



Birkdale Bulletin

May 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

I'm glad to see that the weather has finally changed for the better and warm temps are here to stay. It is great to see so many people taking such pride in their yards. As I drive through Birkdale I feel a sense of pride in the neighborhood and bond with neighbors working in their yard, playing with their children or just relaxing in a chair on their front porch.

I would like to remind those of you who live next to the golf course or to common ground that these are not dumping areas for you when you clean up your yards. I would hope that you don't dump trash on your neighbor's yard so please treat the golf course with the same respect. Thank you again for the pride that most of you have shown for your homes by the care that you have taken to make your yards stand out.

I would also like to say a little about our neighborhood watch - we still need people to step up and volunteer. If you would like to be a block captain please contact Sheila Newman at 739-8488. We would also like for the block captains to gather email addresses and phone numbers for alerts for neighborhood watch updates. As the temperature rises and we work more in the yards remember to keep the front door locked if you are in the backyard. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity so let's make it as tough as possible for anyone to target this neighborhood.

In closing I would like to thank all of those who have volunteered for the different committees and boards you men and women are what make this community. I wish every mother here a very happy and blessed Mother's Day and hope to see everyone out at the yard sale.

SEMPER FIDELIS
Ted Lempke

SEMI-ANNUAL YARD SALE AND PAINT YOUR MAILBOX DAY SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

It's a great time of year to give your mailbox a touch-up, and you might as well have fun doing it! Have a street cookout.

Talk to your neighbors - meet someone you don't know or reacquaint yourself with those you haven't seen all winter.

Share a can of paint - a quart of each will cover many mailboxes.

Update your contact information with your street Neighborhood Watch Captain, or elect one for your street.

MOST OF ALL, HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS...

If anyone cannot paint their own mailbox for physical reasons, the Social Committee will collect those names, and we will have a volunteer paint your mailbox for you. You will need to supply the paint and decals, we will supply the elbow grease. Contact Chelsey Kidd at 639-4886 or birkdale_events@comcast.net if you need help.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS...

If you are willing to help your fellow neighbors by painting an extra mailbox or two, give us a call 639-4886 or birkdale_events@comcast.net. This is a great opportunity for our young residents to earn community service hours for scout badges, college applications, extra credit, etc.

A parent will need to be present with our minor helpers.

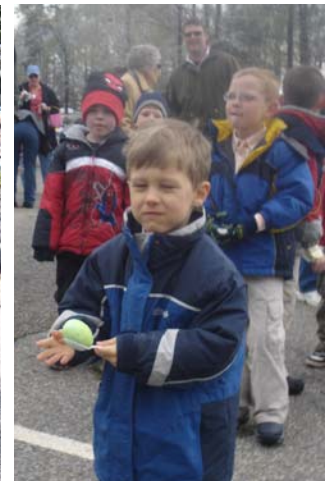
SUPPLIES...

- For Birkdale decals and replacement numbers, contact Acorn Signs on Tomlyn Street at 726-6999. Replacement numbers are \$6.25 per set and decals are \$2.35.



Spring

Eggstravaganza '07



The Easter Bunny certainly had cold paws as he hippity-hopped into Birkdale to hide Easter Eggs. Despite the snow on the ground, the kids had a great time hunting for eggs, posing for pictures with the Easter Bunny, and playing games. Prizes were won, candy was eaten, and gold eggs containing gold dollars coins were the ultimate find. Thank you to everyone who made it out on the chilly Saturday morning - who would have ever thought we'd be hunting eggs in our snow boots? The response from the neighborhood was great, and we'll look forward to another Spring Eggstravaganza next year!

A Note from the Vice President...

Spring is in full swing in central Virginia and of course here in Birkdale, although it started out a bit rough especially with the Easter Egg hunt which was held on Saturday, April 7th. We all woke up to nearly 2 inches of snow which melted during the hunt, but the eggs that were hidden by Peter Cottontail were a little more difficult to find. We had a nice turn out, the children had fun and the parents were cold. There are plenty of pictures on the community group site under Birkdale for you to look at. Thank you to the Social Committee for organizing and running this event and to the club house management for lending their support and use of the facility.

I have been speaking with Sheila Newman, our Birkdale neighborhood watch coordinator, and she has emphatically told me that we need help. There are a number of streets in Birkdale that need block captains, they are:

- Royal Birkdale Drive, from the lake at the 9th green to the Gazebo at the 10th green.
- Torrey Pines Circle
- Torrey Pines Drive
- Easton Ridge Place
- Emerald Valley Circle
- Houghton Street
- Houghton Place

Block captains will NOT have to work too hard, we promise. We will need you to meet with your neighbors, help collect their names, email addresses and phone numbers for all of the residents in your section and then turn those into Sheila Newman at birkdaleNW@comcast.net. Also, once per year we will ask you to help organize your block party for National Neighborhood Watch Night out in August.

