

Barrington Club Newsletter February 2025

Hello neighbors and friends...

Time is flying by this season and its hard to believe we are at the end of February! It has been wonderful to reconnect with so many owners and renters around the pool and at our social events. Here is an update on some activities and information I hope you find fun and helpful.

Pool, Spa and Clubhouse Update

We wanted to provide a brief reminder on our pool and spa use rules and etiquette so everyone can enjoy their time at this important area. We've used a "Question and Answer" format to addressing frequently asked questions:

Q: Why do I have to shower before going into the pool?

A: State law mandates that all swimmers/spa users must shower prior to entering the pool or spa, especially when you have applied sunscreen or lotions. A quick rinse off at the pool shower prior to jumping into the pool or spa helps ensure we are able to maintain a proper chemical balance of the water and avoid sunscreen slicks on the water surface that are extremely difficult to get rid of.

Q: Can I use my personal technology at the pool/spa/clubhouse?

A: Yes...but.... Please use earphones when listing to music, etc. If you need to use your phone, please move to the area where the mailboxes are located or into the clubhouse so it doesn't disrupt others around the pool. The pool/Clubhouse areas are WIFI enabled and the access information is posted in the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

Q: Can I reserve lounge chairs with my towel so I have one available when I go down later in the day? A: No. Lounge chairs are on a first come first serve basis only.

Q: Can I reserve the Clubhouse for a personal event?

A: Yes. The Clubhouse can be reserved via the Barrington Club website landing page (Reserve Clubhouse icon)

NB: Our pool alligator is a "working alligator" as helps to keep the ducks and water birds out of our pool. <u>Please ensure it stays in the pool and isn't used as a toy.</u>

Any questions regarding the pool, spa or clubhouse can be sent to the board from the landing page of our Barrington Club website (Send a Message to the Board icon).

Landscape Update

As previously noted, we have been keeping a close eye on the fiscus hedge that surrounds our property. Unfortunately, there are large sections that are not recovering from the multiple hurricanes and require replacement.

Through careful 2025/2026 budget planning, we have been able to pay for this hedge replacement expense through our operating expenses (ie: this is <u>not</u> a reserve expense or an extra "special assessment"). We will be able to commence this hedge replacement project after we receive:

- approval for the adoption of the proposed 2026/2026 Barrington Operating Budget
- formal approval from the Pelican Bay Landscape Committee

With these approvals obtained, the estimated start time for this project is April 2025 <u>commencing with the condos</u> backing onto Oakmont Parkway.

The replacement hedge selected is called Clusia (image below) is an approved plant species of the Pelican Bay Landscape Design Committee and is extensively used throughout Pelican Bay. For visual reference purposes, it is the same species of hedge used by Jamestown which is the community located directly across the street on Oakmont Parkway from where our new hedge will be installed.



Clusia (also known as Pitch Apple)

We will keep everyone updated so stay tuned!

Property Management Update

Garbage and Recycle Pick Up: Please ensure your garbage and recycle bins are approx. 18-20" from the building and 18-24" apart to ensure the mechanical arms of the garbage trucks do not hit the condo buildings.

Internal Condo Renovations: Please be reminded that non-emergency in-condo renovations and upgrades can not take place between December 15 – April 15 due to noise and disruption to the community. If you have questions regarding any in-condo work you are thinking of doing, please send a message to the board or our property manager from the landing page of our Barrington Club website (Send a Message to the Board or Message to the Manager icons).

Special Community Events

Some notable upcoming events are:

March 2: Mardi Gras Party at the Pool/Clubhouse starting at 4:30 pm (sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse)

March 4: The Annual Meeting for Barrington Club condo owners at the Community Centre in Pelican Bay starting at 4:00 pm (all in person owners are invited to attend)

March 5 & 6: Our annual Dryer Vent Cleaning for all condos (separate email sent to owners and a poster located at the Clubhouse)

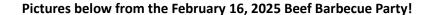
March 11: Women's Madhatter Tea Party at the Clubhouse starting at 2:30 pm (Sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse)

March 19: Board of Director meeting starting at 4:00 pm (via Microsoft Teams)

For more information about the above and other all our events, please visit the landing page of our Barrington Club website (Community Calendar icon).

In Closing...

I am committed to hearing from you on topics of interest, suggestions or ideas on how we can keep you informed on what's going on within our community. Building a strong and inclusive culture where everyone feels welcome is important to all of us...after all, as many of you have shared with me, this is your "happy place". (3)









Special Thanks to the Social Committee and all the volunteers for set up and clean up!!!

Carol Ferguson
Barrington Board President