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# News Around The Neighborhood

## 2020 Board of Directors:

Susan Kagy, President

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Briar Cove will be changing its management company on November 30, 2020.

#### Questions you may have:

What's the name of the new company? Resource Management, located in Dyer.

When will you send the contact information to me? You will see a welcome package from Resource Management before November 30<sup>th</sup>, with contact information inside.

We pay by check with a coupon. When do we get the new coupons? Resource Management will send a statement, along with December's coupon so that you can pay to the correct management company. A new coupon book will be issued in early January for 2021's payments after that. However, you are encouraged to pay by direct withdrawal from your checking account. This is a much easier method for both residents and the management company.

Why did the Board make this change? There have been many problems with 1<sup>st</sup> American and Peter, as you know. Many have complained that there has either been no action, no follow up, or Peter cannot be reached on the phone. There were several incidents that led us to believe that we are simply not valued as a customer and it was therefore time to make a change. Resource Management has stepped up and we have negotiated favorable terms so that we can continue to maintain Briar Cove in a professional manner.

The Board takes its responsibilities seriously and we have taken action that we believe will provide a clear path to preserve our community for the future.

If you have any other questions, please use the resident's email <u>briarcoveresidentsemail@gmeil.com</u> or leave a note in the box by the front door at 1319 Mackinaw Place

**Board Members are needed!** The Briar Cove Board has 2 available positions at this time. Please review the application that is enclosed and consider joining. You can have an effect on your community.

ARC Committee: This is the group that reviews all exterior changes- everything outside your home. This includes gardens that are added (remember that if you add it, you maintain it). There is a form that you must submit with the detail of those changes, which is available from the management company or the Briar Cove website: <a href="http://www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com/">http://www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com/</a>

**Lighting on Charlevoix:** There is a new light that will be added on the east end of Charlevoix. Residents have waited a long time for this. There is no completion date yet but we can see progress!

**Backyard flood area will be filled:** There has been continuous flooding in some backyards on the east side of Charlevoix. These areas will be filled in. The project will take place at the end of September-beginning of October. Please be aware that there will be some large equipment, trucks and piles of dirt temporarily in the road as they complete this project.

**Payments-** Briar Cove will revert to the original payment terms for the monthly fees. Payment must be received by the 15th of the month, as was originally established.

Stay off the falls and out of the gardens – There have been several instances of people climbing on the falls at the entrance. There are numerous signs that say NO CLIMBING ON FALLS and STAY OFF LANDSCAPING. Please keep off the falls. They are nice to look at but are not meant for people. The landscaping looks nice but it won't if people are walking on it.

# Do not gather in groups – The CDC recommends:

Social distancing, also called "physical distancing," means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people
- Do not gather in groups
- Wear a mask! They are available in the basket by the front door at 1319 Mackinaw Place

### **Briar Cove Contact List**

First Call until November 30, 2020: Peter Bylen (219) 464-3536 extension 310

Briar Cove Residents Email: briarcoveresidentsemail@gmail.com This goes directly to the President of the Board of Directors

Briar Cove Board Drop Box: On porch 1319 Mackinaw Place, label says BRIAR COVE