



B I R K D A L E B U L L E T I N

DECEMBER 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Holidays are soon approaching. enjoy family and friends-be careful driving.

Be cautious with holiday decorations- lets all be safe.

When you are driving thru Birkdale look at the homes and landscapes. We all bought in Birkdale because of the quiet-well groomed community. This is what attracts future homeowners. You make a difference. Please bag your leaves. Do not put in a common area.

Big plans are in the making for New Years- the social committee is hard at work on this.

Reminder-we will be going green on January 1, 2010. If you haven't contacted Chelsey with your E Mail address, do so now !! The news letters are important and will keep you abreast on what is happening in the community. If you have neighbors or friends that do not have internet please share bulletins with them.

The ARC and Maintenance & Grounds groups continue to work very hard. If you have noticed, new mulch and community improvement is being done and is the result of TNT and James River Services.

The Board is elected to serve the community and i am always available to you. Tel no. 608-8674. We don't climb mountains but welcome hearing from you.

NO BOARD MEETING in DECEMBER.

Will keep you posted for January.

Happy Holidays

Barbara Dove



This is the last issue of the Birkdale Bulletin in its paper form!

If you have not signed-up for the e-newsletter, please visit www.birkdaleonline.com.

On the home page you will find a simple contact form to use to submit your information.

This is a separate contact list than is used for either the Neighborhood Watch or the Birkdale Golf Club. Because of confidentiality, we cannot share lists.

The newsletter editor will NOT be uploading her own email contacts. Even if you know her, you need to submit your information through the website!



Birkdale Community Association Treasurer's Report Through 11/30/09

As of November 30, 2009, the Association held the following investments:

Cash-First Association Bank DDA	\$ 74,559.69
MMA Capital One	\$ 2,645.70
CD Capital One 1/12 5.48%	\$ 23,485.26*
CD Provident 3/12 5.25%	\$ 43,200.41*
CD-First Capital Bank 8/12 4.78%	\$ 23,373.59*
 Total Cash	 \$167,264.65

The Birkdale Board Members

Barbara Done, President	608-8674	rdove34@verizon.net
Tim Farmer, Vice President	608-1039	timmytrane@hotmail.com
Dani Fink, Secretary	639-1323	danifink1@comcast.net
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Matt DiNardo, Member at large	739-3162	mattyd23@verizon.net
David Trammell, Community Group	270-1800	dtrammell@communitygroup.com

Association Contact Names and Numbers

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Project Care	—————	birkdale.project.care@verizon.net
Neighborhood Watch—Ted Lempke	399-2411	neighborhoodwatch@birkdaleonline.com
Maintenance/Grounds—Joe Vanarsdall	739-2706	
Newsletter—Chelsey Kidd	639-4886	newsletter@birkdaleonline.com
Social Committee—Alisha Brady	744-6746	Birkdale_events@yahoo.com
Covenants Committee, TBA		

Community Contact Names and Numbers

Women's Club—Maxine King	739-4582	
Swim Team—Tad Deriso	595-1270	Tad@mbc-va.com
Investment Club—Dottie Parker	639-1986	
Birkdale Clubhouse	739-8800	

Please call if you have questions or would like to get involved in your community.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARC members wish you and your family a festive and enjoyable Holiday Season together. We continue to consult with homeowners who submit applications pertaining to projects that will enhance their property. We encourage anyone who needs advice or has a concern to please contact us.

Upcoming ARC Meetings at the Birkdale Club House:

Wednesday Dec. 2 ,at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday January 5, at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday January 20, at 3:00 p.m.

Applications Approved by ARC:

8855 Emerald Dunes Cir. – installation of a fence in backyard

14612 Spyglass Hill Circle – Installation of a recreational/play equipment in backyard.

8824 Kennemer Place – addition of windows to a screened in porch

ARC Members:

Don King 739-4582

Larry Beuglass 639-4721

John Ratcliff 639-0820

George Sproveri 639-4550

Mary Wright 818-3159

Welcome to Birkdale's Newest Neighbors

Kester Family—9042 Spyglass Hill Turn

O' Brien Family—8806 Spyglass Hill Loop

Portner Family—8918 Spyglass Hill Court

Bowman Family—14606 Spyglass Hill Circle

Bosack Family—8318 Houghton Place

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB

BIRKDALE BABES RAISE \$600 FOR VA. CHAPTER OF THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AT JINGLE BELL RUN, NOV. 21ST

Co-Captains, Marlene Barry and Julie Clark, want to thank all their Birkdale Teammates: Linda Bramble, Michael Buchanan, Carol DiFazio, Christine Jones, Margie Killhorn, Michele and Richard Muth, Pat Rock, Sharon Shifflett, Pat Sproveri, Linda VanEckoute and Donna Wilson for helping to place our Birkdale Team in the Top 5 Teams in Richmond!! Not only did we have more walkers than anticipated, we also exceeded our goal in donations!

With spirits high, the team donned their signature Santa hats and laced jingle bells on their tennis shoes to make another trip around Stony Point toward a cure for this crippling disease!

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



We are still having issue with automobile break-ins. Arrests have been made but we still need to be sure to protect ourselves from these vandals. As I've been stating for the past few months, **do not make yourself a target for these thieves**. Be sure to lock your automobile doors and turn on the alarm if you have one. Remove all valuables such as ipods, cell phones, cameras, laptops and GPS units. They are easy to carry and conceal. The holiday shopping season is coming quick so do not leave any purchases in your auto when you get home. If you see any suspicious activity be sure to call 911 and report it immediately.

