



Birkdale Bulletin

February 2007



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Happy New Year from the Board to all of you.

There is not very much information to share with you this month. The Board met in January to review the 2007 budget. In addition, Dan Lynch, our new appointed Treasurer for Birkdale, has assumed Budget responsibility for daily operations, new project funding and over seeing our investment strategies.

Jon Teconchuk, our managing agent with Community Group was reassigned to other responsibilities within Community Group. David Trammell will replace Jon.

I have no updates from the Chesterfield County Planning Department regarding an application submitted for approval to build a home on a parcel of Golf Course property located on Royal Birkdale Drive. I will keep all homeowners appraised when new information is forth coming. I consider the outcome of this application an extremely important issue to all homeowners.

I received several nasty (dog poop) complaints. I often observe pet owners walking their pets, leash in one hand, and a plastic baggie in the other. Guess I do not have to say more. Please help keep Birkdale clean.

If you are a renting a Birkdale home, please be informed you are responsible to maintain and/or report any maintenance situations on the exterior of the building or landscaping, that does not adhere to Birkdale standards and our covenants', to the owner of the property or designated care taker. Please review Birkdale Architectural standards, policies, and rules used to govern the residents of Birkdale.

I am currently in the process of looking into the matter of having one trash collection company for Birkdale. This issue has come before the Board of Directors in the past. Many feel having one trash collection service would be cost effective and eliminate having several trash companies going through Birkdale, usually one or two every day. Some residents take their trash to the county dump. Here is what I will do, I will get three bids for service, list all the pros and cons and give you the opportunity to help decide the direction we as a community should take. If you have any concerns surrounding this issue, please send me your thoughts via Email.

As we move into the New Year, please use your favorite way of communicating your thoughts on how the Board of Directors and other committee chairs can be of assistance.

Clyde D. Miller, president BTA

Social Committee Needs Help...

The remaining Social Committee members were disappointed that no one attended the January open interest meeting. Despite the lack of attendance, we had a very productive meeting and planned very exciting events for 2007. We still need manpower to make it all happen. Since we know when our events will be this year, we can give you a better idea of what will be expected of you as a member.

Meetings

We will have meetings in March, July, and September to plan for the events planned in April, August, and October. The meetings typically last between 1-2 hours.

Outside of Meetings

During the time surrounding an event, we correspond frequently via email. You may be asked to buy prizes and supplies for games; all costs are reimbursed by the Social Committee fund. You may be asked to prepare games, contest sign-up sheets, or the like, at home before an event.

At Events

Social Committee members are the hosts and hostesses of Birkdale Events. We outsource as much of the entertainment as possible so that we as members are also able to enjoy ourselves. When possible, we split set-up and clean-up duties so that you do not have to do both. During the event, you may be asked to organize games, count ballots for contests, attend to the DJ, or distribute prizes. Just like a party in your home, you will need to be mindful of how the event needs to run smoothly, but enough preparation and outsourcing will be done that you will not have to "work" an entire event.

Miscellaneous

The Social Committee will welcome new residents into Birkdale with a package delivered to their house. You may be asked to help with the distribution a couple times a year.

The Social Committee and Women's Club will combine forces to plan the Holiday Celebration on December 16th. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, you can volunteer for that.



Bring your ideas and join the team!

Financial Report...

As of December 22, 2006, the Association held the following investments:

Cash-Wachovia DDA	\$ 17,546.76
MMA Capital One	\$ 2,373.88
CD Capital One 2/10 4.24%	\$ 38,179.54*
CD Capital One 1/07 5.48%	\$ 20,434.25*
CD Provident 3/07 5.25%	\$ 43,200.41*
CD-First Capital Bank 8/07 4.78%	\$ 23,373.59*

Legg Mason Investment Accounts	
CD Harleysville Bank 7/09 4.30%	\$10,000.00
CD Discover Bank 7/10 4.45%	\$10,000.00
MMA Vanguard	<u>\$42,003.11</u>

Total Cash \$207,111.54

Submitted by Jon Leconchuk-Community Group, Inc.

More financial information is available on the website at

QUESTIONS..WANT TO JOIN?

