

# **Barristers Place Community Association**

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### **Annual Meeting**

Date: April 17, 2012

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Louise Archer E.S.

324 Nutley St NW

Vienna, VA 22180

Once a year, the residents of Barristers Place meet to discuss and review the activities and concerns of our neighborhood of 159 homes. The Board of Directors, which is comprised of volunteers from our neighborhood, wishes to advise the homeowners not only of the Board's actions of the prior year but also obtain homeowners' input for the upcoming year.

The annual meeting is mandated by the covenants of our deeds and will be held at Louise Archer Elementary School.

## **Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order

Introduction of the Board of Directors

Approval of Minutes of the 2010-2011

Annual meeting

Treasurers Report

Review and Approve the 2012 Budget

Old Business

**New Business** 

Speeding and Traffic Control

Park Clean Up

Planning of Yard Sale/Picnic

**New Officers** 

Volunteer to put Covenants online

New Business from the Floor

Nomination and Election of Officers Adjourn

#### **Election of Officers**

The Association elects its officers at the Annual Meeting. All residents of Barristers Place are eligible to serve on the Board and the current Board members welcome and encourage residents to volunteer for the Board or on Committees to enhance the quality of our neighborhood. Please consider joining Board to maintain and improve our neighborhood. Do you have ideas for a Babysitting Co-Op, Progressive Dinner Groups or Holiday parties? Perhaps you would like to start a Bunko or Bridge Group or beautify our BP Park. Share your ideas and talents with your neighbors by joining the Board and making our neighborhood a vibrant, safe and fun place to live. We need your support.

# Attendance/Quorum/Proxy

In the event that you are unable to attend, please sign and return the attached proxy. You may give the signed proxy to any Board member, mail it to BPCA, PO Box 1192 Vienna VA 22183 or scan and e-mail the signed proxy to BarristersplaceHOA@gmail.com.

We hope to obtain 100% participation by attendance or proxy at the Annual meeting and appreciate your support.

### New E-mail Address for Barristers

### **Place**

Barristers Place C.A. has a new email address: <a href="mailto:barristersplaceHOA@gmail.com">barristersplaceHOA@gmail.com</a> . Please mark the new address in your address book.

# Treasurer's Report

#### 2011 Income

Dues & disclosure package sales	8,745.00
Late Payment Fine	23.72
Disclosure Packets	90.00
Carry over from previous years	<u>3,920.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	12,778.72

#### 2011 Expenses

Maintenance	5002.08
Corp Fee	25.00
P.O. Box	92.00
Entry electricity for 2011	20.00
Insurance	1030.00
Virginia-DPOR fee	90.00
Newsletters	615.90
Tree Work	2720.00
Directory	470.75
Yard Sale Publicity	39.99
Picnic Picnic	569.79
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TOTAL EXPENSES	10,675.51
	2,103.11
Carryover to 2012	2,103.11

In addition, the Association maintains a "rainy day" CD valued at \$11,569.79 as of 12-31-11. Interest income for 2011 was

# Additions, Sheds and Fences

E-mail all requests for changes to the BP Board of Directors for its approval at BarristersplaceHOA@gmail.com.

### Trash/Recycling

Thursday am. (Please do not place out before 4pm Wednesday.)

#### Yard Waste:

Thursday-from March 1 through Dec. 24. To be collected, yard waste must be placed at the curb in a separate container or tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet. Containers and bundles should not weigh more than 50 pounds.

(Please, do not place out before 4pm Wednesday.)

**Special collection**: If you have county trash and recycling service, call **703-802-3322**.

Please note: Lower Counselor Drive that is within the Vienna Town boundaries:

**Trash:** Monday **Recycle**: Thursday

**Special pickups**: information on the Vienna

website <a href="http://www.viennava.gov/">http://www.viennava.gov/</a>

# **Good Neighbor Policy**

Please keep your trash cans/recycle bins stored away and out of sight after pickup. We also have received complaints that some residents place their lawn debris out several days before pick up and/or leave their trash bins in front of their homes or in sight of their neighbors. In the unfortunate event that you have a neighbor who accumulates large amounts of debris at their curb, the following excerpt from the Fairfax County website may be of interest to you:" I have a neighbor who has had large piles of junk sitting out at the curb for weeks. Can the county do anything about this? Yes. Through the Clean Streets Initiative, the county's Solid Waste Management Program and the Health Department are working to address this issue. Under Clean Streets, the property owner is notified that the trash must be removed. If the property owner does not remove the material

within 10 days, the county will remove it and bill the property owner."

Call **703-246-2300**, to report a property under the Clean Streets Initiative program." <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov</a>

# Restrictions on Signs in Covenants-Yard signs

The covenants allow only the single sign at the property advertising the sale. Please advise your realtors that when there is an open house, the directional signs are allowed while the open house is in progress but need to be removed when the open house is over.

Home improvement signs are also not allowed. These can be up while the contractor is present but when they leave for the day they are to be removed. Political signs are not allowed: the BPCA obtained a legal opinion regarding the political signs.

#### If You Become a Victim

From time to time, our community experiences some form of crime. Fortunately it does not happen often. But, if you happen to be a victim we want to offer a couple of reminders. First, call the police no matter how minor the incident. Calls to the police result in increased police patrols. Second, please inform the BPCA so we can track patterns and, if necessary, alert the entire community. Simply e-mail: <a href="mailto:barristersplaceHOA@gmail.com">barristersplaceHOA@gmail.com</a>.

## Spring is in the Air

We are grateful to the many residents who have been hard at work doing yard and house maintenance this winter. Please take a look around your property and be sure to rake up those pesky leaves from last Fall, trim any bushes and trees that overhang the sidewalks. Do you need to clean or replace the glass in your street lamp? Is your fence in good repair? How is your battle going against unwanted additions to your lawn?

Your efforts are critical if Barristers is to remain neat, clean and pristine. They are especially vital for homes that back along Abbotsford Drive. Remember, Abbotsford is our "Main Street". It is the impression we put forth to everyone who drives into our community.

### 2011-2012 Board of Directors

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