

Dear Brasch Park Residents,

On behalf of the board of directors of our community, I hope this message finds everybody well. It's hard to believe we are turning the corner and winding down 2011. Lots of positive changes have taken place in Brasch Park this year. As we gear up for cooler temperatures and autumn leaves, I wanted to take a moment to bring everyone up to speed on the current state of our community.

By now you have noticed some heavy construction work taking place at the pool. The work you are witnessing is a complete replacement of the concrete around the pool deck. The concrete was literally beginning to fail creating safety concerns. The pool certainly would not have been able to face another summer's use without this work completed first. In fact, worried homeowners have been asking the board for repair work to be done for quite some time now but the issue was always the costs.

Being mindful of these costs of concrete work, we had initially explored having a professional contractor patch the concrete. However every contractor who inspected the pool area came to the exact same conclusion: that is any patchwork would be a short term temporary fix, as the entire concrete was failing and ultimately would need to be replaced. It would cost more money in the long run to patch now and replace later. Under these circumstances, your board realized we needed the job done right. We worked with our property manager, Mary Carroll, to find the lowest bid possible while still ensuring quality work.

In the past professional concrete work would have been cost prohibitive for us. However the reserve funding created from the vacant lots being sold enabled your board to make this job top priority, as our pool is one of the community's most desirable amenities. While the pool is closed for the colder seasons we contracted the work to make certain the pool area is in pristine condition not only for our enjoyment, but to help protect our property values. If all goes as planned, Coweta Pool and Fire stated the concrete work should be finished within another week.

Additionally, now that we have moved into cooler weather, bids are being collected for landscaping improvement at the front entrance. For too long the front entrance has needed attention, and we are finally in a position make these maintenance improvements. You will be seeing this work done in the coming weeks.

Despite the extensive concrete work at the pool, we are still on track for the first time in this community's history to actually end the year with a comfortable amount of money in reserves. The concrete work is a prime example why an adequate reserve funding is critical for our community's overall wellbeing; we simply never know when a rainy day will happen.

We all can take pride in our community and help keep it a great place to call home. Small things that cost us no money make a big difference. I wanted our pet owners that when walking your dogs, please remember a leash is required at all times. In addition to the leash, it goes without saying each pet owner is required to clean-up after your dog. There are obvious sanitary concerns with dog waste not being picked up. Also, please be mindful of other people's houses not being used as a "spot," for your dog and please be sure to clean up after your dog if it does accidentally

go on someone else's property. We all know dogs tend to go where they want, but there is no reason the pet owner cannot clean-up after their pet.

Additionally, I have noticed multiple vehicles being parked on a long term or even permanent basis at the pool parking lot. Please understand this is not a guest parking lot and certainly not an overflow for extra vehicles. The pool parking lot is only for residents while actually using the pool or the community park areas (such as the basketball court, children's playground, baseball field, etc). Be a considerate resident and make other arrangements for your extra vehicles.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone now more than ever we need to be an active voice in the City of Grantville to ensure the recycling center does not open literally across the street from us. I attended a town hall meeting last week at City Hall to represent our community's voice. I was pleased to see several of you also in attendance. It is critical if you have not already done so, to let our city council members know about your opposition to this recycling center. It will have a detrimental impact on not only the city, but certainly our community.

While I would certainly encourage you stopping by City Hall directly to let your voice be heard, I realize email may be more practical to share your concerns with our city council members. The following is their email addresses:

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Brasch Park is the best subdivision in Grantville, let's keep it this way!

On behalf of the board of directors, I wish you all an enjoyable autumn, and will see you all throughout the community.

Regards,

Vaughn Harper
President, Brasch Park Community