Sheila works very closely with the Chesterfield County Police Department's division of neighborhood watch. Once per month the residents of Birkdale, who are on the email list, receive an email from the program listing any recent reported suspicious or criminal activity in Birkdale.

We ask all residents of Birkdale to help out! Even if you can not be a block captain, please register your name, phone number and email address with birkdaleNW@comcast.net, so that we can keep you informed. It will also help us provide an accurate listing of the residents in our community to the Chesterfield County Neighborhood Watch program, in case of an emergency. As of this writing we only have 354 homes registered with Birkdale Neighborhood Watch, that is just about half of the total number of homes in Birkdale.

As I mentioned in the opening, spring is in the air! We are pleased to see so many of the residents of Birkdale working hard in their yard to improve and maintain the look of their property. In fact, it looks like, on some streets, there is a bit of a competition going on, as to who can be greener, fuller, and more colorful with flowers and shrubs. That leads to a very attractive neighborhood, THANK YOU!

Ted Lempke, Joe Vanarsdall and I have been working with the grounds and maintenance crews to take this one step further. Most of the common areas have been cleaned, cleared of brush and mulched. The dead plants from previous seasons have been removed and replanted. It has come to our attention that one area has been overlooked for many years and we are addressing it, the entrance off of Spring Run Road. For a long time this has been thought of as "The Back Entrance", while the Winterpock Road entrance has been thought of as "The Main Entrance". That is simply not going to be the case anymore. We have signed a contract that will clear out the scrub brush, remove the debris and leaves, plant new bushes and trees and mulch the common areas that lie along this entrance. We need to turn this entrance around; this is a multi-week process which should be completed shortly. The entrances are the first thing that the residents, guests and prospective new home buyers see when they enter Birkdale and the need to have the "Wow" factor.

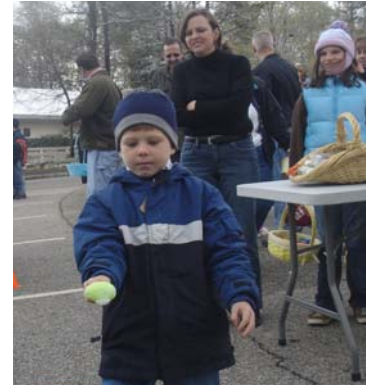
If you see an area around your home that you feel needs attention, please inform me at mattyd23@verizon.net. I will come by take a look at it, discuss it with you and bring it to the attention of Ted Lempke and Joe Vanarsdall.

The ARC committee is new as of April 1st, 2007. We thank Bill Barnes and his team for their hard work over the past year and a half. The new ARC board is headed up by Larry Smith. Larry has 4 members on his team and they are working hard for you. Currently, they are receiving many requests from the residents of Birkdale to undertake improvements in landscaping or to their homes. Larry is working with his team to get these turned around in a timely fashion, much like Bill Barnes and his team did during their tenure. We ask that you please refrain from beginning any projects until you have heard back from the ARC board. This is extremely important, as we all signed a contract to live in this neighborhood and promised to abide by the guidelines and covenants set there in. This helps Birkdale to maintain its identity and keeps the neighborhood operating under a system of checks and balances. If you see something that you feel does not live up to the rules or guidelines, please contact Larry or myself immediately. If you need a copy of the ARC standards and guidelines or the covenants of Birkdale, please let me know and I will get those to you, free of charge, at once.

Finally, Dan Lynch, the HOA treasurer, and I have obtained the variance sheets for Birkdale from 2000 to present. This has been quite eye opening as you may imagine. This is our first step into helping us to explain to you "Where your association dues go." We will have more on this shortly.

If there is anything that I can do to help you with an issue or concern in Birkdale, please do not hesitate to contact me either at mattyd23@verizon.net or 739-3162.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone in our community who showed their support for Virginia Tech, Maroon and Orange effect day, on Friday, April 20th, 2007, as we all mourned the loss of 32 students.



Egg-Stravagnaza 2007

Financial Report...

