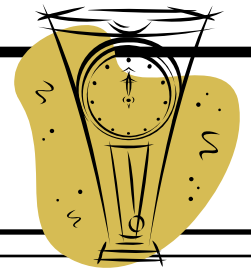




Birkdale Bulletin

January 2007



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

On Wednesday November 8, 2006, I attended a meeting hosted by Chesterfield County Planning member Wayne Bass. The meeting was to introduce a new shopping center on Hull Street, across from Lowes, called Hancock Village.

In attendance were several community association Boards and County management personnel. The developer is EDCO-LLC, collaborating with Atlantic Reality. The following are the proposed tenants for Hancock Village: JC Penny; Wal-Mart; La-z-boy; Bed Bath and beyond; Dicks Sporting Goods; Books-A-Million; DSW Shoe Warehouse; Game Stop; Great Clips; Ahead of Hair; Cingular; For Eyes Optical; Longhorn Steakhouse; Applebees; McDonald's; Starbucks; Osaka Japanese Steak House.

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the developer plans to begin construction on March 1st, 2007 and to hold a grand opening March 1st, 2008.

Hancock Village is intended to be a 90 acre mixed use development that includes retail, residential and office. The shopping center would contain approximately 500,000 square foot shopping center. The developer is responsible for adding a third lane on Hull Street between Winterpock Road and just past Ashlake Parkway.

There will also be an added traffic light at the intersection of Hull Street and Ashlake and turn lanes on Hull Street. The developer is currently requesting approval to add another traffic light at the intersection of Duckridge Boulevard, which would create a main entrance for the shopping center.

The intent of the shopping center's design is to create a main street appeal with the ability to walk from one shopping area to another on pedestrian pathways and along a tree lined boulevard. The landscaping throughout the project is intended to make an impression and is not typical of local shopping centers. It is the intent of the developer to exceed the minimum requirements and to add more trees and plantings. We will have more information as the project progresses.

New Year's Resolutions...

It's that time of year again, when we reflect upon our lives, what we would like to accomplish in the new year and what accomplishments from the following year make us proud. As you make your health, family, and financial resolutions for 2007, the Board and Chairpersons of the Committees challenge you to make "Community Resolutions." You don't have to be a neighborhood leader to make a personal investment in Birkdale; it takes everyone's contribution to make this the best neighborhood possible. So, we challenge you to make at least one addition to your current involvement in Birkdale:

- *Attend a community meeting*
- *Complete your proxy vote if you aren't able to be present at a voting meeting*
- *Complete a neighborhood survey*
- *Join a club, such as the Women's Club or Mom's Group*
- *Join a committee, such as the Social Committee, ARC, or Swim Team board*
- *Join the Neighborhood Watch or, take it a step further, and become your street's Block Captain*
- *Attend a neighborhood event, such as a Homeowners Appreciation Day*
- *Help a neighbor paint his mailbox*
- *Support the philanthropic campaigns of the Women's Club, such as buying luminaries or contributing unwanted items in the Goodwill truck on Yard Sale days*

We thank all of you who are already active participants in Birkdale. For those of you who would like to increase your investment in Birkdale, we look forward to seeing you this year.



Mom's Group Cookie Exchange—

Laughter filled the air as many Birkdale youngsters joined together to participate in the first annual Birkdale Mom's Club Cookie Exchange at the club house on December 20th. Each family went home with several new recipes and a variety of delicious cookies. The children enjoyed getting together to celebrate the beginning of their Christmas break.

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?

ARC co-chair	Bill Barnes.....	608-8267
	barnesbc@verizon.net	
ARC co-chair	John Ratcliff	639.0820
	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 Newman	739-8488
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	
Social Committee.....	Chelsey Kidd	639-4886.
	birkdale_events@comcast.net	

BIRKDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH....

Do You Know How To Call The Police?

It seems like a very simple question, but many of us do not know the answer. You say, 'I know how to dial and use a telephone'. Knowing how and when to call the Police are questions that Officer Bryan Miltenberger has been asked during his Neighborhood Watch meetings. I think we all make assumptions that everyone knows how to call the Police because we know 911. From little up we have been taught how to dial 911 if we need help in an emergency. Little is said about the other different ways to call the Police.

As stated above, 911 is the number to call when there is an emergency. The Police also have a non-emergency number, 748-1251. This is the number the Police encourage us to call for suspicious activities, disturbances or crimes that are not actively in progress. In addition, the Police have a Traffic Complaint hotline, 318-8084, for reporting speeding or traffic complaints. This hotline was created for speeding or traffic complaints that do not need an immediate Police response. The Police also encourage people to call Crime Solvers at 748-0660 to report, anonymously, potential criminal activity or provide Police with information that may assist them in solving a crime.

