



# **THE BIRCH LOG**

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## **MEMBERS APPROVE CLUB BORROWING INCREASE, WORK BEGINS!**

On August 7th, a majority of members voted and by a vote of 100 'yes' votes to 5 'no' votes, the Club was authorized to increase the Club borrowing from \$1.8 million +/- 10% to a maximum of \$2.4 million, a 21% increase. The original approved amount, the details of which were presented to the community in the September 2005 presentation at the township's Public Safety Building, was shy of what was needed due to a host of reasons. Most significant was the cost to excavate and transport the lake bottom silt accumulation. Costs on these items were increased by the more distant disposal site than planned on at the time of the original authorization to borrow and the increase in fuel costs for the excavation and transportation.

Shortly after the vote on August 7th, BLCC signed a contract with Tri-State Dredging Inc for both the dam rebuilding and the lake bottom cleaning jobs for a total of \$1,950,000. Permits, engineering, interim interest costs, even paying for the township's outside assessor who is to determine the fair distribution of costs, make up the balance of the \$2.4 million needed.

This project is going to be with us for the next seven months and affect everyone of us. How? When? Where? How much? How long? No closer than 10' to docks and bulkheads? My street? In an effort to get all the info out and to do it in a way everyone can hear and see, BLCC has reserved the township's Public Safety Building on next Wednesday evening, Sept 13th at 7:30 PM. Got questions? Want answers? Be there!

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULED**

*Wednesday evening, Sept 13th at 7:30 PM at the Township's Public Safety Building.*

Topics:

- Contract Timeline and work definitions
- Access points and planned restoration of them
- Final dam appearances, bulkheading and downside protection
- Traffic plan and hours of operation
- Private property interface with BLCC lake bottom
- Names and phone numbers of people to contact for info.

### **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Monday, September 11<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? 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.

### **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Mark your calendars and start your Fall house cleaning now! BLCC's Community Yard sale will be Saturday, October 7th (Rain date Oct. 8th). From 8 AM to noon. I will be putting an ad in the local newspapers. Signs will also be posted around the neighborhood. Any questions? Call Michelle Swift at 654-6268.

### **TIDY TOWN TIP**

September's Bulk Pickup week is from Monday, September 11th through Friday the 15th. Bulk pickup is always the first FULL week of the new month. FULL week is defined as all 7 days of that week are in that new month AND that there is no holiday on any day

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of that week. October's Bulk Pickup starts on Monday the 2nd and ends on Friday the 6th. The township statues call for the bulk items to be curbside no earlier than Sunday evening at 6 PM. **Neighborhood ALERT!** There will be no bulk pickup weeks in either November or December. Ouch! Be your own man, Trash man that is. You can cart your own bulk goodies to the Medford Twp. depot next to Ft. Medford Park on Gravelly-Hollow Rd. on Saturday mornings from 8 AM to noon. Have a nice day. ☺

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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 609-953-3222 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 609-953-3222.