As of April 26, 2007, the Association held the following investments:

Cash-Wachovia DDA	\$ 54,626.27
MMA Capital One	\$ 2,373.88
CD Capital One 2/10 4.24%	\$ 38,179.54*
CD Capital One 1/08 5.48%	\$ 20,434.25*
CD Provident 3/12 5.25%	\$ 43,200.41*
CD-First Capital Bank 8/07 4.78%	\$ 23,373.59*
Legg Mason Investment Accounts	
CD Harleystown 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	\$244,191.05

Submitted by David Trammell-Community Group, Inc.

More financial information is available on the website at

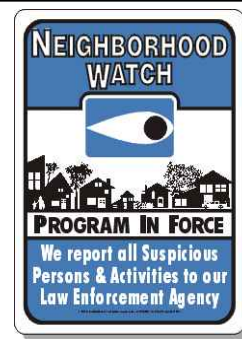
QUESTIONS..WANT TO JOIN?

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
Social Committee.....	Chelsey Kidd639-4886.
	birkdale_events@comcast.net

BIRKDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH...

The following is a detailed report of Chesterfield County Police activity in the community of Birkdale from January, 2007 through March, 2007. During this period, Birkdale had 30 calls to the Chesterfield County Police. They were as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Police Service | 5 Police Alarm Activity | 2 Domestic |
| 2 911 Abandoned | 2 Police Hazardous Cond | 2 MVA – No Injuries |
| 5 Suspicious Situation | 1 Larceny From Auto | 1 Trouble with Juvenile Trespassing |
| 1 Barking Dog | 1 Police Information | 1 Larceny |
| 1 Hit & Run MVA | 1 Assistance Needed | 1 Warrant/Summons Service |
| 3 Suspicious Vehicle | | |



Twenty-two of the calls resulted in a disposition of “No Report” which indicates that no written Police Incident Report was made. The other eight calls resulted in a disposition of “Offense Report” which indicates that a written Police Incident Report exists in the Police Records Management system.

If you are a victim of criminal activity or witness a criminal act or suspicious behavior, report it immediately to the Chesterfield County Police Department. Dial **911** in emergency situations or dial **748-1251** for non-emergency activity. Failure to report such activities may jeopardize the safety of all residents in the community.

The Chesterfield County Police Department has provided the following information to Neighborhood Watch.

8th Annual Smooth Sailing Senior Day *“Exploring a New World”*

Chesterfield County TRIAD Senior Day is an opportunity for older adults and caregivers to visit with more than 75 businesses and non-profit agencies. Learn about opportunities and services to make your life safe, active and more enjoyable. Entertainment, informational booths and door prizes.

IT'S FREE!!!!

When: Wednesday, May 2, 2007 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Victory Tabernacle, 11700 Genito Road Musical Entertainment: Nick & Friends

Special Presentation: “Protecting Yourself Against Identity Theft 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. .

Ben Garrett, VA Department for the Aging

Emcee: Detective Kevin Bacon

For Details Call: Mary Jones, 276-7592 or Officer David Zeheb, 674-7006 ext. 113

Directions: Take Hull Street Road East, Turn Left onto Genito Road, Go .6 miles, Turn Right into the Church Parking Lot.



Birkdale's Events May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30– Men's Golf 5:30	1 May	2	3– Ladies Golf 5:30	4	5– Yard Sale Paint your Mailbox
6	7 Men's Golf 5:30	8	9	10-Ladies Golf 5:30	11	12-Rain Date for Yard Sale and Mailbox Day DJ at Pool
13-Swim Team registration deadline!	14-Men's Golf 5:30	15	16	17-Ladies Golf 5:30 Women's Club Banquet	18	19
20	21-Men's Golf 5:30	22	23	24-Ladies Golf 5:30 Swim Team Meet and Greet	25	26-Pool opens !!
27	28 Memorial Day No School	29	30	31-Ladies Golf 5:30	June 1	2
3	4-Men's Golf 5:30 Colonial Williamsburg trip	5- Colonial Williamsburg Trip Contact Brenda Brewster 739-3830	6- Cloverhill Library Book and Author Soiree– 7pm at the club	7-Ladies Golf 5:30	8	9

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



SEMI-ANNUAL

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 5TH
8AM-NOON

RAIN DATE– SATURDAY MAY 12TH

The Birkdale Women's Club will have the Goodwill Truck

SIGNS

If your group or organization would like to advertise upcoming events or meetings on the **Community Events Boards**, please contact Chelsey Kidd, 639-4886 or birkdale_events@comcast.net with the information.

