



Birchwood Lakes

THE BIRCH LOG

October 2007

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ED ECK DAY—SAT OCT 20TH

Bill Brown, VP of Property, has set Saturday, October 20th as this year's Fall Ed Eck day. That's about two weeks away. Will the warm, dry weather continue so we have a good day? Who knows? But if you are out there, you'll meet some of your neighbors. Good as the grounds and clubhouse look, a few jobs remain. Hot coffee, fresh donuts, everything you need to be productive will be provided starting at 8:00 AM at the clubhouse. It sure wouldn't hurt if you brought a wheelbarrow and shovel. The plan is to spread the dirt the Garden Committee had delivered to our sign area on Jackson Road at North Lakeside Dr. West. And just around the corner at 9 North Lakeside Drive West, we have had a load of mulch dropped. That needs spreading too. And on the Lower Lake dam, will someone bring a weed wacker? And a few leaves have already dropped, so a rake and a drop cloth will find good use around the Clubhouse.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, October 8th @ 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.

CLEAR WATER

Have you had a chance to look into the lake recently. With the low flow rate due to the lack of rain, the water is more clear than usual. Off my dock, I can see the bottom in 5 feet of water easily. What's a real thrill, I have seen small schools of fish (four and five) swim by. I was no sooner enjoying this when I got a call from a neighbor. She had seen a lawn service on a property across the lake from her home blowing leaves into the lake. She got into her car, drove around the lake and confronted the lawn service man. Hopefully, he won't do that again. PLEASE instruct your lawn service not to blow grass, leaves etc into the lake.

FLOOD CONTROL WORK

Have you noticed the work the Township is doing in the areas affected by the rain runoff from Cranberry Lakes? It is extensive! Congratulations to Mayor Rudder. He has certainly been responsive to the needs of Birchwood Lakes. Since the time of the flood, he has come out numerous times, spoken with many residents, but best of all, Mayor Rudder has had the necessary work done! Thank you Mr. Mayor.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

Carol Kontos-Cohen now has a full committee. Trudie Ramsey and Mary Lynne Reynolds have joined her. The November annual meeting and elections are fast approaching. Anyone interested in being considered for a Board position should contact the nominating committee through Carol Kontos-Cohen to express their willingness to serve. Carol can be reached at 714-2203, Trudie at 654-4910 and Mary Lynne at 953-3368.

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The Birchwood Lakes Colony Club

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WANTED! TEENAGERS...

who want to participate in the spooky walk thru for the Birchwood Lakes Halloween Party. Only those teenagers who aren't scared need apply. Call your spooky walk contact, Sandy Scott, at Halloween Headquarters, 953-5640, to join the fun.

Also sought, teenagers who want to earn a few extra dollars raking leaves for neighbors, call the Birch Log at 953-3222 for a free listing next month.

Committees

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Chairperson	Bill Brown	654-9291
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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.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



ALL ARE INVITED TO BIRCHWOOD'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY
ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, AT 4PM, AT THE CLUBHOUSE

(COSTUME PARADE AND CONTEST AT 4:15)

FOLLOWED BY FUN AND GAMES, TRACTOR RIDES, PUMPKIN PAINTING, PINATAS,
SPOOKY WALK AND MORE

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SET UP, DECORATING, CLEANUP, ACTIVITIES AND ESPECIALLY HAUNTING
BY OUR SCARIER RESIDENTS

WE WILL NEED FINGER FOODS, SALAD, DESSERTS, DRINKS, CHIPS ETC.
PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED

SO WE NEED A HEAD COUNT OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE
PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN OCT. 23RD TO
CATHY BLOOMER @ 257-3150
OR KELLY MAGUIRE @ 654-8483

LET US KNOW HOW MANY GHOSTS AND GOBLINS ARE COMING
AND WHAT YOU'RE BRINGING AND WHERE YOU CAN HELP

THIS IS YOUR FIRST AND FINAL WARNING!

Birchwood Lakes Resident's Contractors List... is growing. This is the last time we can fit it into the Birch Log. Almost daily some one emails another recommended contractor. Go to our website to keep up with the additions and keep NETWORKING!

