

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Yard Sale October 6th.
- Women's club wine tasting October 14th
- If you wish to become the new editor and publisher of the newsletter, please attend the HOA meeting at the clubhouse on 10/15

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## Message from the President's Desk...

I will be stepping down as President at the October board meeting and will not be running for any of the available seats; I would like to thank everyone in Birkdale for allowing me to serve as your President. I would like to remind everyone that all board members are volunteers. They do not get paid for any of the hard work that they do and everyone of them, even if you don't agree with all decisions that are made, deserve your respect and support. These outstanding people put their families on hold to serve and help make Birkdale a great community. I would encourage all who feel they can do a better job or feel that things could be done a different way run for office and serve your community. With that said I would personally like to thank all of the board members for a job well done.

Matt DiNardo - thank you for filling the void and stepping up to the plate to become vice president. It has been a pleasure working with you and I wish you luck in the up and coming election.

Dani Fink - thank you for stepping in when Steve Franklin was transferred. You had some big shoes to fill and you have done a great job. Good luck in the next year.

Dan Lynch - you are an outstanding treasurer and at the budget meeting we all learned that Dan does have a heart when he changed his mind and voted in favor of the swim team. Thank you for all you have done and good luck in the next year.

James Adams - I can't say enough about this man. He has always stepped up to the plate for this community. He has been the president previously and when called upon again to fill a void he volunteered to help. We should all feel privileged to having James and the rest of this board serving us.

Thank you Mike Hatch for the great working relationship and for being a great host for the Birkdale community. Without the club and its willingness to work with the board, this community wouldn't be what it is

today.

David Trammell - thank you for all of the direction and support. Without this, we couldn't have made it through the last few months.

It would be nice if people would compliment a board member for the job they do. This is a difficult job and we owe it to the board members to be at best polite. Thank you all for the past two years, it has been a pleasure working with the different groups within Birkdale and serving this great community where *life is good*.

I wish everyone health and happiness in the years to come and thank you again for the past two years. Have a happy and safe Halloween - good luck to all.



SEMPER FIDELIS  
*Ted Lempke*

## HOA & Community Contact Names and Numbers

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Women's Club	Linda Bramble	739-2663
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Neighborhood Watch	Sheila Newman	739-8488
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	Doug Thomas	739-8144
	Dottie Parker	639-1896
		739-8800
Investment Club		739-8305
Birkdale Clubhouse		739-1177
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Mom's Group	Jen Gerty/ jgerty@msn.com	739-1177
Newsletter	Alisha Brady	744-6746
Social Committee	Birkdale_events@yahoo.com	
	Judy Lynch	739-3456
Red Hat Society		

As of August 28, 2007, the Association held the following investments:

Cash-First Association Bank DDA	\$ 45,022.63
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 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	\$242,411.81

**BIRKDALE MOTHERS:** For those of you interested in this group and meeting other moms in the neighborhood, please attend a meeting at my home on Thursday, October 25th, from 1-2:30pm. Bring your children as well! My address is 9005 Royal Birkdale Drive. Please RSVP to Jennifer Gerty at 739-1177. Thanks!

**Financial report prepared by Dave Trammel Through 8/28/2007**  
\* Editor printed most recently provided information

**WANTED: NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER AND EDITOR.** This paid position will require approximately 40 hours per month, including organizing and editing text for content from all groups, working with the newsletter liaison and the board to meet guidelines for publication, submission of articles to printer, and delivery of publication on a monthly basis. Additionally, you will be responsible for publication of the classifieds. This publication is separate from the newsletter and is not sponsored by the HOA. If you are interested in this position, please attend the HOA Board meeting on October 15th at the Clubhouse.

**BIRKDALE  
WOMEN'S CLUB  
NEWS—WINE  
TASTING,  
DEDICATION  
INVITATION**

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, will be a very special meeting for the Women's Club. Hopefully, you already saw the article in the Newsletter about the Dedication Ceremony in the Birkdale Golf Club's Memorial Gardens, which is being hosted by the Women's Club in memory of and in honor of all those affected by the Virginia Tech tragedy in April of this year. We will have a brief dedication ceremony before our meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial Gardens on Hole 3 of the Birkdale Golf Course. The Clubhouse is providing carts for anyone who wishes to join us for the ceremony. All those members of BWC, who have pre-paid for the October Wine Tasting, will then gather in the Clubhouse. If you wish to join us for the Wine Tasting, please write a check for \$12.00 to the Birkdale Women's Club and take it to Carol Lewis (739-7617) by October 10th. The theme of the wine tasting this year is "Wines Around the World". Please don't forget that we will be collecting the Holiday Angel gifts for the recipients involved in the Meals on Wheels program at the Wine Tasting. You will receive an email, forwarding the suggestions for those gifts. If you plan to join us for our annual trip to the Maymont Wreath-making Workshop on November 26<sup>th</sup>, please bring a check made out to Maymont in the amount of \$25.00 to the October meeting.

