



News  
Around The Neighborhood

**Spring 2021**

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## News Updates and Information For You

### Lighting

Please be sure that your outside lights are on at night. Many have the garage and front door lights that come on automatically when it gets dark, using a sensor in the bulb.

### Resource Management Emergency Message Service

This is just a reminder that this after-hours message service is for **emergencies only**. If you have a complaint, a comment or an issue, you should NOT be using this message service. Please call during regular business hours for non-emergency comments.

### Feeding Animals

Due to the many complaints regarding residents' feeding animals, the Board has sent a new Rule regarding the feeding of wildlife here at Briar Cove.

***The following will allowed in the feeding of wildlife: One birdfeeder to feed small birds, and one bird bath, both to be located in the backyard.***

***Any further feeding of wildlife of any sort but not limited to: deer, geese, feral cats, coyotes, wolves, foxes, owls or any other type of wildlife is not allowed. Feeding wild animals results in health and safety risks to the residents; further, home worth could be devalued by this activity. If a resident feeds these or any wild animals, they will be responsible for cleanup and any other liabilities associated with the presence of these animals.***

## **Change the Pay-To if your bank is writing a check for your monthly fees**

### **Does your bank write a check on your behalf to pay for your monthly fees?**

Some people have not yet changed the Pay-To (company that receives the check), so the checks are still being written and sent to 1<sup>st</sup> American. 1<sup>st</sup> American has informed us that these checks will *no longer be forwarded* to Resource Management. If you do not make this change, your account will not be credited and you will be charged late fees.

## **Spring/Summer Projects**

**Dogwood bush replacement** – These are located in the front garden areas and near the garage doors. You will see Mastercut currently doing this work.

**Painting** – Shutter, door, Wood area on front of the house, mailbox wood post, garage door. This will take place over the next 3 years in 3 phases. You will receive more information on this after the Board completes the bidding, negotiation and review process.

**Asphalt repair** – If you would like your driveway measured for possible repair, please contact Resource Management to leave your address. A Board member will review your area. PLEASE NOTE: NO REPAIRS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THE CUT OFF DATE. Once arrangements are made with the asphalt company, you will be advised of this date. There will be no last minute requests for driveway repairs.

**Tree upkeep**- If you have a tree that is maintained by the Association and it needs to be trimmed or removed; please contact Resource Management to let them know. A Board member will review all requests.

### **Timely Payments**

The Board wishes to thank those residents who have paid all fees on time. This allows us to plan for the future, to invest in our community, and to take care of issues and repairs when they come up.

*It should be noted that there are still several residents that have not been paying on time.*

There is a fee of \$14.40 per month for every late payment, which will be added to your account. It is important for you to pay on time. Late payments over 90 days will go to a collections firm and your credit rating may be affected.

## **Dog Issues – Again! Please clean up after your dog!**

**Coyote Information: We will need to learn to live with coyotes. They will not be leaving our area. If you see a coyote, contact Resource Management.**

### **Snow Removal**

The Board is currently requesting bids for snow removal through Resource Management. Careful planning is required for snow removal; however, in the event of blizzards such as was experienced this year, it will take some time to complete plowing. The weather is unpredictable here and as you know, it can snow a lot in a short time. Furthermore, it has been the policy of the Board to require that snow plows use rubber blades on the driveways so that they are not scored or cracked. This protects the investment that the Board makes on your behalf so that the driveway is viable and attractive year-round. A contract that would have a time-driven clause may substantially increase the cost of snow plowing. The Board will advise you of the results of these bids.

### **A reminder about the Rules section of the HOA By-Laws**

The Board may make changes, additional amendments or delete portions of these rules as requested by residents. The 'Don't Feed the Wildlife' Amendment that you would have received recently is an example of this. The Board carefully reviews requests and only makes these changes when there is a need. The Board will be reviewing all of the Rules this year in order to update to current standards. Your input will be carefully reviewed as well.

**Please Note: All exterior changes must be approved by the ARC Committee. The form is located on the Briar Cove website <http://www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com/> or you may request a paper form from Resource Management.**

### **Information Sheet for Resource Management**

If you have not filled out the information sheet from Resource Management, please do so as soon as possible. This information is only used by Resource Management and is considered private. It will not be used by any other companies or parties.

There are many reasons why this is important: You will not receive emails with timely information, you may not be informed of the status of work being done here at Briar Cove, or you might need to know that you left your garage door open! If you need an information form, please contact Resource Management.

### **Vendor Access Reminder**

Vendors will occasionally be seen in homeowner areas to inspect the vicinity. Vendors are allowed in work areas. Please do not disturb them and allow for social distancing at all times. Board members may come on property to review areas needing repair or renovation. The same rules apply- social distancing and let us complete our work too.

**Board Members' Note...**

Please keep in mind that your Board of Directors is a volunteer organization that works very hard to provide good service in this community. It is difficult to be all things to all people, so we appreciate your concerns and do the best we can to resolve any issues. Also, our new management company, Resource Management, should be treated with respect as well. Addressing the Board with kindness and patience is very much appreciated.

## 2021 Event Schedule

Quarterly Newsletter mailing: April 16, July 16, October 15

Annual Survey – October 1-31<sup>st</sup>

Annual Report, Survey results and Treasurer's Report – November 17

Garage Sale (proposed): Preparation Days June 17 & 18 Sale: June 19

*All meetings and gatherings will be announced as soon as it is possible. No in-person meetings are scheduled at this time.*

## 2021 Contact Information

**Resource Management** (anyone can assist you)

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