

# THE BIRCH LOG

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 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. The Officers and Directors will be making decisions for you. Why not express your ideas?

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? Help us achieve that. Make sure we have your family info correct. Submit it here!

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Children's' names & ages \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

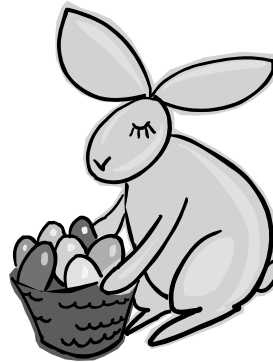
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## EASTER EGG HUNT



Mark your calendar now? NO, its too late for that! We're talking FRIDAY. Hopefully you've gotten this newsletter on Thursday. We're talking TOMORROW! The BLCC annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for Good Friday, April 9th from 11 am to 2 pm at the Clubhouse. Lunch, crafts and the egg hunt are featured. Call Patty Yulick, 953-5380, for info, offering ideas, volunteering or to make a reservation.

## SPRING ED ECK DAY

Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2004

8 am—12 noon

Please mark your calendars as a reminder that this year's Spring clean up is right around the corner. There will be a variety of stimulating, exciting, challenging responsibilities from which to chose and which will enhance your feelings of good citizenship. Also, there will be lots of the old mundane jobs that need doing as well. Coffee and pastries will be served from 7:30—8:00 and sandwiches and sodas from noon—1:00 in the Clubhouse. Please bring a rake, shovel, wheelbarrow or tarp to help with the clean-up. Schmoozing and networking with your neighbors is a dividend. Info? John Rothwell, 654-4678



Fall 2003

Typical BLCC

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## **2004 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

President	John Cirenza	953-8912
Treasurer	Vivian Heiler	654-5507
Secretary	Sandy Scott	953-5640
V.P. Finance	Bob Morgan	654-9651
V.P. Lakes	Mike Maher	654-4760
V.P. Property	John Rothwell	654-4678
V.P. Recreation	Patty Yulick	953-5380
Financial Sect.	Jim Whipple	953-1937

### **Directors**

Max Bieberbach	11/2005	654-8636
Chris Bradley	11/2004	654-2567
Christina Fennimore	11/2006	654-5292
Gene Hinchey	11/2004	953-5411
Carol Kontos-Cohen	11/2005	714-2203
Andrew Meltzer	11/2005	953-3330
Kevin Wall	11/2006	654-6431

### **Committees**

#### **Clubhouse**

Chairperson	Valerie Wall	654-6431
	Sandy Scott	Kevin Wall

#### **Lakes Restoration**

Chairperson	Ron Yulick	953-5380
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#### **Membership**

Chairperson	Patty Yulick	953-2734
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#### **Communications**

Chairperson	Andrew Meltzer	953-3330
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### **The Birchwood Lakes Colony Club**

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## **BIRCHWOOD LAKES HOME WANTED**

Former Birchwood Lakes residents are looking for another home in BLCC. The Giardinas left Medford for Florida in 2003. An opportunity has come up that will bring the family back to Medford in late spring. They are really hoping to move back to Birchwood. If you are considering a move in the near future, please call or e-mail Bill and Kerry Brown (609-654-9291 or [kerrybill@comcast.net](mailto:kerrybill@comcast.net)).

## **BIRCHWOOD LAKES HOME WANTED**

Seeing double? I don't think so. Birchwood Lakes, like most of Medford, is in demand. It's a seller's market. And now, once again....Former Medford residents seeking a small lakefront rancher, one or two bedrooms will do. If anyone is thinking of selling, call Cleone Byrne @ 654-4410.

## **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](mailto:AHomann@aol.com). Your e-mail will be acknowledged within 48 hours. If you receive no acknowledgement, call 953-3222.

## **TIME TO BRING BACK CRIME WATCH!**

*John Rothwell*

Over the years, there have been periods when area youths have found it entertaining to damage Club property in the vicinity of the beach and clubhouse. We have once again entered one of those periods.

Recent evidence of this includes broken fence rails and gates, removal of no parking/no trespassing signs, abuse of beach swings, striking and kicking of the back door of the clubhouse with a blunt instrument and/or boots and destruction of the grass on the ball field by vehicles. Members may have evidence of additional abuses that have occurred in other parts of the community.

In addition to the nightly mischief, we have the continuous challenge of assuring that only Club Members are utilizing the club amenities such as the beach, basketball court and ball field. Here the primary concerns are liability and assuring that each amenity is available for Members when they want to use them and that the experience when using them is a pleasant one.

As BLCC Property VP, one of my responsibilities is to maintain Club property. Damage to Club property as a result of vandalism drives up the cost to maintain Club property. Additionally, it requires

more time spent by volunteers, such as myself, to repair the damage.

