

THE BIRCH LOG

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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING REPORT

A light at the end of the tunnel? The Board sure hopes so. Permits for the reconstruction of the dams and for the lake bottom cleaning have been quoted to BLCC. While we hoped the permitting authorities would work with us because of the flood and because of our non-profit status, that has not exactly worked out that way. The permit for the dam reconstruction comes to \$6,100.00 and for the lake bottom cleaning comes in at \$7,170.00. That represents the dues from 44 members just for the permits! BLCC will get these permits before expending effort to create the bid packages necessary for the contractors. Already BLCC has expended \$172,000.00 which we understand we will be reimbursed by NJ DEP. DEP loan documents have been created and submitted. BLCC is now awaiting their review and approval.

In the meantime, back at the ranch, sediment disposal has not yet been finalized. Several contractors and several sites have been evaluated. Alos a decision on whether to have BLCC have the material hauled away to one or more of these disposal sites or to pay a contractor to pick it up at the lake bed and take the material to where ever he wants it has not been finalized either. Cost is the big driver here.

Tony Giardana had volunteered to be the point man for the dam reconstruction but now will not be able to offer us his services. BLCC is hoping someone reading this with experience in this type of work will be able to replace Tony. Contact anyone on the Board or Tom Andreacci, 654-7922.

Spence Quill, Financial Secretary, reported that already 120 homes have paid their 2006 dues.

Bill Brown, VP of Property, reported that the water line to the Clubhouse needs to be replaced in the Spring. Other jobs he has lined up for Sping Ed Eck Day includes the moving or removal of two trees on the Upper Lake as per the Township.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, March 13th @ 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.



Attention kids of all ages! This year's Easter Party/Egg Hunt will be Friday, April 14th. Save this date. More details to follow. Stay tuned.

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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.

YOUR LEAF LADY SAYS:

Keep leaves, branches, etc. from entering storm sewers. They just end up blocking the line or washing into the lake bed. Who is the 'Leaf Lady'?

HELP WANTED

Seeking secretarial help, 4 to 8 hours per week with a flexible schedule. Computer skills required. Daniel J. Benor, MD 609-714-1885.

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