

THE BIRCH LOG

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, February 17h @ 7:30 PM

At the Clubhouse

The Birchwood Lakes Officers and Directors will be addressing the issues presented in this newsletter. Some of the items on the Agenda for this meeting will be:

- VP of Finance will present the 2003 Budget for approval.
- Financial Secretary reports on 2003 dues collections.
- Easter Egg Hunt preliminary plans are hatched.
- Ed Eck days are scheduled.

Nonmembers who wish to join the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club are encouraged to come to the meeting. Their application will be taken at the meeting.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE THING

On pages 3 and 4 of this issue is an "Emergency Plan Questionnaire." We are required by Medford Township to prepare a comprehensive, written plan for Birchwood Lakes. Please take the time to fill out this form to help us meet the requirement mandated of BLCC. When you have completed it, tear it off and mail it to the Club. Your inputs will save the BLCC volunteers a lot of time and who knows, someday it may help you!

LAKES RESTORATION

Ron Yulick reported at the last Board meeting that the engineers took 33 samples from the lower lake to determine the amount of fill that has occurred there. This will help BLCC determine the condition of all the lakes. Further impacting our lakes will be the possible widening of Jackson Road across our lake. Ron contacted Senator Martha Bark's office to express our interest in this possible project. There is a possibility Senator Bark will attend the DEP pre-application hearing. No date for that meeting has been set yet. The Pine Lands Commission is also expected to attend. We will keep our members informed as to when, where, who, why, etc.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Of interest:

John Rothwell sent a letter to the Burlington County Board of Elections to confirm that the Clubhouse will be used for future elections.

The tennis court gate locks were changed for 2003. Jim Whipple has the new keys. One year of use costs \$25.

The fence on Jackson Road will be repaired as soon as the Township receives the materials.

NW Lakeside Drive will be cleaned of the sewer misadventures when the weather improves.

The property committee will be scheduling two additional work days to supplement the two EWd Eck days.

40 households had already paid their 2003 dues

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2002 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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Some households made an additional donation to the dam maintenance fund. Five tennis court keys have been sold.

SKATE EXCHANGE



If anyone is in need of skates or would like to donate their skates to Birchwood Lakes, then please call Sandy Scott at 953-5640. Birchwood is starting a skate exchange because kids grow out of their skates so fast and the skates end up in a yard sale. It will be nice to recycle the skates knowing a Birchwood resident will get a chance to enjoy our frozen lake.

TECHNOLOGY BREAKTHROUGH

Until the December 2002 issue, The Birch Log was printed out from "Print Shop" desktop publishing software. The printed masters would then be mailed, or if late, taken to a copy center for reproduction and folding. Starting in December, "Microsoft Publisher" software was used. This allowed the Birch Log to be emailed to the copy center, Liberty Document Services in Philadelphia, for copying, folding and (last month) insertions. We have upgraded our ability to use photographs because one major loss of quality, the scanning of the printed master, has been eliminated. Emailing also saves the cost of mailing or hand delivering the masters. Jon Young of NW Lakeside Drive is the General Manager of Liberty Document Services. Jon then brings the finished product to Bill Bielec who delivers the copies to the individual homes.

In 2002, the Birch Log was under budget at \$960 for the year or 42 cents per copy.

The Birch Log is published just prior to each monthly meeting and before any special meeting. Materials for the newsletter should be received 12 days before the meeting. Material may be faxed to 609-953-8429 but the preferred method is by e-mail to AHomann@aol.com. Your e-mail will be acknowledged within 48 hours. If you receive no acknowledgement, call 953-3222.

EMERGENCY PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

In accordance, with the Constitution and By-laws of the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club and the Township of Medford, it is necessary to outline and institute a communications plan that will be used in the event of a possible emergency. The following list of questions will aid the Board of Directors in outlining and eventually enacting an emergency plan that will be utilized by residents of the Birchwood Lakes community should an emergency arise. It is essential that we receive your prompt feedback by March 31, 2003 as your answers will dictate how you and your family will be specifically contacted in the event of an emergency and what responsibilities you will assume relative to informing others of such an emergency. We also need the requested information to keep you abreast of important but less critical situations that nonetheless affect the use and enjoyment of your property, the lake and our community at large.

How would you prefer to be contacted in the event of an emergency?

Home telephone _____

Work telephone _____

Cellular telephone _____

Pager _____

E-mail _____

What is the primary telephone number to reach you in the event of an emergency? (List only one number) _____

Do you have an email address? Please list. (Print carefully and list only your primary email address)

Do you own a cellular telephone? Yes / No. Can you receive text messages? Yes / No

Can we count on you to call five (5) of your neighbors in the event of an emergency? If yes, list all 5 neighbors, street address and telephone numbers.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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Do you have any disabilities that would prohibit you from vacating your home without assistance in the event of an emergency? Yes / No. If yes, please describe.

Can we count on you to aid in notifying and assisting elderly and or disabled neighbors in the event of an emergency? Yes / No.

Non-emergency communication:

In an effort to update our records and develop additional and improved methods of communication, please furnish us with answers to the following questions.

Do you have internet access? Yes / No. If yes, do you have high speed internet access? Yes / No

Are you in favor of a Birchwood Lakes Colony Club Website that contains community news, the Birch Log, newcomer information, health/safety tips, Kid's Corner, community classifieds, real-estate listings, lake updates, etc? Yes / No. If yes, how often do you think you would use it?

Daily? Weekly? Monthly?

What changes if any, would you like to see made to the Birch Log?

Do you enjoy reading the Birch Log? If yes, what do you like the most? Least?

Please mail your response to:

The Birchwood Lakes Colony Club
P.O. Box 382
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Thank You!

Andrew Meltzer, Chairman, B.L.C.C. Communications. 953-3330.