

THE BIRCH LOG

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MEDFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE

The Medford Township Council unanimously passed the ordinance which assures lenders of the repayment of loans BLCC will need to repair the dams and clean the lake bottom. The presence of so many owners at the meeting conveyed the message that the majority of owners desired to restore our lakes and our property values and this was the way chosen by most owners.

TOGETHER WE CAN

Steve Cohen

Birchwood Lakes is a place where we all love to live. That love has been shown in many ways this past year. No more so than in the tremendous efforts of our volunteers who continue to make it a better place to be and who are now striving to rebuild our lakes to be better than before the devastating flood of July 2004. The remarkable voter turnout in September in making the important decisions for our future was wonderful. The confidence that the community showed with its voting decision for the work by the Lakes Restoration Committee and the Board of Directors left me and others in awe. This encouraging sign that we are together towards common goal is essential to keeping volunteers energized as they spend countless amounts of time and energy working to make it happen.

As we enter 2006 the work to rebuild our community is going to increase and support in many ways will be needed by all who live here. I look forward to this year with a bigger smile than I had one year ago and more pride in our community than ever before.

Together we can do it! And when we do ...the first float is on me.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, January 9th @ 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? For detailed info on the meeting format and future meeting dates, go to our website and click on "Board Meetings".

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.

WANNA SLING SOME MUD?

Now you can! Join the Lakes Committee. How? Just show up on any Wednesday night at 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse. The planning for the removal of the lake bottom material still needs work and work means many hands (You know, many hands make light the work... or is it too many cooks spoil the broth?) Tom Andreacci, 654-7922 and Mike Maher, 654-4760 are the contacts. Several options are under discussion on both how and where to get rid of this 'stuff'. Can we sell it? There are some contractors looking for fill. But fill, like everything else these days, comes with different gradings for different uses. Learning about this is interesting. Want to learn?

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THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME?

I am once again looking for a home for sale in Birchwood Lakes or nearby. This time it is for my sister who is relocating from Arizona with her husband and two small children. If you are considering a move in the near future (spring) please call 609-654-9291 or e-mail Kerry Brown at kerrybill@comcast.net.

A BLCC THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for all the generous donations made to the *Toys for Tots* drive this year. Even though we gave you less notice than usual, you still came through. Thanks for always being there. Kerry Brown & Nora Zurzolo.

WHY NOW?

After 49 years, Verizon has seen fit to change my phone number to 609-654-2497. Landis Eby, 29 NW Lakeside.

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HOLIDAY PARTIES 2005!

The Kids had a blast at BLCC's Annual Children's Holiday Party! There was fantastic food (Thanks to everyone who contributed), a yummy sheet cake, fun crafts, and of course a visit from Santa Claus! Santa stayed to read *The Night Before Christmas*, have his picture taken with each child, and he also came bearing gifts! The look on the children's faces truly is priceless. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, we had over 50 children attend. The neighborhood is really growing! It was great to see familiar faces as well as some new. I must thank Liz Bilecki, Christina Fennimore, Donna Giardano, Kerry Kenny, Kelly McGuire and Sandy Scott for all of their help setting up and running errands. As usual everyone pitches in and helps with the clean-up, and believe me this is huge! So please accept my thanks in whatever way you helped out, I appreciate it!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Adult's Holiday Dinner Party. The food, atmosphere and especially the company made the evening very enjoyable. The Clubhouse looked exceptional with fresh paint and revamped powder rooms. (THANK YOU SANDY SCOTT)! A special thank you to Tom Jenkins and Kevin Wall for setting up and providing the music for the evening. I have to also once again give a big thank you to Liz Bilecki, Anne Buchanan and Sandy Scott. Due to a family emergency, I was not available the day of the party. These three ladies really stepped up to the plate and the party would not have happened without their help. Thanks Again! Clean-up was a breeze with this party as well. There were so many helping hands at the end of the evening I couldn't possibly mention them all. Thanks to everyone again and Happy New Year! *Michelle Swift*

My THANKS to all of the Birchwood Lakes residents who welcomed me in their homes so I could get my training to become a Public Adjuster. My particular thanks to Dana Cummings and John Rothwell who went the extra mile and chose to introduce me to their friends. The flood sensitized everyone in our neighborhood to the need for proper insurance coverage. As a Public Adjuster, I will be able to review your homeowner's and flood policies and make suggestions, as well as help you get what you're entitled to under the terms of your policy in case you have a claim. I believe it to be a noble profession, one where I can fight for the rights of the individual who is often faced with the indifference of large companies. I am available to answer all questions or perform free home inspections should you wonder what is covered and what is not. Thanks again for your support,

Andre Dubbeling 25 So. Lakeside Dr.W. Cell: 609-220-5274

FOR SALE 2004 Craftsman 10" Table saw, also Matching Love Seats. Carol Anderson 654-1098

CLUBHOUSE NEEDS

The Clubhouse interior has been painted. Now we need Fish/Canoe items, theme for the men's room and something pink & Victorian for the gals powder room. Got something to give? Call Sandy, 953-5640.

Plan on using the Clubhouse? New insurance rules mandate that you notify your homeowners insurance company. They will cover you. Questions? Call Kevin or Valerie Wall, 654-6431.

ANOTHER BLCC THANKS

A special thanks to Guy Scott (and his business Laurel Oaks Garden Center) for supplying over 20 trees and 3 truckloads of materials for planting a privacy barrier at the top of the upper lake. Guy has always helped out Birchwood with his generous donations, but this time he really out-did himself. Thanks, Guy, for all your help.

Bill Brown, VP Property