Part of having a successful Neighborhood Watch is to report all Suspicious Activity to the Police immediately. Many people think that the Police do not want to be bothered for petty situations but sometimes those small disturbance calls have helped them solve big cases. For example, the occupant of a speeding car that just left the area may also have just vandalized several mailboxes or broke into a house. Whatever the situation, by calling immediately, this initiates the Police response and in all calls for service response time is very important.

The Police and Neighborhood Watch encourage you to post the following numbers near your telephone or better yet store them in your telephone memory for easy access.

Emergency - 911 Non-Emergency – 748-1251 Traffic Complaint Line – 318-8084 Crime Solvers – 748-0660

Officer Bryan Miltenberger has received several calls within the past few weeks concerning questions or clarification of Virginia Law or Chesterfield County Ordinances. He has provided the Web pages and instructions for the State and County code for your viewing. Please feel free to contact him at 674-7006 if you need further information or assistance.

Chesterfield County: Website – www.municode.com

Click on **Online Library**; Click on **Virginia State Map**; Click on **Chesterfield County Code of Ordinances**; Click on **New Site – New Frames**

Virginia: Website – <http://legl.state.va.us/lis.htm>

Under **Searchable Databases**, click on **Code Of Virginia**

If you are not on the Birkdale Neighborhood Watch email list, please send your name, address, phone number and email address to BirkdaleNW@comcast.net so you receive the latest updates and alerts.

Sheila Newman – Neighborhood Watch



Calling all potential Red Hatters & Princesses!

Would you like to start a new Red Hatters Society chapter right here in Birkdale? The Red Hat Society is open to all ages - the "Queens" are over 50 and wear the traditional red and purple, "Princesses" are under 50 and dress in pink and lavender. Primarily a social club, we can make our Red Hatters Society whatever we want it to be and tailor the outings to us - lunches, visits to local vineyards, and trips to Williamsburg for shopping are just a few suggestions.

Join us for an informational meeting on Sun, Jan. 14th at the Birkdale Club House at 1-2 PM (Snow date Sun. 21st - same time). Light refreshments will be served. If there are any questions call Judy Lynch @ 739-3456. Previous Red Hatters from other areas are welcomed as well!



Birkdale's Events January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10-Social Committee Meeting 6pm 8805 Thorton Heath Drive	11	12	13
14-Red Hat Society Mtg 1-2 at the club.	15-MLK Day No School	16	17 Newcomers Reception 7pm	18-BWC Meeting 7pm at the clubhouse	19	20
21	22	23	24- Feb newsletter Deadline	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	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

ARC AND THE COVENANTS...

The Community sets the STANDARDS

The homeowner maintains the STANDARDS

The ARC enforces the STANDARDS

Two reminders as we begin another calendar year. Section 4.01 of the Birkdale Architectural Standards and Guidelines states: "Absolutely no construction or modification of any type can begin until approval is given by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC)". Requests for changes can be made using the Birkdale ARC Application Form (which can be accessed at www.communitygroup.com). The completed application should be sent to:

Community Group, Inc.
Innsbrook Corporate Center
4222 Cox Road, Suite 110
Glen Allen, VA23060

For you help in planning, you should be aware that the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) routinely acts on homeowner requests in from five to seven working days after they are received. Be reminded that we view our role as one of working with the homeowner to ensure that their proposed modifications are consistent with community standards. And our commitment continues to be to fulfill this role in a way that is efficient, fair, and timely.

In addition to setting the requirements for homeowners who wish to make external modifications, the Guidelines (Covenants) empower the ARC with the ultimate responsibility for enforcing community standards generally. But as we have said on several occasions, this responsibility can only be carried out successfully with homeowner engagement and active homeowner participation.. Realizing that there might be some confusion as to just how the individual homeowner might exercise his role, last year we established Project C.A.R.E.(Community Action Requires Engagement). Project C.A.R.E. is a one-stop complaint/help line that receives homeowner allegations of standards violations and pursues them on behalf of the community. Project C.A.R.E. has become an instant success in doing what it was set up to do, i.e. provide a convenient and easy tool that all homeowners can utilize to help maintain community standards. Project Care can be reached at: Project-Care@Comcast.net.

ACTIVITY REPORT --- Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Fourth Quarter and Cumulative Totals for the year ending December 31:

	OCT.-DEC.	2006
HOME IMPROVEMENTS/MODIFICATIONS		
Proposals received and reviewed	24	115
On-site inspections of proposed modifications	24	115
Follow-up inspections (after project completion)	22	121
Average processing time (receipt of request to decision)	4 to 6 days	
COVENANT VIOLATIONS/COMPLAINTS		
Received and pursued	31	154
RESALE INSPECTIONS		
Completed	10	48

THE BIRKDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2007 BOARD MEMBERS:

Clyde Miller, President.....639-4106
Ted Lempke, Vice President.....399-2411
Steve Franklin, Secretary.....739-3789
Dan Lynch, Treasurer.....