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ARC co-chair	John Ratcliff639.0820	j.ratcliff-b37@comcast.net
Help/Complaint Line		Project-Care@comcast.net
Women's Club.....	Linda Bramble.....739-2663	
Swim Team.....	Tony Migliazzo.....739-0867	
Neighborhood Watch.....	Sheila Newman739-8488	
Maintenance/Grounds.....	Joe Vanarsdall.....739-2706	
	Doug Thomas.....739-8144	
Investment Club.....	Dottie Parker.....639-1986	
Birkdale Clubhouse.....	739-8800...Restaurant....739-8305	
Mom's Group.....	Jennifer Gerty.....739-1177	jgerty@msn.com
Newsletter.....	Cynthia Steiner.....739-3365	casteiner@comcast.net
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BIRKDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH....

Technology and Teen Parties – Think Safety

- Have you ever wondered how a party can get out of control so quickly?
- Do you really know where your teenage is when he or she calls from a cell phone?
- Do you know what your teenagers are instant or text messaging to each other?

With the technology teenagers have readily available, it takes only seconds for information about a party to get out. With a click of a mouse, a call or a text message on a cell phone, information about a party/meeting place can spread within seconds, creating a situation that could get out of hand in a hurry. Though cell phones are a great personal safety tool, teenagers can hide behind them as well – meaning they can call to tell you they are in one spot but actually be somewhere else.

So how do you help prevent this from happening?

- Make sure your teen calls from a non-cell phone line. Get the number from where they are calling and call it back. This will confirm their location.

Make sure you monitor their use of the computer. Many parties or illegal activities are heard about through instant messaging. The word about a party can get out to hundreds or more people within seconds with a click of a mouse on an address book. This can create a situation of a party of getting out of hand or undesirables showing up to create problems.

In addition, most people know to call the police department at 748-1251 when there is a party where underage drinking, drug use or disturbances may be occurring, but whom do you call if you receive information before the party actually starts? Utilize your school resource officer. Every Middle and High School in Chesterfield County has a School Resource Officer.

The School Resource Officer will intervene immediately and try to prevent the situation from developing into a potentially unsafe or illegal environment.

The resource officer will inform the parents about the information they received, provide tips on keeping the party safe and then follow up with the parent after the event to see if it was successful. The officer is not trying to prevent the party from occurring, just ensure that it will be safe and alcohol and drug free. Sometimes teens plan a party for their home (without their parents' knowledge) to be held while parents will be out of town. The resource officer can alert the parents

Be an aware parent to help keep your teen safe. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Chesterfield County Police Department Crime Prevention Section at 674-7006.

Sheila Newman – Neighborhood Watch

THE BIRKDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2007 BOARD MEMBERS:


Clyde Miller, President.....639-4106
 Ted Lempke, Vice President.....399-2411
 Steve Franklin, Secretary.....739-3789
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Birkdale's Events February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4-Superbowl Party at the club 739-8800	5	6-School Districting meeting—Cosby	7	8	9-Friday Night Dinner at the club 739-8800	10-Red Hat Luncheon 12:30 club
11	12	13	14-Valentine's Day 	15-Womens's Club Meeting	16- Guest Chef night at the club	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24-Karoke Night at the club
25	26	27	28	1-March	2	3

To add your groups neighborhood events to the Birkdale Calendar, please email them to Cynthia Steiner at casteiner@comcast.net by the newsletter deadline listed on the back cover.

ARC AND THE COVENANTS...

The Community sets the STANDARDS
The homeowner maintains the STANDARDS
The ARC enforces the STANDARDS

A few notes in passing:

STREET LIGHTING-If you notice an electric street lamp that is out, you are asked to call Dominion Power at 1-888-667-3000 to report it. For identification purposes, you need only give a street or street intersection name.

MAILBOX MAINTENANCE- The homeowner is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of residential mailboxes consistent with the standards set out in our Architectural Guidelines. For quick reference, the official mailbox paint color and the post color is on file and available at all Virginia Paint Company stores. The nearest store is located at 7000 Woodlake Commons Loop (Phone 739-7777). The decals (Logo and House Numbers) may be purchased from the Acorn Sign Company on Tomlyn Street. Their phone number is 726-6999.

COUNTY LEASH LAW- You are reminded that it is against the law to permit your dog to run loose in Chesterfield County, even if the animal is within voice command. To report violations, call Animal Control at 748-1683, or weekends at 748-1251. Complaints of excessive dog barking may also be reported directly using the same numbers.

SCOOP YOUR POOP- It is not only inconsiderate of other residents when you don't clean up your dog's waste, it is also unsanitary and spreads disease. Please carry a small plastic bag with you on walks and dispose of it when you get home. And you are reminded that common areas are to be similarly respected and kept free of waste.

