BARB'S FARM MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

ASSESSMENT FEE REMINDER

The Barb's Farm Board and management company work very hard to keep our assessment fee low and collect the yearly fees needed to maintain the open space and common areas in our community. The maintenance required in these common areas includes the following: mulching in the playground area; grass cutting around the entrance, in the park, playground area, and at the ponds; tree and shrub maintenance which includes, fertilizing and insect and disease control; playground equipment maintenance, lights along our streets, insurance, electric, taxes, management fees, etc. With all the maintenance required to maintain our community, the Board has managed to get it done this year for \$235 per household, which is less than \$0.65 a day for each of us. Everyone's timely assessment payment allows the management company to pay our contractors to maintain our beautiful community; so, Barb's Farm continues to be a place we want to live.

Our 2012 approved assessment fee of \$235.00 was sent out in February, 2012 with an option to pay 2 installments of \$117.50 on April 1 and May 1, 2012. It is now August, and we have a number of homeowners who have still not paid their assessment fee in full.

On behalf of your elected Board, we thank all those homeowners who diligently pay their assessment fee each year, and appreciate those who pay in a timely manner. Timely assessment payment avoids additional cost to the community and possible court actions.

Unpaid assessments are unfair to other homeowners and your neighbors. It will ultimately create higher assessment fees in future years as a result of expenses incurred to collect outstanding balances; repairs and maintenance not being performed due to a lack of funds; and it will result in a community that is not well maintained, thus decreasing all of our home values.

If you have not yet paid your assessment fee in full, please do your part to help keep our community beautiful and pay the amount still outstanding. If you are unsure of the amount due on your account, please contact Lottie Scott at our management company, BC Communities at (302) 234-7718. Thank you for your understanding and consideration in resolving the balance you may have due.

Please understand that if you do not communicate with us, we have no way of knowing your situation; thus, late fees will continue to accumulate and court action will eventually be pursued.

Sincerely,

Your Elected Board