

President's Message: Volunteering is good for you! It's been proven to combat depression, improve health, and boost happiness.

Better yet, when you volunteer for the community in which you live, you reap enormous benefits in your quality of life! After all, improving the value of our homes while increasing our own satisfaction with where we live is as positive an outcome as you can get.

Briarwood has a number of volunteer opportunities available and we'd love to have you join us in making this a happy, friendly neighborhood.

Our Social Committee is fun and puts on four events for us each year. The Fine Committee helps us maintain our over-all curb appeal. The Safety Committee checks our common areas and keeps an eye on vandalism.

There may be other opportunities for you to get involved. Think outside the box and let us know if any of the above are of interest to you or if you'd like us to suggest adding a committee. We're all in this together!

-Jason Miller, President

MAY 13th BOARD MEETING RECAP

ATTORNEY COLLECTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Attorney Stephen Thompson returned to make suggestions on how the Board should move forward with Briarwood collection of past due assessments. His research showed that no liens have been filed on any of the properties that are behind. He suggested that the Board make a policy for sending notices of intent and when to file liens. When inquiry was made as to his legal fees for filing, Mr. Thompson offered to work on a deferred basis, retrieving the costs from the property owners upon collection.

A motion was approved to appoint Mr. Thompson as our council for legal action concerning our collection policy. Najmy Thompson Law Office was approved to move with notices of intent to file liens on all properties that are over \$1,000.00 delinquent.

Owner's Comments: There was discussion and concern over the new apartment development

on our north boundary and its effect on our community. Knowledge of developer and county meetings was relayed.

FINE COMMITTEE: This committee was established to be of at least three residents (non-Board members) who will be provided documentation by our Manager detailing why a member should be fined. The fine process was established as follows: 1) Warning letter giving members 21 days to correct the violation or request an extension, 2) Second warning letter providing 10 days before fining will begin, 3) Third letter begins on the 31st day of the violation notice and will fine members \$100.00 per day, up to 10 days, if necessary. 4) Members will have the opportunity to schedule a hearing before the Fine Committee within 14 days of the fine notice.

Committee members will decide whether the fine will be upheld, reduced, increased or rescinded. They will have the final authority to make a ruling and the fines will be charged to the member's pay ledger with no recourse. The committee will have 3 days to deliberate after the hearing and then mail a letter to the member with their judgment.

Casey Management retains an inspector to determine any non-compliance issues. He sends the first letter of violation only after consultation with our Board compliance director. Hopefully, this process will spur our neighbors to make contact with our Board or Manager to determine a plan of action and the Fine Committee will find it's a boring job.

FINANCIAL REPORT: As of April 30th, 2014, our Checking Account held \$131,024.00 plus \$50,084.00 in our Money Market Account and \$56,313.00 in CD's. In addition, we had \$50,046.00 in our Reserve Fund for Total Assets of \$287,467.00.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Betsy Hawkins informed the members that she has been in contact with SWFWMD to determine that Lake

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10 has algae on the southeast portion of the community. She was told that the lakes are shallow due to residents dumping grass clippings in the water, and asked that we all blow our grass away from the water when mowing.

Doug Dillon brought up the fact that mail has been missing from their mailbox and any resident having this problem should contact the Postal Inspector to report it.

Misty Pike announced that Briarwood would be having a July 4th Celebration at the large pool. The Board will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers this time, with residents bringing all the other tasty dishes. The Events Committee also plans to provide a bounce house for the kids. Look for more details in the next newsletter, and plan to join us from 3:00-6:00 to share our patriotic spirit.

SPECIAL THANKS: to Doug Dillon and his wife, Tammy, for spending part of their vacation time rebuilding the main pool door closer so our gate will close completely and safely.

They also took their own time to replace four of the globes and all of the light bulbs at the main pool with fluorescent energy saving light bulbs. Many were cracked and leaking water which kept blowing light bulbs every time they were on and it was raining.

We thank them for their dedication to our community.

Doug is still looking for volunteers to assist with a nightly pool patrol. Please consider this effort and contact him via his email address listed to the right.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS:

Jenny Rife @ 5843 28th Lane E.
The Bestreskis @ 5730 29th Court E.

If you have moved to the neighborhood in the last 6 months and have not received a welcome basket, please contact Debbie Whitaker (e-mail address at right). Include your phone number so Debbie can contact you or advise her of the best time to come for a visit.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: The community Ladies Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 11:30 AM at the Longhorn Steakhouse on Hwy 41. Contact Sally Lowe at 941-758-4220.

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

WORK IN PROGRESS: The door locks at both pools will be replaced with new ADA compliant ones as the ones we have are both non-compliant and loose. They will be rekeyed, so the current keys our homeowners have will still work after replacement. This will be more cost and time effective.

Repair will be made to the gate at the south end of 33rd Street. One of the brackets is coming out of the wall and needs to be repaired before closures can be installed on the gates to keep them from remaining open for days.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: will be held on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014, at 7:30 PM at The Worship Place, 5535 33rd St. E. Please plan to join us.

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