Years ago, residents formed a Crime Watch group to address concerns similar to those we face today. It basically consisted of nightly patrols of the community until 11 PM during the week, midnight on the weekend (Friday and Saturday nights). In the event trespassers were discovered on BLCC property, the police were called. However, the presence of vehicle headlights shining on the vandals was usually sufficient to chase them from the scene.

As a member of the Club and as a Board member, I respectfully request that the community consider forming another Crime Watch Group. The group would need a chairperson to organize volunteers and facilitate meetings to determine the form that the group will take.

Those who are interested in volunteering to be part of a Crime Watch group to help protect and maintain the assets of the Club can call me at 654-4678. I will collect the names of interested Members and notify each of them of those who want to participate.

The problems are happening now, so please don't delay in calling me. The sooner a Crime Watch group is formed, the better.

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## **MARCH BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

Patty Yulick, VP Recreation, reported the BLCC Yard Sale will be on Saturday, April 24th. This has been scheduled to coincide with the Deerbrook Yard Sale.

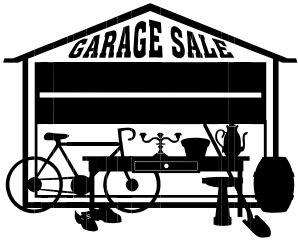
Andrew Meltzer, Chairman Communication, continues to collect e-mail addresses from BLCC members to include in developing an emergency plan. Patty Yulick is collecting data via the Birch Log for the new BLCC phone directory.

John Rothwell, VP Property, reported that Ed Eck day on May 1st will be followed with the Township brush collection scheduled for the week of May 3rd.

Director Chris Bradley cited the use of the basketball court by non-members.

Several members in attendance expressed their displeasure with the condition of NW Lakeside for so long. John Rothwell volunteered to provide residents with the same form used after East Lakeside Dr was repaved. Kevin Wall expressed the opinion that some repairs needed to be completed before paving starts. There was a question as to whether BLCC should handle this with the Township or individual members. Discussion then followed related to organizing a group of concerned residents and Board Members and together expressing their concerns at an upcoming Township meeting.

**YARD SALE! YARD SALE!**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH**  
**9AM—2PM**



Yup, it's time to get rid of Aunt Sue's cat. That critter has been up to no good for too long now. What? You say you can't part with it? Oh well, any-

thing else you'd rather get rid of for some real ca\$h? This year, Patty Yulick has scheduled the BLCC YARD SALE to be on the same day as Deerbrook's. Together, we can move more product. Call Patty (who is VP of Recreation...Does that mean a Yard Sale is recreation?) at 953-5380 for all the details as well as how you could help her help BLCC. Like posting of the signs on Jackson Rd one week before the sale. This is Marketing 101!

**CANADA GEESE MAY BRING PROBLEMS**

The Canadian government has ordered the slaughter of about 19 million geese, ducks, chickens and turkeys the Wall Street Journal reported in their paper. This in an effort to stamp out a rapidly spreading outbreak of avian influenza. This flu is mainly in western Canada. The Canadian government on April 5th characterized the cull as a "pre-emptive strike" aimed at eradicating the disease, but federal officials admitted days earlier that the outbreak was spreading out of control.

"We are dealing with a very serious and highly contagious disease in birds, and it is becoming clear that the rapid spread of the virus requires aggressive action to minimize its additional spread."

While Canada battles avian influenza, an outbreak of a different strain in the eastern U.S. now seems under control.

PLEASE DON'T FEED CANADA GEESE

**KMART COMING TO JACKSON ROAD**

The name Big K is synonymous for Blue light specials, Martha Stewart products and Jacqueline Smith. But soon the Big K will make it possible to never have to leave the Birchwood Lakes area to go shopping. Kmart plans to open its newest store, in a downsized version, on Jackson Road by the year's end.

Kmart Corporate Public Relations President Jim Smith confirmed the company's purchase of 14 acres of land on the west side of Jackson Road just south of Southwest Lakeside Drive for the new store.

The new store comes shortly after Kmart closed many stores around the country—two in Burlington County alone—in order to survive an economic crunch. "We're doing better now," Smith said. "The company's ready to expand, especially to a market that's primed for growth, like the Medford area.

Birchwood's Kmart will have all the amenities consumers are familiar with, from competitive prices and quality products to friendly service, Smith said. "We're hoping that Birchwood's Kmart will meet the ever-changing needs of its community and go on to be the model for more Kmart's across the country. The Birchwood Kmart will also offer an expanded home goods section with products including paints, wallpaper and trim as well as a hardware department and landscaping section.

Because of the limited depth of the lot, the store front will be right on Jackson Road and the parking lot several thousand feet south on Jackson Road. "Space is a premium in Medford," Smith said. "It was either off-site parking or a somewhat smaller store. We made the customer friendly choice."

Kmart will have a small ground breaking ceremony April 12 with a corporate ribbon cutting featuring Kmart executives breaking the first ground with golden shovels. Smith said there will be Blue Light Specials on hardhats. Smith also said, "Don't believe everything you see written on April Fool's day."