THE BIRKDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2007 BOARD MEMBERS:

Ted Lempke, President..... 399-2411
 Matt DiNardo, Vice President..... 739-3162
 Steve Franklin, Secretary.....739-3789
 Dan Lynch, Treasurer.....739-3456
 James Adams, Member at large.....
 David Trammell, Community Group.....270-1800

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MOM'S CLUB

Okay, Birkdale Moms – here's what we learned last month... Nobody had enough notice for the entrée vous meal preparation gig. From what I heard from y'all, you're interested, but need some time to figure it all out. So, here's the deal: Thursday, May 24th at 10:30, we can all go and prepare our meals. You may bring your children and have fun, too. In case you are wondering – there is NOTHING in it for me – except for fun, camaraderie, good food, and the knowledge that we're supporting a really neat lady in her local business venture. To RSVP, go to www.entreevous.com and look up our party. You can select the meals you wish to put together and pay there.

The second thing I'd like to call to your attention is something that we may all miss this month because the first Tuesday happens to be May 1st, but I'd like to tell those of you who don't know about Club MOM that meets at Chesterfield Towne Center the first Tuesday of every month. Here's a clip from their website: Join the fun of Club Mom, Tuesday, May 1st from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Food Court. Enjoy giveaways and entertainment by singing sensation, Betsy Q! *Club Mom is an event designed for parents and young children that occurs the first Tuesday of every month in our Food Court from 9-11 a.m. The event is free and children's entertainment is provided.

So, Moms, let's look to the first Tuesday of June to do the mom thing as an outing.

NEXT, are you worried about receiving some crazy concoction for "breakfast in bed" on mother's day? Me, too. Of course, I'd love anything brought to me in bed that I didn't make or have to clean up, but that's just me. Well, I did a little research and found a great recipe on kraft.com that's so easy your kids and husband can do it. (You may want to shop for the ingredients in advance – ha!)

MORNING BERRY PARFAIT

Recipe Rating *****

Prep time 5 minutes

1 cup Strawberries, Blueberries or raspberries
1/2 cup vanilla low-fat yogurt
1/4 cup Post Grapenuts Cereal or Post Selects Banana Nut Crunch Cereal

Layer 1/2 cup strawberries, 1/4 cup yogurt and 2 tbsp cereal in medium glass

Repeat layers. Serve Immediately

Also, we're all getting ready for summer, so please e-mail me if you have any fun family friendly ideas for the upcoming hot days. Do we want to organize ourselves into walking groups? Play groups? You tell me! My e-mail is jgerty@msn.com. I'll do the work – I just need to know who is interested in making our mom's group a success! Happy Mother's Day, everyone!

Jennifer Gercy – Birkdale Mom's Club

Social Committee News...

Mark your calendar for a year of fun!

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 BIRKDALE BELLS

to meet Friday May 25th

at Brio's Stony Point Fashion Park

at 11:30. RSVP Judy Lynch by May 18th



Please join us for the Annual Book & Author Soiree featuring award winning novelist Erica Orloff, at the Birkdale Country Club, Wednesday, June 6th, 5:30PM.

As a guest of the Friends of the Clover Hill Library, your reservation (\$15.00 per person) includes 2 glasses of wine, cheese and crackers, dip and desserts, coffee and tea. There will be a book signing, with Ms. Orloff's books available for purchase.

Questions? Call J Drisko at 759-4904 or M Johnson at 647-4762.



Reservation Form

Reservations must be received at the address below no later than **Friday, June 1.**

Enclosed is my check for ____ people at \$15.00 each.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Clover Hill Library.

Name of attendees: _____

Mail this form and your check to: J Drisko 14611 Houghton St Chesterfield VA 23852

For confirmations purposes, please provide your telephone and e-mail address:

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____



SWIM TEAM NEWS

Swim Team registration on Saturday, April 28th went very well! If you missed registration, please contact Emily Deriso at 595-1269 or derisofamily@yahoo.com for registration materials. She also has sample swim wear for swimmers to try on. The Deriso's home is located at 8615 Old Brompton Road (yellow house on the corner). Remember, the deadline to register for swim team is **SUNDAY, MAY 12TH**. All registrations received after this date will incur a \$15 late fee.

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to **ERIN HENDRY** for stepping up to the plate as our Swim Team Treasurer! We are still in need of a **FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON** and a **PARENT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**. Please contact Tony Migliazzo for more details at 739-0867 or migliazzo@aol.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH will be our team **MEET & GREET!** Join us at the Birkdale Golf Club for milk & cookies at 7pm. Swimmers will get to meet our new coaches and parents will have an information meeting about the upcoming swim season. Parents will be able to sign up for their swim meet volunteer shifts and will also receive a team calendar for the season.

News from the Golf Club...

