



Birchwood Lakes

THE BIRCH LOG

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THE SPECIAL ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Al Homann

Just after the April Birch Log closed, the Special Assessor's report was posted on the Medford Township's web site. Links to the report were then posted on our web site.

This report surprised many. Several years ago, after the scope of the work to clean the lakes and repair the dams was accurately estimated, many members believed that the assessment of the costs for this task would result in the on-lakers paying substantially more than the off-lakers. This belief was based on a survey of the lot assessments in the Medford Township property tax records. However, the Special Assessor determined his own value for each property lot, and in some cases, similar properties, with the same lot size, that are adjacent to each other, had substantially different values and thus substantially different assessments. This resulted in some questioning the fairness of the assessments.

In a public presentation to Medford Township's Special Commissioners on April 29th at the Medford Township Public Safety building, the rationality of the assessments was questioned. A rather comprehensive analysis of the Special Assessor's report was presented by residents of Birchwood. When the minutes from the Township of the April 29th meeting are posted on their web site, we will provide a link on our web site.

At the end of the meeting, the Medford Township Special Commissioners decided that the information presented to them deserved a further hearing and granted a continuance until the next scheduled meeting on May 29th.

At the **Colony Club meeting on Monday, May 12th at 7:30 PM**, the Board will consider what action, if any, the Club should engage in. **BE THERE!**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, May 12th @ 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 agenda and future meeting dates, go to our website and click on "Board Meetings".

Non-members who wish to join the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club are encouraged to come to the meeting. Their application will be taken at the meeting.

ED ECK DAY IS SATURDAY!

Our semi-annual Birchwood common areas clean up is set for this Saturday. Volunteers be at the Clubhouse at 8 AM, you'll get coffee, donuts, camaraderie and maybe a job assignment or two. Guy Scott, VP Property, is planning on your being there. Please



bring any of the following tools you may have: rake, tarp, leaf blower, wheel barrow, shovel, pitch fork.

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TEENAGER AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU

Sophie Dubbeling has recently completed the Red Cross Babysitting class and is now looking for assignments. Call her @ 609-654-8868 or email her at DDUBBLING@comcast.net. Thanks.

MORE CONTRACTORS ADDED!

The *Resident's Recommended Contractors List* continues to grow. Check it out on our web site.

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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.

DO YOU NEED A BABYSITTER?

I am available on the weekends and some week nights to baby sit your child. I have been certified through Cooper Hospital's Safe Sitter program. I am reliable and love children. If you would like to hire me, please call Caroline Ristine at 953-7260. PS I am also available to pet sit.

BIRCHWOOD LAKES HOME

available for sale, lease purchase or rent! Have a friend or relative looking to purchase or rent in the area? I have a 5 bedroom, 3 bath, lakefront home available now. Lease purchase at \$2,950/mo or buy for \$649,900. Call Andrew Meltzer at 609-315-1511 or ANDREW@GOGRM.COM

STILL LOOKIN' ☹

BLCC needs a Secretary to record Board Minutes. If you have one night a month and a couple hours between that once a month meeting to type up the minutes and to handle BLCC correspondence, BLCC needs you! Call Carol Kontas-Cohen, 714-2203, or email Carol at

KONTAS@GEORGIAN.EDU

Other than the Board position, the Birch Log could use a volunteer to solicit paid advertisements. From time to time, businesses contact the Birch Log but we have no one to do follow up, or better, to solicit paid advertisers. Call Al Homann, 953-3222 or email AHOMANN@aol.com.

WANT BOYS??? WE'RE AVAILABLE!!!

If you need a babysitter or leaves raked, we're willing and able!

Hi. My name is Joey Zurzolo. I'm 14 years old in 8th grade. I have babysitting experience - with my two brothers - and with children between the ages of 1 and 10. I'm very patient and responsible. 953-2734.

Hi. My name is Michael Zurzolo. I'm 12 years old in 6th grade. I love kids and will actually play with them while you are gone. I'm just starting to baby sit, and would love to be your mother's helper first, to get to know you and your children). I'm very enthusiastic and responsible. 953-2734.

BIRCHWOOD BUNCO!

Attention: Birchwood Bunco Babes.... you know who you are!

Anyone interested in playing Bunco, please call or email

Leigh Donadieu or Pam Gundersen:

Leigh = ldonadieu@verizon.net 609-744-9207

Pam = pundersen1@verizon.net 609-654-6026



HAS SPRINGTIME TURNED YOUR THUMBS GREEN?

Now that Spring has finally arrived, did you know that Medford has a wonderful Garden Club? Pinelands Garden Club is starting its Spring Season and is always looking for new members to share common interests and ideas. Pinelands Garden Club meets at 9:30 a.m. the second Monday of each month (except July and August) at Medford Leas Auditorium on Route 70. We offer interesting programs (our most recent programs were on "Fun-damentals of Miniatures" and "Landscaping with Native Plants". We are very involved in our community. We care for and maintain the herb garden at the gazebo in the center of town. Our fund raising events include Apple Festival in October, our Herb and Perennial Sale in May, and Herb Fest in September to name a few. Our fund raising events go toward scholarship funds for deserving students in our community. We share ideas on how to protect our environment. If you would like to join us to expand your knowledge of gardening or to simply share your ideas, we would love to have you as a member. As you enter the auditorium, please stop by our membership table to learn more about our programs. We look forward to meeting with you. For more information, please call 1-856-988-9804.

SPRING IS HERE...SUMMER IS COMING...
LET US HELP YOU GET IN SHAPE!



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A Friendly, Non-intimidating Atmosphere!

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