse to mail the information letter on the distribution to all residents immediately.

**Pool Vandalism:** A motion was passed to obtain bids to install a black chain link fence to enclose the electrical panel at the rear of the large pool building, due to recent vandalism.

**Plant Fund:** A motion was passed to earmark \$3,500.00 for trees, plants, and plantings to enhance the color and beauty of the Briarwood common grounds.

**New Welcoming Committee:** A motion was passed to form and appoint board member, Jane Glanz, along with Debbie Whitaker and Cynthia Kelly, as our welcoming committee.

**Owner Comments:** Residents are allowed time at the end of the board meetings to make comments on issues of concern. Those presented were: cracks in the sidewalks, irrigation repairs, the need to revisit the security patrol, and stating the "No Solicitation" sign at the entrances in a more pronounced form.

Let's give a BIG hand to our board for making all of those decisions, doing their best to represent us all, and in a little more than an hour!! See what you're missing?

**Key Fob Success:** In addition, our board members took 2 hours of their time on 2 different weekends for the distribution of these new fobs. They have reported that over 200 residents came to collect them. If you were NOT able to do so, you may obtain yours by calling Betsy Hawkins at 941-755-9013.

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**Pool Restroom Keys:** One thing overlooked in changing to the new electronic entry system was the need for the old key to lock and unlock the pool restrooms. For those of you who disposed of or cannot find the one you possessed, you may also call Betsy on that and she will have one made for you.

Please remember to lock those doors back before you leave the pool, as that is the point of some of the vandalism that has occurred.

**Important to Remember:** The purpose of these electronic keys was not only to keep out those who are not residents, but to be able to keep a record of who has had access to the pools or tennis courts. Each fob has its own unique code, and board members are able to obtain a printout for specific days and times if a need arises to determine which residents were present. Therefore, none of us should be so nice as to let someone in that does not have one, unless you know for a fact that they are a resident. It's up to us, as common owners, to keep those that are not out of our property.

**Please Review Pool Rules:** Now that we have a good security system that will, hopefully, put an end to our vandalism problem, take the time to read the rules posted the next time you visit. Even better, have your children read them too! You will see that there is a limit of how many guests you should bring at one time, that there is NO diving, that underage children require an adult, that babies should be wearing swim diapers, that dogs are NEVER allowed and other rules that were set to make everyone's recreation experience a pleasant one. If it is not, you should contact one of our board members, who will take it from there. Individual key fobs may be disarmed if need be, for any association violation.

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

**Note from Compliance Director:** Please be aware that vehicles are not permitted to be parked on any grass area. We may be happy to see the rainy season emerge to save on water usage; but we all need to make an extra effort to keep our lawns and plants trimmed to match the growth. Let's all give a shout out to those neighbors who have gone the extra mile to turn homes and lawns that were less than attractive into assets that reflect well on our entire neighborhood!! You may contact me: mistypike@gmail.com

**Welcome to our Newest Neighbors:** Our new Welcoming Committee reports that we have two new residents in recent months.

Dave & Hope Carey @ 3156 57th Ave. Cir. E.

Michael & Jennifer Kenny @ 3142 57th Ave. Cir. E.

The committee plans to gift new residents with goodies, along with our association rules documents, monthly meeting info, names of board and committee members to contact, as well as the management company representative. Any new resident who has not been visited this year may call Jane Glanz at 941-753-7147 or Debbie Whitaker at 865-724-4976.

Let's make an effort to make our new neighbors feel welcome. A BIG thank-you goes out to new Finance Committee member, Michael Audet, who threw a fantastic July 4th block party for his neighbors!! Look for news next month about renewing the women's and men's monthly luncheons also. There are also plans for our own website that could have many new possibilities. It's amazing what can happen when we all use our talents for the benefit of others. Email me with your ideas to tonya\_mcd@yahoo.com or call me at ( 941) 580-6582.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** will be held on Tuesday, August 6th at 7:30 PM. Come join us at The Worship Place Church, 5535 33rd St.