ENDORSEMENTS-If a contractor, company or vendor claims that the Board of Directors or the ARC has recommended their services or that they are on an "approved list", **DO NOT BELIEVE THEM**. For liability reasons, such endorsements are never given.

Finally, it has been the practice of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to report workload figures to the Community on a quarterly basis. And while we will continue to do this, we will begin with this issue of the Bulletin to list, and identify by street name, those architectural modifications/ alterations approved by the ARC during the previous month. We hope this information will prove helpful as we continue, as representatives of the Community, to encourage and facilitate the process for making exterior alterations and improvements to homes and properties in Birkdale.

Bill Barnes and John Radcliff, ARC Co-Chairs

JANUARY 2007 - ARC APPROVALS

Torrey Pines Drive	Screened Porch
Spyglass Hill Terrace	Landscaping
Spyglass Hill Terrace	Plantings/Landscaping
Royal Birkdale Drive	Screened Porch; Roof
Emerald Valley Circle	Patio
Mission Hills Lane	Siding

News from the Birkdale Women's Club

Our February meeting will be held Thursday night, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Come dance with us! We are fortunate to have the creator of Z. Mullins Dance Company of Richmond. Formerly with the Latin Ballet of Virginia, Tara Mullins, will be teaching us those fabulous Latin dances! Bring your dancing shoes! We will have a business meeting from 7:00 to 7:20 to present the plans for the March Fashion Show and Tea. Fourteen ladies met on a rainy, wintry night in January to lay out the plans for our Second Annual Fashion Show. The Fashion Show Committee will have its second meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Everyone, mark your calendars now for the March 25th Fashion Show and Tea at 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse! Tickets will be available at the February meeting and are only \$12.00. Plan to bring a friend, daughter or neighbor! Coldwater Creek is our participating store and 15 lovely BWC ladies will be modeling their gorgeous clothes! The charity selected for this year's Fashion Show is Spring Run Elementary School's amphitheater project. So plan to have a great time and support our schools and the arts!

News from the Club House...

We thank you for your support, and as always, if you have a suggestion for a neighborhood activity, please contact us at birkdale_events@comcast.net.

In 2007 we sold 96 memberships, and continue to strive for 350 golf members. Reaching this goal will allow us to offer our members exclusive access to prime tee-times, improved course conditions, and better facilities throughout the club.

Having already invested over \$400,000 into the club in 2006, we have another exciting year ahead at Birkdale Golf Club. Many of the homeowners living adjacent to the golf course will see some new golf course construction projects early March as we begin to build a number of new tees, sand traps and work on many of the drainage projects affected by the new home construction adjacent to the golf holes. We will be moving a considerable amount of earth to re-shape some of the existing holes with poor drainage.

The Birkdale Women's Club remain great supporters of the club, of which we are truly thankful. We have also met with Chelsey Kidd from the Social Committee who has some very exciting events planned for the year. At the club we continue to offer monthly Live Music, Guest Chef Nights (this month will be Birkdale resident John Diaz), Friday Night Dinners, a Super Bowl party and St. Patrick's Day party, along with a fun and varied golf calendar for the entire family. These events will remain member and member guests only as we grow the membership levels this coming year.

After owning the club for just under one year, we have also reviewed all of the membership categories and facilities offered to members. If you are interested in joining in the activities Birkdale Golf Club has to offer, and you want to support the Community club, please feel free to call me at the club for an updated price sheet and details of some of the promotions available this Spring.

Michael Hatch
General Manager



Social Committee News...

Get ready for a year of fun!

Spring Eggstravaganza

April 7th, 10:00-12:00, Clubhouse grounds
Egg hunt, bonnet contests, games and more

Free, Please RSVP as directed in the March newsletter so that we can accurately plan our activities

Margaritaville

August 17th, 7:00 - 11:00, Poolside
Adults only

Great music and entertainment provided by Group Dynamics, the same fabulous people that did Birkdale Downs
Rickety Raft Race

Small cost per person to cover food; Cash bar

Tickets to be purchased in advance as directed in the July newsletter

Homeowners' Appreciation Day - Fall Festival

October 14th, 2:00 - 6:00, clubhouse grounds
Chili Cook-off

Pumpkin Carving contests; Music, Games, and Prizes

Free; Please RSVP as directed in the September newsletter so that we can accurately plan our activities

Tacky Lights Tour-December 14th

Adults only; Small cost per person

Tickets to be purchased in advance as directed in the November newsletter

Holiday House Tour-December 16th

Combined with the Women's Club annual Light up the Night and Holiday Music at the Clubhouse, we welcome you to proudly display your beautiful, unique, or event tacky Christmas decorations to neighbors. More information to follow as to what is expected of a Host House.