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News from the Birkdale Women's Club

The Birkdale Women's Club would like to thank everyone who helped make the annual "Light Up the Night" such a success this year! We sold the most Luminaries ever! The neighborhood participation will be greatly appreciated by the Chesterfield Domestic Violence Shelter, too. You helped us raise \$1000 for the charity. Thanks to all the ladies who sold the luminaries door-to-door, at the neighborhood signboards and at the Clubhouse.

We would also like to thank all the homeowners who participated in "Light Up the Night" by decorating their homes. Hundreds of beautiful displays filled our community this December! Thank you to the ladies who took time out of their busy lives to judge the decorations. We are pleased to announce our contest winners for 2006:



ROLAND AND CHARLENE JORDAN'S DOOR

DÉCOR AT 8901 HIGHGATE HILL DRIVE.;

TAD AND EMILY DERISO'S TRADITIONAL TRIMMINGS AT 8615 OLD BROMPTON;

JOHN AND ERIN WHITE'S CREATIVE DECORATIONS AT 14518 SPYGLASS HILL CIRCLE;

CHARLES AND BARBARA GRESKO'S KID FRIENDLY DISPLAY AT 8554 SUNNINGDALE;

TOM AND JOANNE ANDERSON'S OVERALL LIGHTS AT 8601 ROYAL BIRKDALE DRIVE.

Thanks again to all the ladies who helped bedeck the entrances with wreaths, especially the master bow maker, Doey Cumming, and the Christmas chairperson, Donna Burge. Thanks, also, to Chelsea Kidd for helping us so much by updating the signs with pertinent information about "Light Up the Night".

The first meeting of the Fashion Show committee will be held at the Clubhouse, January 18th at 7:00 pm.

Social Committee News...

We had a very fun 2006 with a trip to a Richmond Braves game, Ice Cream Social, Summer Luau, Birkdale Downs, and Tacky Lights Tour. Thank you to all families who participated in our neighborhood events. We look forward to seeing you in 2007. If you didn't have the chance to join us last year, there will be plenty of opportunities in 2007 for you to join the fun!

This month we will begin planning activities for 2007. Look for more details in the February newsletter.

As always, if you have a suggestions for a neighborhood activity, please contact us at birkdale_events@comcast.net. If you would like to help with the planning of Social Committee acuities, please join our meeting on January 10, 2007, at 6 PM, at 8805 Thornton Heath Drive.

New Members Needed

Joining the Social Committee is not a lifetime commitment, and we have found that it is now time for the founding members to move on and others to take their places. Being a member of the Social Committee means attending planning meetings a few times a year, corresponding with other members via email regarding events, and helping to implement those planned activities. We would ask for a 12 to 24 month commitment.

The Social Committee will hold it's first planning meeting for 2007 on Wednesday, January 10th at 6 PM at 8805 Thornton Heath Drive. If you think that you might be interested in joining, we welcome you to come see what we are about. We will order pizza for dinner, and children are welcome.

As always, if you have a suggestion for a neighborhood activity, please contact us at birkdale_events@comcast.net.

New Neighbors Welcome Reception

Wednesday, January 17th

From 7-8 PM

At the Birkdale Clubhouse

We invite all families who moved into Birkdale in 2006 to join us for a reception where you will have the opportunity to meet the Board, and learn about different Committees and Clubs in the neighborhood. Please RSVP your attendance to Chelsey Kidd, Chairperson, Social Committee,

News from the Mom's Group...

The Mom's Group of Birkdale had an exciting 2006. We said farewell to a dedicated coordinator, Michelle McLees, and welcomed a new, very excited, Mom's Group Coordinator, Jen Gerty, in September. Some of last year's Mom's Group activities included trips to the Children's Museum, Swift Creek Theatre, library play, a Halloween Party, and a Holiday Cookie Exchange.

The Birkdale Mom's Group is an informal group of mothers and children of varying ages. We are a subcommittee of the Social Committee. There are no dues to be a member, and the Social Committee contributes a part of their budget to Mom's Group activities; although the cost of most activities are individually funded (such as admission to the CMOR). We plan an activity each month and welcome both members and non-members to join. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jen Gerty jgerty@msn.com.

This month we will begin planning activities for 2007. Look for more details in the February newsletter. If you would be interested in helping with the planning and organization of Mom's Group activities, please contact Jen Gerty at jgerty@msn.com or come to

The next deadline for the December Birkdale Bulletin is Wednesday, January 24th

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