SPECIALTY	COMPANY/CONTACT	REFERENCE
Auto Detailing	Medford Car Wash, 725 Stokes Rd 609-654-4411	Mimi Homann 953-3222
Auto Detailing	S J Auto Detailing John Malham, 856-983-1171	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Auto Repair	Medford Villiage Car Care, 11 N Main St 609-654-4023	Al Homann 953-3222
Carpentry	Windows, Etc., Pete Hesler, 856-854-8978	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Contractor	John Tursi, 609-654-9309	Rose Puglisi-Wagner 953-7611
Electrician	Ed Tretina, 609-268-0594	Rose Puglisi-Wagner 953-7611
Electrician	Joe Ballatrante, 856-235-3933	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Garage Door Install/Repair	Wilson Overhead Door, Jack Wilson, 856-854-5554	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Hardwood Floors, Install/Renew	Am Hardwood Flooring, Dennis Horner, 888-830-9663	Steve Cohen 714-2203
House Cleaning	Merry Maids Cleaning Service, 856-985-8285	Anne Simms 654-4025
House Cleaning	R & S Romanczak, 856-810-9422	Steve Cohen 714-2203
House/Deck/Dock Power Wash	Hands On Deck, Sean Carr, 856-428-9797	Steve Cohen 714-2203
HVAC	Doug Coe, 856-829-0842	Rose Puglisi-Wagner 953-7611
HVAC	Jim's Heating & AC 856-546-3081	Jane Roeser 654-4932
HVAC	McGinnis HVAC Jerry McGinnis 609-801-1234	Jack Lefton 654-2184
HVAC	Shamrock Heating & Air, 609-859-0110	Al Homann 953-3222
Irrigation Systems	Dan Magargee, 609-220-4575	Nori Steinmetz 654-4274
Irrigation Systems	Impact Irrigation & Lighting, Dave, 609-265-0335	Trudie Ramsey 654-4910
Irrigation Systems	J&S Lawnman, 609-268-9588	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Irrigation Systems	Lindy's Irrigation 609-265-0335	Mike Maher 654-4760
Landscaping	J&S Lawnman, 609-268-9588	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Landscaping	Neighborhood Pride, Wayne, 609-953-9404	Al Homann 953-3222
Landscaping & Aquatic Design	Kanz Landscaping & Aquatic, Scott Kanz, 609-744-7470	Jack Campbell 953-7602
Painters	Tom's Painting 654-4768	Al Homann 953-3222
Paving	Tars & Stripes, Jovany, 856-753-0123	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Paving/Sealing	Ken Scales Paving, Ken, 609-268-7348	Trudie Ramsey 654-4910
Pest Control	Guardian Termite & Pest Control, 856-985-1700	Anne Simms 654-4025
Pest Control	Ward-Off Exterm., Ward Nunnemaker, 856-627-2350	Al Homann 953-3222
Physical Therapy	Breakthru Physical Therapy & Fitness, 856-396-2250	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Plumber	Bob Adams Plumbing, 609-859-4477	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Plumber	Certified Plumbing, Jim Hartman 609-268-6368	Jack Lefton 654-2184
Plumber	W. D. Winner, Jr. 856-983-0624	Jean Ricketts 654-6995
Remodeling	Cutry Const. 609-654-8282	Ross Alber 953-4304
Roof Washing	Roof Washers, Bill Homer 609-953-5666	Tony Parsons 654-2033
Tree Service	D.E.C. Contracting, Dave 953-9794	Al Homann 953-3222
Tree Service	Medford Oaks Tree Service, 609-654-8873	Anne Simms 654-4025
Water Service	Robbins Water Service & Wells 609-268-2040	Jack Lefton 654-2184
Window Cleaning	All-Clear Window Cleaning, Patty, 800-720-7232	Steve Cohen 714-2203
Window Replacement	Friant's, High St., Mt Holly 609-267-0565	Jane Roeser 654-4932
Window Replacement	Windows, Etc., Pete Hesler, 856-854-8978	Steve Cohen 714-2203

HAWAIIAN LUAU/ CLAM BAKE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

It was a beautiful evening out on the beach, music playing, candles burning, more food than we could possibly eat and more than 50 of our neighbors. Who could ask for more?

Congratulations to our winners of the evening:

Best Dressed-Leigh Donadieu, we loved those coconuts

The winner of the Hula Hoop Contest- Deirdre Gray.

Thank you, Thank you, to my helpers; I could not have pulled this party off without your support. First I would like to give a big thanks to Bernadette DiGaetano who was with me every step of the way. Thanks also to the following; Bernadette's husband Greg and my husband John for their superb grilling, Tom Jenkins did a wonderful job supplying the music; he stayed until the end of the party and was back again early the next morning to help with clean-up, John Donadieu for his expert pig carving, Ron Yulick, for the use of his truck and his hard labor. A special thanks to Trudie Ramsey who helped with set up and also returned early in the morning to help with clean-up. Lisa Hulse for greeting our guest and handing out our Hawaiian name tags. Other helpers were; Kevin Wall, Patty Yulick, Christina Fennimore, Sandy Scott, Rita Baldoni, Liz Bilecki and to anyone who I may have missed, thank you! *Cathy Bloomer*

HEARD AT THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Mark Purfield, VP Finance, reported that the Board is covered with insurance. This is not only necessary, but an inducement to members to join the Board. See Nominating Committee article on page one.

Groups wanting to use the Clubhouse are getting adjusted to having their existing insurance cover them while using our Clubhouse. Because of this, Carol Kontos-Cohen made a MOTION that the Girl

Scouts be allowed to use the Clubhouse. The Boy Scouts of Troup 20 are expected to also be using the Clubhouse. Motion passed.

Tom Andreacci, VP Lakes, reported that the final BLCC certification to the NJ DEP that the work on the lakes and dam is completed is now within sight. The final details with the contractor Tri-State are also being worked out.

BIRCHWOOD HOME SALES

A "Property Update Report by Mary Ann Kalb", 609-714-3218, shows four home sales in the last twelve months in Birchwood Lakes. Prices ranged from \$269,230 to \$719,500. Actual sale (closing) price varied from slightly OVER the asking price to 10.6% below the asking price. Oakwood had six sales and Sherwood had three sales in the same time period. While the sample is too small to make any full analysis, Birchwood had the highest average prices and the highest individual price.

AVON CALLING



Now in Birchwood Lakes, your own local Avon rep. I'm Deanna Rock at 39 S Lakeside Dr West. Call me for a display of Avon's full line, 953-7644. Need an extra helping hand around the home for Fall cleaning? Call me, Deanna, at 953-7644.



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