

# Briar Wood Patio Homes

## Sprint 2013 Newsletter

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### Annual meeting

Despite the rather sparse turn-out, our annual meeting met the bylaw quorum requirements. Our 2013 budget was approved and all board members were re-elected. The only change is that Anne O'Brien agreed to take Betty Hill's place as secretary. Thank you to Betty for her years of great secretarial duties!

### Pool news

The pool is slated to open Memorial Day weekend as long as it passes inspection and the weather cooperates with the necessary pre-work. Our maintenance contractor will paint the pool as soon as we will have five days of 50 degree nights in a row for the paint to dry.

### Spring has finally sprung!

We see a lot more outdoor activity with temperature increase. It feels great to be outside, especially after such a long winter. Please remember that the street and parking lots are not play areas.

Briar Wood is lucky to have so many green areas and three parks within walking distance. Keep yourself and children safe by staying away from cars.

### Claudia's Corner

Feel free to hook up those hoses and turn on your outside water.

With the snow finally melted, please help keep Briar Wood beautiful by cleaning dead plants from common areas outside of your patio fence.

Prescription Landscape will be repairing areas of plow damage.

Another reminder to please remove sanitation and recycling containers the day of pickup. Visit the Golden Valley website for the recycling schedule, and what to do if you miss recycling pickup.

Watch for bulletins on high water usage, and a survey to see who might be interested in a second inside electrical circuit breaker panel project.

If you have an urgent need for a board member, or see a problem with the grounds, the fastest way to get a result is to contact Claudia, our Property Manager, directly: [claudiacjn@msn.com](mailto:claudiacjn@msn.com) or 612-709-5706.

### Security Notes

This is the first of a series of safety and security articles. I hope this helps you become more secure in your home - your sanctuary from the challenges in this ever changing world.

So, who am I to advise you on these topics? I am a former military safety officer and manage a group of security consultants. These experiences taught me that real risk information helps you make your sanctuary a safe place to retreat to each night.

My advice for this month is look at our city police department web site. It includes crime maps; an invitation to tour the police station; and opportunities to attend the GVPD Citizen Academy. You will see that factual information helps you stay safe because your intuition is then based in reality, not myth.



So, if you are in the Warehouse district at 2 AM on a Saturday morning, you should be afraid; if you are putting out the garbage at 10 PM on a Tuesday evening, you should be aware of your surroundings, but not afraid.

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