



**NEWS  
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NEIGHBORHOOD**

**June 2, 2008**

**AS A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, THE BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE RESIDENTS OF BRIAR COVE AND ARE UNPAID VOLUNTEERS.**

This will, hopefully, be a regular feature on our website. In an attempt to address so many issues in the community on a daily basis, the board and its committees are working on a system to communicate with each other and then to relay information to you on a timely basis. Maybe some of you might be interested in contributing articles to the newsletter.

You have probably noticed some of the following activities going on around the neighborhood:

- ⇒ The irrigation system is up and running and Schererville Irrigation has repaired damaged heads, controls and broken water lines. Please be careful when inserting decorations in the ground that might pierce water lines.
- ⇒ As a cost saving measure and because it made good sense, the water for the sprinklers was turned off on May 14<sup>th</sup> due to heavy rains and saturated grounds and then turned back on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This was voluntarily done by one of our residents.
- ⇒ Mastercut has replaced the hardwood mulch with cedar mulch, which is bug resistant, does not decompose as quickly, keeps its color and smells good. Call Todd Dykstra, 708/878-1831, if you want any additional mulch at your own expense. We know that the mulch is a "sore" point with many residents. At the moment we are trying to get the neighborhood in good shape before we make major changes. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.
- ⇒ Mastercut will also be replacing the sod damaged by snow plowing in the next week or so. Please make an effort to keep the new sod watered if the sprinklers don't reach it.
- ⇒ The Landscaping and Beautification Committee (L&B) did a clean up of the landscaped areas at the entrances on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Several dead spiraeas in front of the waterfall and dead roses in the island will be replaced with flowering shrubs. Also, members of the committee will plant some geraniums in the bare areas in front of the waterfall. Feel free to pick any weeds that detract from our landscaping.

- ⇒ Dave DeYoung, a member of L&B and a “jack of all trades” has been and will continue to trim brush and trees around the perimeter of Briar Cove. This is being done to keep the brush from encroaching on your property and assisting the lawn care service to do a better job of trimming your lawns. Dave has also trimmed the willow trees around the pond and has saved the community money because of his generous and helpful nature. He is very visible, should be wearing a bright orange vest and likes to talk with residents. Please give him your cooperation.
- ⇒ George Gadomski, also a member of L&B, has volunteered to assist residents with questions about selecting and planting shrubs and trees. Contact Peter if you want assistance and he will get in touch with George.
- ⇒ Forever Green has just applied our second application of fertilizer—this one has crab grass control. Please discard the yellow flags after 48 hours. They will treat the landscape beds with grub control this July to help with the Japanese beetle problem. We will not be aerating this season. We know that many of you are used to the “perfect” lawns and this has been a big disappointment for you. We are not in a financial position to address every single lawn issue and are grateful for all the personal work you do for yourselves and your neighbors to keep our community looking good.
- ⇒ Enclosed you will find a procedure and application for requesting any exterior modifications. Please read the procedure and application thoroughly before submitting. The application should be sent to Peter and no work should be started until written approval and a permit is received from Peter.
- ⇒ Finally, the annual Briar Cove Multi-Family and Neighborhood Garage Sale will be on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Peter will advertise in the Times and Post-Tribune. Start identifying what “treasures” you are going to part with and enjoy visiting with your neighbors.