RED HAT SOCIETY MEETING

Members will meet at the Birkdale Club House, February 10th at 12:30 pm for a Soup and Salad Luncheon. If you would like to attend or bring a friend, please make your reservation by calling Liess Van Der Linden at 639-5679 no later than February 6th. The cost is \$8.95 per person. Don't forget your Red Hat and Valentine Cookies!



The next deadline for the December Birkdale Bulletin is Wednesday, February 28th

Please **e-mail** all articles to Cynthia Steiner at casteiner@comcast.net by that time.



The Birkdale Women's Club
Invites you to it's
Second Annual

*Spring Fashion
Show
and Tea*

Sunday, March 25, 2007

At the Birkdale Golf Club

5:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to our Second Annual Fashion Show this spring! Coldwater Creek of Short Pump has agreed to provide the fashions. The BWC members will be serving tea at all the tables from their own tea services. Our very own Birkdale chef will create delicious sandwiches and pastries and Sweet Occasions will share their marvelous chocolates with us.

The Clubhouse bar will be open.

Attendance Boundaries for New Elementary School Proposed

Emily Deriso

A new school named Winterpock Elementary is being build near Beach and Otterdale Roads behind Hampton Park. Birkdale feeds into Spring Run Elementary, which is the largest elementary school in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The school is currently over 140 % of functional capacity and has 18 trailers being used to house students. The mass residential development in Western Chesterfield County is producing more children than our schools were built to accommodate. Even with this new school being built, it will only be a few years before the schools in this area will pass their fictional capacities again. The overcrowding of our schools continues to be a long-term problem for our community.

I was fortunate to be Birkdale's representative in a committee of parents from communities with students attending Spring Run, Grange Hall and Clover Hill who worked together to create recommendations for the boundaries for the new school in the Matoaca District. The HMES Attendance Boundary Committee presented to the School Board on January 9th, 2007. The proposal addressed the educational needs of our students by making Spring Run and Grange Hall's severely overcrowded facilities adequate for instructional purposes while disrupting students as little as possible.

The entire proposal is available for review at http://chesterfield.k12.va.us/htm/ccps_pages/changing_boundaries.htm

Student's living in Birkdale would remain at Spring Run Elementary School and the enrollment would decrease from over 1360 students to below its functional capacity of 943 students. This decrease will be based on the following:

Moving all the students who live in the Hampton Park neighborhood into the new Winterpock Elementary School will create a relief of 616 seats in Spring Run and Grange Hall. Hampton Park would no longer be split into two schools and other smaller communities in the area would not have to be moved from their current schools.

Moving the CBG (Center Based Gifted) program from Grange Hall to the new Winterpock Elementary would relieve overcrowding at Grange Hall and keep neighborhoods in the area from being divided between schools or moved multiple times during a students' tenure. The CBG exists as a cohesive group where students volunteer to leave their home school to attend this program. Moving the CBG program to a less crowded and more centrally located facility would also address the educational needs of these students.

Alberta Smith Elementary and Clover Hill Elementary schools exist in an area where there is little or no new development. Both schools are not as close in proximity to the new Winterpock facility as Spring Run and Grange Hall. It would have been necessary for the committee to move almost all the boundary lines to the West to provide relief for Alberta Smith and Clover Hill. This would have caused students at these schools and Spring Run to travel further to school each day.

Finally, this proposal gives existing residents priority over new development. In an effort to try to keep existing communities like Birkdale from being moved to another school in the future, the committee proposed that major new developments like Magnolia Green satellite to the new Winterpock Elementary School until a school in or near that development is built.

Please support this proposal by:

1. Attending the hearing for the proposal on Tuesday, February 6th at 7pm at Cosby High School.
2. Ask your friends and neighbors to attend
3. Write or e-mail our school board representative – Tom Doland and tell him you support the proposal (e-mail Emily Deriso at derisofamily@yahoo.com and I will be happy to provide you with a form letter)

Mr. Tom Doland

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