Contact Information:

Emergencies always dial 911

Non-emergencies (804) 748-1251

Birkdale Neighborhood Watch email: neighborhoodwatch@birkdaleonline.com

Be sure to check out www.birkdaleonline.com for contact information for all community groups

We are all getting ready to cook, shop, decorate and celebrate the holidays. Here are a few tips for safe Holiday season:

Trees & Lights

- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.
- Be sure to keep the stand filled with water, because heated rooms can dry live trees out rapidly.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
- Check all tree lights-even if you've just purchased them-before hanging them on your tree. Make sure all the bulbs work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Decorations

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.

Fireplaces

- Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open.
 - Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

Shopping

- **Park in well-lit areas, near sidewalks or walkways.** Avoid parking near dumpsters, large vans or trucks, as these obstacles decrease your ability to see the space surrounding your vehicle.
- **Keep one hand free** with the other hand holding your car keys as you approach or leave your vehicle so you can maneuver should you encounter a thief or carjacker.
- **Stay alert to your surroundings.** You could become a target if you are distracted by a cell phone, hunting for your keys or are fumbling with a big pile of packages.
- **Place gifts in the trunk and out of view.** If need be, use a trash bag, blanket or cardboard box to camouflage packages in the back of a car, van or SUV.
- **Move your car** to another space in the lot if you unload gifts. Don't tempt a thief who will watch you leave your purchases and go back into the mall or store.
- **If threatened by a carjacker with a gun or other weapon, GIVE UP THE CAR. DON'T ARGUE.** A life is more important than any vehicle. **If you witness an auto theft or carjacking, call the police immediately.**

Birkdale



Barracudas

SWIM TEAM

Annual Luminary "Light Up The Night"

Thursday, December 31st at Dusk

Inclement weather date, January 1, 2010

Join us in this Birkdale tradition. Proceeds from the sales benefit the Birkdale Swim Team.

Please make check payable to Birkdale Swim Team and deliver it to Chelsey Kidd 8805 Thornton Heath Drive by Wednesday, December 22, 2009. Luminaries will be delivered to your house. You will receive an email if the date is changed due to weather.

Name: _____ Number of kits (\$7 each): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Neighborhood Watch Continued...

Crime Report for October 2009

<i>Hundred Block Address</i>	<i>Incident type</i>	<i>Disposition One</i>	<i>Disposition Two</i>
10/6/2009			
08700 MERSEYSIDE LN	DRIVING UNDER THE IN	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	REPORT
08800 KILLARNEY CT	BREAKING & ENTERING	POLICE SERVICE	NO REPORT
10/7/2009			
08500 EASTON RIDGE PL	FRAUD	POLICE SERVICE	NO REPORT
10/11/2009			
09100 MISSION HILLS LN	POLICE ALARM ACTIVAT	ACCIDENTAL ALARM	NO REPORT
10/18/2009			
08800 SPYGLASS HILL PL	POLICE ALARM ACTIVAT	POLICE ALARM ACTIVATION	NO REPORT
08800 SPYGLASS HILL PL	POLICE ALARM ACTIVAT	ALARM MALFUNCTION	NO REPORT
10/20/2009			
09100 MISSION HILLS LN	LARCENY FROM AUTO	CANCEL	DUPLICATE CALL
08900 GANTON CT	LARCENY FROM AUTO	LARCENY FROM AUTO	OFFENSE REPORT
08900 GANTON CT	VANDALISM INFORMATION	LARCENY FROM AUTO	
10/23/2009			
13800 SPYGLASS HILL CR	POLICE ALARM ACTIVAT	ACCIDENTAL ALARM	NO REPORT
09100 STONECREEK CLUB PL	ASSISTANCE NEEDED	POLICE INFORMATION	OFFENSE REPORT
10/25/2009			
08500 EASTON RIDGE PL	POLICE ALARM ACTIVAT	ACCIDENTAL ALARM	NO REPORT
10/31/2009			
08500 EASTON RIDGE PL	RECKLESS DRIVING	RECKLESS DRIVING	NO REPORT

All addresses represent hundred blocks, **not** specific addresses.

Specific calls excluded from public viewing: mental subject, overdose, rape, search warrant, sex offense, suicide, terrorist incident, vehicle repossession.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Happy New Year!



**“Start spreading the news....”
New Years Eve in New York...Birkdale Style**

Tickets are now on sale for another great New Years Eve celebration hosted by the Birkdale Social Committee and the Birkdale Golf Club. We are planning some great things for New Years Eve in New York!! Live entertainment, wonderful food, lots of great friends, all with a New York flair right here in Birkdale!! Mark your calendars and tell your friends. The evening is sure to be a fabulous time with amazing door prizes, entertainment by Birkdale's own Georgia Farmer and a DJ Dave Wiltshire, party favors, 2010 party memorabilia to take home, a champagne toast, and all with a real big city feel.

Tickets are available for \$37.50 per person for Birkdale Homeowners and \$50 per person for non-homeowners. Be sure to purchase your ticket early! If you'd like to purchase tickets you can use our very convenient PayPal feature on the Birkdaleonline.com website:

http://www.birkdaleonline.com/Social_Committee.html

or mail or drop off a check made out to Alisha Brady at 8549 Sunningdale Terrace. Be sure to include your email address and a contact number. Your tickets will be emailed to you or dropped off should you not have email access.

Be sure to dress to impress the evening will be black tie optional.

If you would like to help in the planning for this fabulous party or for any additional details please contact Alisha Brady at 804-744-6746 or at

Birkdale_events@yahoo.com

Sign me up to celebrate with you!

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Homeowner Tickets (\$37.50) _____ Non-Homeowner Tickets (\$50) _____ Total _____

Please make checks payable to Alisha Brady.

Return your completed RSVP form and check to 8549 Sunningdale Terrace