



# News Around The Neighborhood

## February 2024 Newsletter

### 2024 Board of Directors:

Allen Jongsma (12/25), President

Mark Henson (12/25), Vice President

Dru Bocek (12/26), Secretary

Ralph Flens (12/25) Director    Jay Popp (12/25) Director

### Current Committees

- Website, Facebook, and Outside Light Committee: Jay Popp,
- ARC: Ralph Flens, Virgil Jordan, Jay Popp, Bill Sliepka, Ron Szikora
- Garage Sale: Karen Blummer and Dru Bocek
- Welcome Committee: Donna Lamourcuy and Kathy Skurauskis
- Finance Committee: Ralph Flens, Jay Popp, and Elaine Sanders
- Landscape Committee: Lee and Dawn Buss, Gary Everhart, Patti Jongsma, Chris Popp

### Upcoming 2024 Quarterly Meetings:

Thursday, February 22,	6pm	Schererville Library
Thursday, May 16,	"	"
Thursday, August 15,	"	"
Thursday, November 21,	7PM	Crossroads Community Church

If you have not yet done so, please provide Resource Management with a copy of your home owners insurance showing Briar Cove as an additional insured. Thank you.

A special word of thanks to the many folks who walk their pets in Briar Cove. It is appreciated that you clean up after your dogs. This helps maintain our community as a very desirable place to live.

**REMINDER – TRESPASSING ON THE POND IS FORBIDDEN. WALKING ON THE ICE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS!**

Please remember that **ALL** exterior changes must have ARC approval. This includes having roofs repaired or replaced as well as garage lights. The approval form is on the Briar Cove

website (<http://www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com/>) or request an approval form from Resource Management. Their phone number is 219-865-2104 and their email is [service@resourcemanagementllc.com](mailto:service@resourcemanagementllc.com). Please fill out the form and return it to Resource Management. The approval form has been updated regarding not permitting placement of vendor signs in yards. This approval process is to ensure our residents have the proper materials and that only licensed and insured vendors are doing work in our community.

If you have not yet signed up for the Briar Cove phone tree, please contact Resource Management to do so, 219-865-2104. This is an important communication tool to keep residents informed. When the phone tree message comes out, Resource Management uses callmultiplier which has a phone number with a 401 area code.

When you sell your home, please be sure to give the new owners your Homeowners manual with all the Briar Cove Rules and Regulations. Every homeowner should be informed of these.

Please remember that other than a birdfeeder to feed small birds, feeding of wildlife is prohibited in Briar Cove. Do not feed the deer, geese, feral cats, coyotes, wolves, foxes, owls or any other type of wildlife. The HOA pays a vendor to control the geese in our community. **Please do not feed the geese as this is counterproductive.** Feeding wildlife results in health and safety risks to residents and pets. If a resident feeds any wildlife, they will be responsible for cleanup and any other liabilities associated with the presence of these animals.

2023 Briar Cove Budget/Expense recap – Briar Cove ended 2023 with a positive balance. The 2x per week watering cycle helped reduce the water bills from Schererville. We also had very little snow last year which helped reduce costs. The Briar Cove Board will continue to closely monitor costs and expenses in 2024.

Cedar mulch and bushes are provided in the front area of each residence by the Home Owners Association. No other color mulch is permitted in the front area. The association is responsible for the original plantings. Residents are responsible for any changes that are made. Residents are responsible for the maintenance of all plantings/changes done whether in front, side or rear. This includes trees, pavers, etc. This responsibility defaults to the new owner when the home is sold. Front areas should be well maintained to keep up the good appearance of our community. If this area is in need of weeding, please contact Resource Management or pull the weeds to the best of your ability. Your assistance in keeping this area neat is appreciated and helps maintain the value of all the homes in our community.

If you are currently leasing your property, you should have provided a copy of your lease to Resource Management prior to January 20, 2024. In accordance with the new amendment, all landlords are obligated to have current lease and occupancy information on file with Resource Management. Failure to do so is a violation of the covenants. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The Briar Cove Board met with several of our vendors in January. The Board is impressed with the professionalism and knowledge of our vendors. They are very knowledgeable of the Briar Cove area and work hard to keep our community well maintained. We will retain most of the current vendors for 2024.

**Reminder – There is a lot of information on the Briar Cove website for all residents (<http://www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com/>) It is a good idea to periodically check the website.**