



News

Around The Neighborhood

Fall 2024

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

- ARC: Ralph Flens, Virgil Jordan, Jay Popp, Bob Rajewski, and Ron Szikora
- Finance Committee: Ralph Flens, Jay Popp, and Elaine Sanders
- Garage Sale: Dru Bocek
- Landscape Committee: Lee and Dawn Buss, Gary Everhart, Tom Molnar, Chris Popp, and Mary Szikora
- Nominating: Betty Bryan, Jay Popp, and Elaine Sanders
- Website, Facebook, and Outside Light Committee: Jay Popp,
- Welcome Committee: Diane Carroll, Donna Lamoureux, and Kathy Skurauskis

Upcoming - Annual Meeting, Thursday, November 21, 7 pm, Crossroads Community Church, Schererville. Your attendance is encouraged. Town officials will make presentations and take questions from residents.

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

Please make sure Ardsley/Resource Management has a current phone number, email address for you and contact info for your emergency contact.

Reminder – When parking vehicles in your driveway, please do not block the sidewalk. This is a town ordinance and subject to fine.

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 Ardsley/Resource Management. Their phone number is 219-865-2104 and their email is service@resourcemanagementllc.com. Please fill out the form and return it to

Ardsley/Resource Management. 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. The approval process normally is quick and easy.

Only temporary but tasteful "For Sale" signs are permitted in resident's yards. Only 2 political signs may be displayed for a period not to exceed 30 days preceding the election and must be removed within 5 days after the election.

If you have not yet signed up for the Briar Cove phone tree, please contact Ardsley/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, Ardsley/Resource Management uses call multiplier which has a phone number with a 401 area code.

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.

Thanks to the Landscaping Team for their hard work to spruce up the common areas. Plantings have been installed and maintained in the waterfall area and main entrance corners. They also researched and installed out cropping stones at the main entrance sign area. Also, seasonal decorations have been prepared for both entrances. All of this work was done without cost to the association!

We continue to be thankful to the many folks who walk their pets responsibly 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. Thanks also for notifying Ardsley/Resource Management when you see any broken sprinkler heads or any sprinklers malfunctioning during your walks.

REMINDERS:

If you are currently leasing your property, you should have provided a copy of your lease to Ardsley/Resource Management. All landlords are obligated to have current lease and occupancy information on file with Ardsley/Resource Management. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you are considering having your roof replaced, please talk with your neighbor. It is best to have both roofs done at the same time. Also, some vendors offer a discount if both roofs are done at the same time. After your roof has been completed, you should advise your home owner insurance, as most of them will give a discount if you have a new roof. Be sure to remove the vendor sign after the work is done.

PLEASE NOTE...** as with ***ALL VENDORS, personal requests to individual vendors are not accepted as they can only take instruction from Ardsley/Resource Management or the Board. However, we appreciate any concerns you may have directed to Ardsley/Resource Management so we can be sure our vendors are living up to their contract.

A proxy to adjust our bylaws to eliminate a voting conflict was sent to all residents several weeks ago. The reason for the amendment was to enable all Briar Cove residents to vote for a board candidate as opposed to just those attending an association meeting. In addition, the Nominating committee advises the candidate of the various duties that are required with a board position. They put the candidate on a ballot which includes a short Bio, and they determine that the candidate is not in violation of any covenants or bylaws. Thanks to all residents who have turned in their proxies. ~~The bylaw change has been approved.~~

If you have trees in your area and require gutter cleaning, please contact Ardsley/Resource Management, (219-865-2104) before November 8 Mastercut will clean the gutters at no charge around the middle of November of all residents who are on the list provided by Ardsley/Resource.

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.