**Dedication Ceremony  
In Memory of  
The Virginia Tech Tragedy  
October 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.  
At the  
Memorial Garden of  
Birkdale Golf Course  
At Hole 3**

The Birkdale Women's Club would like to invite our Community to a Tree Planting Ceremony in honor of those affected by the Virginia Tech Tragedy on April 16, 2007. We will gather for a brief ceremony at Birkdale Golf Course's Memorial Garden on Thursday, October 18th. The Club is providing golf carts for anyone who wishes to join us for the ceremony. Please arrive at the Clubhouse by 5:45 p.m., if you wish to use a cart.



## Birkdale Golf Club News

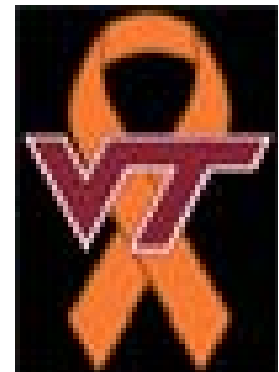
The summer is now behind us and many members enjoyed using the pool for the extra 2 weekends we opened this year. The Member Guest mid-September was one of our key events of the year as members invite their guests to the club for 3 days of golf and entertainment. All of the guests commented on the many improvements to the course and club which is great for us as a community.

Many of the homeowners have commented on the new white wooden out of bounds stakes defining property and homeowner boundaries. The smaller wooden stakes are placed to show the golfers that certain parts of the course is out of bounds as we continually encourage golfers not to enter homeowner yards, unless to retrieve a ball. In many cases, these smaller stakes DO NOT define bound-

ary lines. We will be erecting larger plastic markers defining boundary lines. Please do not hesitate to contact the club if you have any questions or concerns relevant to this matter.

We are truly grateful to the Birkdale Ladies Club who chose to donate a tree in the Memorial Garden remembering the Virginia Tech students who tragically lost their lives. We are also trying to plan a Christmas event that combines the Light up the Night event along with Christmas carols and mulled wine at the clubhouse.

**Michael Hatch**  
General Manager  
Birkdale Golf Club



# A Letter From the Vice President...

Our meeting on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for the budget process was well attended. There was support for many groups and many interested residents came to see what your assessment money will be going toward for the next year.

We have some very ambitious plans for 2008 most of which is desperately needed to fix some long standing issues in our community. Here is a quick recap of some of the major items that we plan to do:

- 3 Year contract with Brickman.
- Lighting at both entrances.
- Stone Birkdale sign at Winterpock entrance.
- Landscaping at both entrances to dramatically improve look.
- Re-Landscape the Circles in Avalon where there is no irrigation.
- Re-Landscape the area along Royal Birkdale Drive around Ashbourne Hollow Circle where there is no irrigation.
- Fund the Social Club
- Fund the Swim Team
- Identify and remove all of the trees that are dead or stricken with disease

As one of our board members, James Adams, stated at the meeting, we are still battling some issues that are left behind from the last phase of development, as some of the soil has proven to not be too supportive of grasses and weaker shrubs. Some of this lies in the fault of not having a full common ground irrigation system. The cost of putting that in at this point would be astronomical, so working with Brickman and looking through our community we plan to attack these areas with plants that are a little hardier and can survive with less water and thrive in our hot and humid summers.

I have received numerous questions about the new vinyl fence along Winterpock Road that was destroyed during the recent Verizon FIOS installation. We, as a board, had a very tough time getting through to the correct people at Verizon, but that has been accomplished. We certainly weren't going to pay for this to be fixed with our association money, as we didn't break the fence. The resolution that has been reached is that our contractors will clean up the currently destroyed fence in the next week and then install a brand new fence along Winterpock Road. The bill will be submitted to Verizon so there will not be a charge to the homeowners association.

A reminder, during our next meeting, on Monday, October 15, 2007, we will hold a special meeting where we need your attendance. This will not only be the election meeting but we will attempt to begin the process to amend our current Master Protections, so that we, as a board, may allow homes into the community so that they are made to live up to the same standards and guidelines as the rest of us. This has been a long process to get this far and we really need your support.

Finally, I feel it is important to bring this up. We all chose to live here, because Birkdale is a great community and a very well presented community, we need to keep it up. Part of your commitment to living in Birkdale was your signature on the disclosure packet which legally bound you to live by the architectural standards and guidelines. Unfortunately, we are seeing more and more violations of our architectural standards and guidelines. Rest assured that we are on top of these and in short time we will be doing a walk through of our entire neighborhood, which has not been done in over a year. During that walk through we will examine everything from mailboxes to flower beds, storage buildings, playgrounds, fences, additions, screened porches, etc. If you have done work and not turned in the proper paper work, we will find out and you will receive a letter. If you have something on your lot that is not up to the high standards of Birkdale, you will receive a letter. You will have thirty days to correct any violations. If the found violation is not corrected or no attempt is made to contact the board to justify the violation, then you will be fined. In the most severe of cases, we will bring in our own people to address the issue and submit you with a bill. If you need a copy of the architectural standards and guidelines, I will get those to you free of charge; just drop me an email at [mattyd23@verizon.net](mailto:mattyd23@verizon.net).

