

THE BIRCH LOG

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, December 8th @ 7:30 PM

At the Clubhouse

The Birchwood Lakes Officers and Directors will be addressing the issues affecting our community. Members are encouraged to attend.

➤ This month, Ron Yulick will be presenting the preliminary findings of our lake bottom testing.

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.

NEW BLCC PHONE DIRECTORY

Work has started! Soon you'll be flipping through the pages looking for someone's phone number or maybe their kids' names or ages. Wouldn't it be nice if it were 100% accurate? The least you can do is make sure we have your family info correct.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last name _____

First name(s) _____

Children's' names & ages _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

VP of Property John Rothwell reported that many projects were completed in this Fall's Ed Eck day. A long list of job completions included power washing the siding of the Clubhouse, adding new (much needed) shelving to the storage room in the Clubhouse, reworking the entire walkway leading to the Clubhouse, replacing 72' of ball field fence, building a new canoe rack on a cove on North Lakeside Drive West, cleaning the upper lake inlet, painting the bike stand, replacing broken or rotted fence railings, mulching the Birch trees planted in previous Ed Eck days, raking the front lawn and beach and cleaning the tennis court of leaves and weeds. A lot was accomplished in just four hours. Good planning and many hands make light the work.

Besides the manual work, BLCC has been working with the Township in planning a walkway along the side of Jackson Road. The planning stage has now moved onto the Township applying for the funds. This is a safety project for those of us who walk or jog around just one of the lakes. Walking or jogging along the Jackson Road crossing of the lake is not for the faint hearted and could be a risk to your good health.

VP of Lakes, Mike Maher said the lower lake will be brought back up on December 15th. The contractor installing a new sewer line along North Lakeside Drive West is expected to be finished (or nearly finished) by that date.

In the public segment, Christina Fennimore informed the meeting of feral cats that are living behind the Eastern Athletic Club racquetball courts near the upper lake inlet. Anyone interested in helping alleviate this problem should contact Christina at 654-5292.

2004 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	John Cirenza	953-8912
Treasurer	Vivian Heiler	654-5507
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Max Bieberbach	11/2005	654-8636
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Andrew Meltzer	11/2005	953-3330
Kevin Wall	11/2006	654-6431

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	Clubhouse	
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	Sandy Scott	Kevin Wall
	Lakes Restoration	
Chairperson	Ron Yulick	953-5380
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The Birchwood Lakes Colony Club

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A PAUL BUNYON ALERT

You get the Medford Messenger! Did you pick up on a last page article entitled "Tree and Vegetation Removal" in the Fall 2003 edition? I didn't until a member called and suggested I reprint it in the Birch Log. It reads as follows:

The removal of trees and under-story vegetation from wetlands, wetlands buffers and other buffers approved by the Medford Township is prohibited except in limited cases. All lake front properties are considered to be in a wetland buffer. The depth of the buffer can be up to 300' inshore from the edge of the lake. Selective thinning maybe permissible. Please contact the Planning and Zoning Division 609-654-2608 before removing any trees or vegetation along lakes, wetlands and in any approved buffers. Where homeowner associations exist, the rules of those organizations must also be reviewed and prior approval may be necessary.

NEW BLCC PHONE DIRECTORY

Take or mail this card to:

Patty Yulick
132 North Lakeside Drive East
Medford, NJ 08055

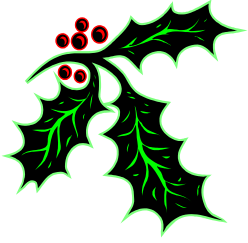
Better yet, call Patty @ 953-5380

And tell her
"I'd love to help,
What can I do?"

And surprise, Patty will be
delighted to have you help her.

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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. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, at 7:30 PM, in the Clubhouse. 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.



BIRCHWOOD LAKES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: December 13, 2003

Where: Birchwood Lakes Clubhouse

Time: 6:00 pm till 11:00 pm

MENU

Hot Hors D'oeuvres

Spring Mix w/Mandarin Oranges, Walnuts and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Chicken Piccante

Flounder Stuffed with Crabmeat

Virginia Baked Ham – served in a Savory Sweet Sauce

Penne Pasta with Sun Dried Tomatoes & Asparagus in a Rosé Sauce

Garlic & Herb Mashed Potatoes

Fresh Vegetable Medley

Assorted Dinner Rolls and Butter

Gourmet European Sweet Table

Holiday Cookies

Please respond with payment of \$25 p/person to Patty Yulick, 132 N. Lakeside Dr. E., by December 7th.

Tickets are limited to the first 60 guests.



Hey Kids, no hibernating now.

It's time for our annual Children's Christmas Party.

Our holly-day party is planned for Saturday, December 6th from 2-5pm at the clubhouse.

Come see Santa, have lunch and make some crafts.

Please RSVP ASAP to Patty Yulick @ 953-5380.

Volunteers and snacks are needed.

**May the Happiness and Good Cheer of the Holiday Season
Be Yours Throughout the New Year**

9TH ANNUAL BIRCHWOOD LAKES TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

This campaign was started in 1995 by just a few families in three different neighborhoods. It grows every year and more than 1,000 gifts were collected last year. In 2003 we expect more than 15 neighborhoods to participate. Thank you so much for your generosity in years past and for your continued support.

To make it more convenient for you, we will again pick up the gifts from your home on Saturday, December 13th. Leave them in a bag outside your front door and we will collect them in the afternoon before 3:00 p.m. If you prefer, you can still drop packages off by that date to:

Kerry Brown	35 North lakeside Drive West	654-9291
Nora Zurzolo	55 North Lakeside Drive West	953-2734

**We suggest gifts for toddlers (age 1-2) and the often forgotten
Kids over age 12, such as sports or personal care items.**

BIRCHWOOD LAKES HOME WANTED!

Former Birchwood Lakes residents are looking for another home in our special neighborhood. Tony and Candi Giardina and their three children left Medford for Florida in July. You may remember that Tony was the Parade Marshall for our Fourth of July, 2003 celebration. An opportunity has come up that will bring the family back to Medford in late spring, 2004. They are really hoping to move back to Birchwood and so asked our help in their search for a home. If you are considering a move in the near future and would be interested in speaking to them, please call or e-mail Bill and Kerry Brown (609-654-9291 or kerrybill@comcast.net). We'll forward the information and Tony will contact you right away. Thanks.

A BLCC THANKS...

...goes to Tom Jenkins, who for the first time in over three decades won't be on the Board or a Director of BLCC. Tom created the position of VP Lakes in the 1970s. Recent years have found him in the posi-

tion of VP of Finance. Tom put the BLCC books in a computer program for the first time, introduced budget tracking and is now in the process of having the Club registered as a non profit organization in the IRS records. When he wasn't in the books, Tom did a number of jobs both on Ed Eck Days and year round on the property. A man for all seasons, Tom deserves a giant BLCC Thanks.



Tom draws a refreshment at the July 4th 2001 cookout.