

# Barrister's Keepe Newsletter

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## BK HOA Annual Meeting

The BK HOA Annual Meeting will be held on *Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:30PM* at the *DC Metro Church*, next door. The meeting will be preceded by our annual *Ice Cream Social* starting promptly at *7:00PM*.

This is always a well-attended event, hosted by our Social Committee and it's a great opportunity to meet with and catch up with your neighbors.

## Social Committee Updates

The BK Social Committee is planning for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Oktoberfest Party** at the fountain. It will take place in early October. This is a well-attended fun event featuring, brats, hot dogs, beers, soft drinks, salads, desserts, and German music. The charge is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. The Committee asks that each person bring canned goods to be delivered to a local food bank. All residents and their guests are invited.

The Annual HOLIDAY CELEBRATION will begin with the "Lighting of the Fountain" on the first Sunday of December (December 4<sup>th</sup>). This will be followed by the Holiday Party at a home to be determined later. This is one of the best get-togethers of the year. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped toy which will be delivered to our local Fire House for the "Toys for Tots" program

## Covenants Committee News

### **Visitor Parking:**

We have had numerous complaints about the visitor parking lots being full, and being used by permanent resident vehicles. Our regulations are clear. Residents are to park in their garages or driveways, or find alternate parking offsite. Any vehicle parked in visitor parking longer than 2 weeks must have an approved Visitor Parking Permit that is good for up to 90 days. It may be renewed once, at that time the vehicle will be

considered permanent and must be parked as in regulations. Article 12 (f) of our Declaration gives the Board rights to tow vehicles in violation of the Rules and Regulations. Please visit the website to download the Parking Permit application. [www.barristerskeepehoa.org](http://www.barristerskeepehoa.org)

### **Walk-around results:**

The 2016 walk-around results are complete and letters will be delivered to residents in the next week. The common issues are noted for your knowledge:

- Vents rusted
- Vents containing birds' nests
- Wood rot on garage doors, front porches, and around windows
- Mold/mildew on siding
- Paint needed
- Paint color not in accordance with standards
- Shrubbery overgrown
- Large gaps between porch and sidewalk/driveway
- Storage on porch/deck or beside house

In accordance with your Declarations Section 7.2, owners are required to keep lots in good order, condition and repair and in clean and sanitary condition. Once notified, homeowners have thirty days to rectify the conditions.

## Letter from the President

Dear Friends:

Thanks to the Covenants Committee for doing their annual walk through the community. Now it's time for us to do our part and address the issues the Committee found. It is a constant battle and as each year passes, we need to pay closer attention to what's happening to the exterior of our homes. If you have any questions about what they found, just ask. And remember, if you want to do anything to the exterior of your home, you should ask someone on the Covenants Committee to see if you need to get formal approval.

Thanks also to our Social Committee for organizing events throughout the year. We even had a few impromptu get-togethers at the fountain before it got too hot. We'll have our Ice Cream Social prior to the Annual meeting next week which is always a draw.

Finally, thanks to everyone who lives by the rules established for our little association. To those of you who don't use the visitor parking lots as personal extensions of your driveway, thanks. To those of you who clean up after your dogs when they poop in the common area, thanks. To those of you who still drive in the correct direction when the gates aren't working or when we open them for weather or community events, thanks. To those of you who periodically inspect the exterior of your home to see if anything needs to be done – and then takes care of any issues, thanks. It's because of you our little community looks as good as it does. For those of you who believe the rules aren't for you, you really need to get with the program. You bought here knowing there are rules; if you are renting, you still know there are rules because we talk about them all the time.

A big thanks too goes out to our neighbor, Pastor Andy Lloyd who has graciously allowed us to use the DC Metro Church facilities for our annual meeting. Hopefully, we can make arrangements to use it for all our meetings. Pastor Lloyd will be in the facility during our meeting and I've invited him to our Ice Cream Social so I hope you'll attend to meet him, enjoy the ice cream and attend the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, don't forget to get your proxy in or ensure it gets to the meeting so we can establish a quorum.

That's it folks. Obviously the rules were the theme for this issue. If you have any questions, you can look the documents up on our web site. They're not hard to get acquainted with; they're not hard to understand; and they're not hard to follow.

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