It has been my distinct pleasure and I consider it a great opportunity to have served you as interim Vice President. My position on the board is up and I hope to be voted back on to serve you again for another two years. As always if you need to reach me, please call me at my home 739-3162 or contact me via email at [mattyd23@verizon.net](mailto:mattyd23@verizon.net).

*Matt DiNardo*

## Getting Married? Come and Join us for our 2008 Bridal Fashion Show

**When: Sunday October 21st**  
**Where: Birkdale Golf Club Clubhouse**  
**Time: 5:00PM-8:00PM**

**Fashion presented by Nevae'h Bridal Store.**  
**(fashion show starts at 6:00)**

**Also Participating:**  
**Wedding Designs by Janice.**  
**Alicia's Day Spa**  
**McCool Photography**  
**Nick's DJ Services**

**Limited Reservations are available and R.S.V.P.'s are a must. Please call Jenn @ 804-739-8800x105 or email [f&b@birkdalegolf.com](mailto:f&b@birkdalegolf.com) to reserve your seat today.**

Football games busy school schedules, shorter days, brightly colored leaves and thoughts of warm comfort food and cooler fall nights. Fall is upon us and it's time to celebrate "Birkdale Style".

**Homeowner Appreciation Day**  
**Oct. 14**  
**2p to 5p**  
**Golf Club Parking Lot**

Join in the fun, we have something for everyone

Chili cook-off

- *Dust off your favorite recipes and scour out your kettles*
- *Bring your world famous (or family famous) chili to judge and share (paper products provided)*
- *Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place*

*Judging is at 2:30 (plan to arrive by 2p to set up and bring your own pot to keep your chili warm)*

Moon walks, DJ, Cotton candy & popcorn

- *2p to 5p*

*Lots of games and fun for the kids*

Carnival games

- *2:30 to 4:30*

*Enjoy some old fashioned carnival fun with face painting, pumpkin decorating and lots of games for everyone to enjoy*

Hay rides

*Leaving the club house and taking a ride through beautiful Birkdale*

Kid's and Pets Costume parade at 4:45

*Be sure your little loved ones get a chance to take pleasure in those adorable costumes as we close the day with a costume parade through the golf club parking lot*

This event is sponsored by the Birkdale Social Committee. It is free and open to all Birkdale homeowners so we hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact Alisha Brady at [Birkdale\\_events@yahoo.com](mailto:Birkdale_events@yahoo.com) or call 804-744-6746

**Approximately 58,000 children went back to school on Sept. 4th in Chesterfield County. It is imperative that drivers, students, and parents put safety first when traveling our roadways.**

#### Tips for Drivers

Watch out for children walking or bicycling to school or to the bus stop.

Be aware of school bus stops in your neighborhood.

Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops. Obey school-bus laws.

#### Students

Use sidewalks, if available. If not available, stay all the way to the right of the street.

Be alert when crossing streets, driveways, etc.

Stay off the street when at the bus stop.

When the bus approaches, stand away from the street or curb. Wait until the bus is completely stopped and the driver has the door open before moving toward the bus.

If you have to cross the street to board the bus, wait until the bus has stopped with its red lights flashing, its stop sign out and its safety arm extended before crossing the street. Walk approximately 10 feet in front of the bus around the safety arm so the bus driver can see you.

Never walk behind the bus or near the sides where the driver can not see you.

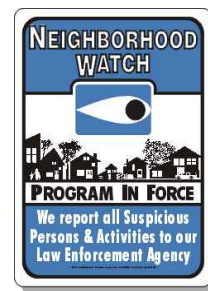
#### Parents/Neighborhood Adults

Teach children to be safe and alert while walking to the bus stop or to school.

Ensure that children follow all of the student safety rules.

**For more information call Child Safety at: 674-7006**

#### LAW CORNER



Every year when school opens the Police Department receives numerous calls about vehicles passing stopped school buses. Many questions arise about when you can or cannot pass a stopped school bus. Below is the Virginia state code.

#### **46.2-859- Passing a stopped school bus**

A person is guilty of reckless driving who fails to stop, when approaching from any direction, any school bus which is stopped on any highway, private road or school driveway for the purpose of taking on or discharging children, the elderly, or mentally or physically handicapped persons, and to remain stopped until all the persons are clear of the highway, private road or school driveway and the bus is put in motion. The driver of a vehicle, however, need not stop when approaching a school bus if the school bus is stopped on the other roadway of a divided highway, on an access road or on a driveway when the other roadway, access road, or driveway is separated from the roadway on which he is driving by a physical barrier or an unpaved area. The driver of a vehicle also need not stop when approaching a school bus which is loading or discharging passengers from or onto property immediately adjacent to a school if the driver is directed by a law-enforcement officer or other duly authorized uniformed school crossing guard to pass the school bus.

If you are not registered on the NW email address book to receive updates and alerts from the Chesterfield County Police, you can register by sending your name, address, phone number and email address to [BirkdaleNW@comcast.net](mailto:BirkdaleNW@comcast.net) or calling Sheila Newman at 739-8488.