As we prepare to open the pool in a matter of weeks, we are offering Birkdale residents, and only Birkdale residents 50% off the Social and Social Sport initiation fees. Any Birkdale resident joining before Memorial Day weekend will be able to join for \$200. As a member you will be able to enjoy year round social events for the entire family, which will include, Live Music by the Pool on Saturday 12th May, a Beach Party Night with local band The Mark Troxell Trio on Saturday 23rd June, and Live Music by the Pool on Saturday 28th July. Cinco De Mayo is being held in the clubhouse on Saturday 5th May, with New Member Orientation on the 15th May.

The Pool will be opening on Saturday 26th May. DJ and games will be starting at 1:00pm. Uncle Curt will be providing entertainment for the kids, along with Rita's Italian Ice offering samples of tasty ice cream. We are also hosting swing dance lessons and a movie night at the driving range in June.

Call the club for details on club membership which will allow you access to all of the above events and many many more. Also, we have an 18-hole championship golf course that is in the best condition it has been in for many years. To enjoy all the club has to offer, please call 739-8800 or visit www.birkdalegolf.com



Birkdale Women's Club

Our Historic Garden Week tour of the Westhampton area and Tuckahoe Plantation was a fun day for all, filled with beautiful homes, antiques and exquisite gardens! We're all looking forward to next year! Thanks, Carol DiFazio, for those marvelous plans.

The first ever BWC Antiques Road Show at the Clubhouse during our April meeting was fabulous. Thanks to our Program Chair, Pat Sproveri, for arranging the evening! Twenty members signed up to bring in their treasures and everyone had a great time getting to know each other even better.

Our End-of-the-year Banquet will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 17th. Please join us for a delicious dinner: Chicken Florentine, Tuscan mushroom pasta, tossed salad, rolls, and an array of Chef's desserts. The cost of \$20.00 includes coffee, tea, tax and gratuities. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00. Jenn will have several of her "house specialties" at the bar! If you wish to attend, please contact Donna Burge, at 639-6702 or Linda Bramble, at 739-2663. They will be pleased to receive your checks, made out to Birkdale Women's Club by Wednesday, May 9th.

Yard & Landscape Recognition

"Wow!" is what we have to say. Many of you have really worked on your yards this spring and it shows. We took a drive around Birkdale and noticed colors of Azaleas and flowers in full bloom, lawns that look like carpets or fairways. Just a great job by many home owners and we would like to recognize a list of many that just stood out in our view. If your house is not listed, that does not mean that you do not have a good or even great looking yard. We noticed many homes that, based on the types of plants and flowers, will be spectacular next month when everything blooms, and you will probably be recognized at that time. Please keep in mind this is just for fun, but another way to show you that we really appreciate your efforts to make Birkdale a wonderful community.

*13849 Ashbourne Hollow Circle
8406 Ashdale Court
14313 Ashdale Way
8035 Ainsdale Lane*

*Duchess Way – EVERY HOUSE
8518 Easton Ridge Place
8843 Emerald Dunes Circle
8612 Emerald Valley Circle
8919 Ganton Court*

*14504 Highgate Hill Court
9001 Highgate Hill Drive
8304 Houghton Court
8302 Houghton Place
14605 Houghton Street
8818 Kennemer Place
8815 Killarney Court
14515 Leamington Drive*

*Merseyside Lane – EVERY HOUSE
14421 Mission Hills Circle
9213 Mission Hills Lane
14412 Mission Hills Loop
8218 Old Bond Court
14343 Old Bond St.*

*Old Brompton – EVERY HOUSE
8842 Pebble Beach Court
8416 Royal Birkdale Drive
8611 Royal Birkdale Drive
8705 Royal Birkdale Drive
9009 Royal Birkdale Drive
9201 Royal Birkdale Drive
8907 Sawgrass Place
8624 Seabrook Circle
8524 Sunningdale Terrace
13812 Spyglass Hill Circle
14012 Spyglass Hill Circle
14107 Spyglass Hill Circle*

*14236 Spyglass Hill Circle
14625 Spyglass Hill Circle
8906 Spyglass Hill Court
9000 Spyglass Hill Crescent
8801 Spyglass Hill Loop
9020 Spyglass Hill Mews
8802 Spyglass Hill Place
9106 Spyglass Hill Terrace
9048 Spyglass Hill Turn
14001 Stonecreek Club Court
9107 Stonecreek Club Place
8812 Thorton Heath Drive
9400 Torrey Pines Circle*



The next deadline for the December Birkdale Bulletin is Wednesday, May 30th
Please **e-mail** all articles to Cynthia Steiner at casteiner@comcast.net by that time.