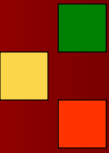




Briarwood Buzz

Winter 2009



Community Events Continue

Saturday October 31, 2009 Briarwood held the first community event at the clubhouse, the Halloween Bash. It was a fun filled evening at the clubhouse of cakes and cookies, candy and making caramel apples, and fortune telling!



With a turnout of over 100 residents and their children the Halloween bash was a huge success! We had Evil clowns, ninjas, bumblebees, pirates, ladybugs, princesses, the swamp thing and more.

Our next event will be Christmas Caroling with the Trolley and a House decorating contest. This event will take place Monday December 21, 2009 beginning at 6pm at the clubhouse. Come join your neighbors for some Hot coco, apple cider, cookies and Christmas Caroling on the Trolley through Briarwood!

Will you be the winner of the December 21st Christmas Decorating Contest?



Wi-Fi Café at the Clubhouse

Due to the amount of positive feedback and attendance the Wi-Fi Café will continue through January. The hours remain the same Monday thru Friday from 7:30 to 9am. The Wi-Fi café will be closed Fri. Dec. 25th 2009 thru Sun. Jan 3rd 2010 and will re-open on Monday January 4th, 2010.

We invite anyone who has not done so already to come out, enjoy a hot cup of coffee, or fresh juice, doughnut and visit with your neighbors!





Briarwood Lakes



Aquatic Systems provides algae treatments, aquatic weed control, and shoreline grass control. Algae treatments consist of spraying all of the lakes whenever algae is present. With the shorter hours of sunlight and the cool temperatures in our winter months the algae blooms should diminish. By contrast during the spring and summers months the hours of sunlight are greater and the temperatures become hotter which creates more algae blooms that last longer.



Aquatic weed control consists of treating any submersed weed or plant that would be considered invasive to your lakes, (hydrilla, bladderwort, chara, southern naiad). These treatments would be done using an aquatic label chemical to attack the weed or plant at its root system. Normally a few treatments will be sufficient to resolve these issues. Shoreline grass control is simply keeping the lake banks free of all weeds and grasses when the water level begins to drop during our dry season.

Most of Briarwood's lakes have beneficial plants that provide a natural habitat for fish, birds, ducks. Briarwood has the common plants around our lakes, (golden canna, arrowhead, pickerelweed, gulf spike rush). These plants also help control erosion of lake banks and absorb the fertilizer that runs off from all the yards around the lakes.



The typical issue we have with Briarwood's lakes is the algae blooms during the spring and summer months. The health of a lake can be determined by the presence of a variety of wildlife being present. Upon inspection one can see there are many fish, birds and ducks in every Briarwood lake which is a good sign that our lakes are healthy and doing well.

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Briarwood Calendar of Events @ the Clubhouse

December 2009

- **Wi-Fi Café: Mondays– Fridays 7:30 –9am**
Closed Friday December 25th thru January 3rd 2010
- **Christmas Caroling on the Trolley & House
Decorating Contest Monday December 21, 2009**



***RSVP to info@bpoanaples.com for any event or activity that you would like to participate in or attend w/your name, address and # of people attending**

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Landscaping Tips from Larry Sisco and Avant Yarde



Fall/Winter may be the most important time of year to give your lawn the much needed attention that it needs. The months of severe rain during rainy season have leeched any residual slow release fertilizers in the soil from the previous application. Grass, trees and shrubs are about to go dormant and need that important 4th quarter fertilization in preparation for the dry season. Also, all of those pesky weeds that have sprouted from all of that rain can now be treated with pre and post emergent herbicides. Weed eradication programs are done from October through March when the ambient afternoon temperatures are below 85 F.

When selecting fertilizers, make sure that you are selecting the proper blend of major nutrients for the proper season and more importantly, make sure that the fertilizers you buy have the assorted minor minerals for proper color and health.

Palm trees need fed as well. Look around at the poorly fed Royal palms in the community. Most are nutritionally deficient of manganese and magnesium and are dying at a great rate. Manganese eliminates the “frilly leaf” appearance and magnesium keeps the fronts that deep green color that palms should have.

The grass has been used to having water most every day with the regular rains, and during this time of year, there is little measurable rain and warm temperatures. Collier County water restrictions are in place, but these do allow watering of your lawn two times per week. The rule of thumb is an inch and a half of water two times a week will sufficiently irrigate your lawn and encourage the roots to go deeper for survival in the dry periods.

Don't forget about the living pests that invade each fall and winter dry season. Chinch bugs and mole crickets love the stressed and in poor health areas of your lawns as do the weeds. Grubs are another pest that is a dry and cool weather pest that is prevalent in our lawns. If you see a flock of those beautiful curved beaked Ibis walking around in the lawns in the mornings and late afternoons, beware. While they may be beautiful and great to watch, they primarily eat grubs-that large whitish stubby worm that you see when planting your flowers that will destroy your lawn quicker than any other pest. Grubs cannot be affectively killed with a spray and usually is not covered in your lawn and shrub pest control programs. It requires a granular treatment which is broadcast throughout the lawn. Check with your local pest control company for an expert opinion on your problem

