

# THE BIRCH LOG

September 2004

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## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, September 13<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.

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*Al Homann*

BLCC now has a website. Having a BLCC website has been discussed for several years. Always the questions were, "For what purpose?", and equally, "At what cost?". The first question is generally answered, "As a means to provide our members with information on a timely basis and for our members and others, as a resource for BLCC information". When you go to the site, you will see the beginnings of this effort. For example, the BLCC Officers and Directors, your representatives, are listed mostly as they are each month in the Birch Log. But what if you don't have a Birch Log handy? The Residents Map of the Upper Lake is shown. If enlarged, the names and details are shown clearly. Can most members enlarge this web page? Would you ever use it? A copy of this Resident's Map is included in this Birch Log. A few pictures of BLCC property are shown. Should more be included? Should views of Birchwood in all the seasons of the year be included? Would this make any difference at all in the sale of a home in Birchwood? Should we allow members whose homes are for sale, list them along with a picture? Should any member be allowed to post

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## ITS UP, ITS DOWN, ITS UP, ITS....

*Mike Maher*

In the last month, our Lower Lake has gone from a small creek in the center of the lake bed to its full depth, with water cascading over the spillway. I've had calls from concerned residents, some of whom only 60 days ago had the lake in their home or on their property. These anxious home owners want to know, "What's going on?" or "For gosh sake, whose in charge?"

I'm here to say that the man upstairs is in charge! BLCC has had ALL the boards pulled since days after the flood. And ALL the boards have remained pulled at all times. What's going on is our education. The volume of water passing through our lake varies greatly and is dependant on the amount and intensity of rain. A heavy rain produces so much water that even with all the boards pulled, the lake fills up to the spillway. Last week, it was running 12 inches over the top of the spillway. I called Medford Township personnel and had them come out so that they witnessed this condition. I did this so that later people could not claim accurately that we were filling our lake without permission.

Had we had our lake empty on July 11th, with all the boards pulled, we still would have had the Lower Lake dam overtopped and damaged!

I hope this gives comfort to those who are concerned with our lake up one day, down the next, and not knowing what is in store for tomorrow. It's just the normal ebb and flow of the stream. For those who are working on their bulkheads or docks, I know this is a problem.

Someday we'll be back to normal and our Lower Lake will look just as it did earlier in the summer when the picture on the phone directory was taken. Then, with the dam rebuilt to 2004 standards, we'll all feel a lot better. I hope that won't be long!

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items they have for sale on the website? Should we have pictures of the July 4th Cookout and the Easter Egg Hunt posted as well? The BLCC Constitution and By-Laws are on a web page. Should the website be like a library, with lots of data available for those who are looking for it? A *BLCC Business Section* is planned. This would be accessible only with a password. It could contain the minutes of past Board meetings and a Discussion Page for Officers and Directors so that they may come to the meetings having already reviewed items that may come up as a motion. Should we have a members' password protected section? Should the BLCC phone directory be a web page in this section? The members section could have a discussion bulletin board.

All of this can be negated if the costs are prohibitive. Registering the name [WWW.Birchwoodlakes.org](http://WWW.Birchwoodlakes.org) costs \$20.00 per year and this has been done. Having a company provide BLCC with web access (called an ISP or Internet Service Provider) costs from \$10.00 a month and up. Our current ISB is [www.valueweb.com](http://www.valueweb.com) and our website costs \$20.00 per month, \$240.00 per year. Just as we managed to produce a bound BLCC phone directory with a color cover at no cost to BLCC, so we are looking into finding website sponsors. The website design and special software has already been donated to BLCC. Hopefully then, the website site can be maintained at no cost to BLCC. Sounds affordable to me!

What makes a website good and used is its content and its presentation. Go look at the website and then PLEASE email your suggestions to me at [AHomann@aol.com](mailto:AHomann@aol.com). The more people, the more ideas, the greater benefit to BLCC and its members. Thanks.

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 609-953-3222.

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# Resident Map Of Birchwood Lakes

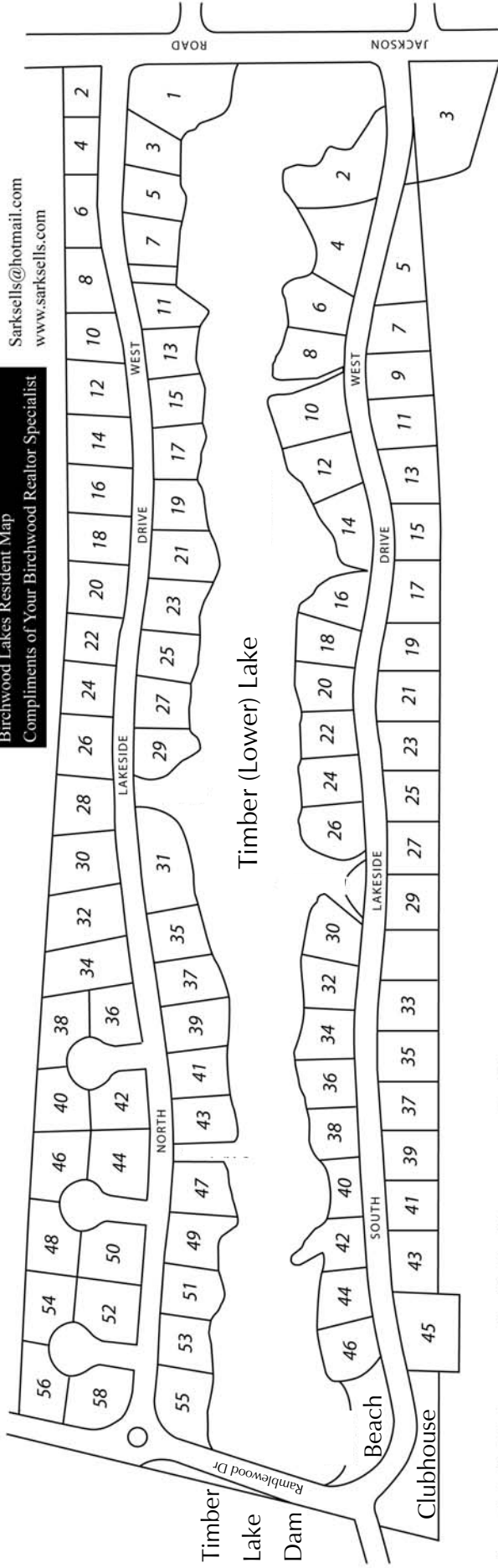
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- 10 Ramsey, Jr.
- 11 Holden
- 12 Hubler
- 13 Wall
- 14 Baldwin
- 15 Rudman
- 16 LaRosa
- 17 Cummings
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- 22 Jenkins
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