



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

JANUARY 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Happy New Year! Please let me be one of the first to welcome you to 2009. I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good health.

Over the next several weeks we will begin to remove trees throughout the community. This is part of the yearly cleanup and removal of the dead or decaying trees in the common areas. We were very aggressive in 2008 in our tree removal and therefore do not have as much to do this year. However, if you have a tree that you believe is either dead or decaying in a common area near your home, please contact Joe Vanarsdall or myself immediately to have us look at it, so that we can determine if it is to be removed.

As you all know in my last newsletter, Shelia Newman has stepped down as neighborhood watch coordinator. I am please to announce that a former board member and previous president of this association, Ted Lempke, has asked to help out the community and fulfill that position. Ted has been a block captain for Shelia for many years on Emerald Dunes Circle. Currently Ted is working with Shelia and the Chesterfield County Police Division of Neighborhood Watch to make this a smooth transition. I expect that Ted will live up to the path that Shelia has already set forth in making Birkdale Neighborhood Watch one of the best in the county.

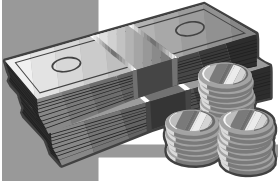
As you have been following the news of late, while we are in the midst of a major recession, the federal government has lowered the interest rate to its lowest point in modern history. This has allowed banks to severely cut the interest rate on home lending for mortgages, to near and in some cases less than 5% for a 30 year fixed loan. We currently have about 15 homes in Birkdale that are for sale. We as a board and as a community are hopeful that this rate cut will allow for these homes to be sold quickly and new home owners can move into Birkdale. It is important at this time and at all times that we continue to put our best foot forward in the look of your home and lot, as we try to do the same with the common grounds throughout our neighborhood. If you see something that does not look right please contact either birkdale.project.care@verizon.net or myself immediately.

I would like to thank the women's club for their work with Steve Bloom in setting up our holiday decorations and I would also like to thank the swim team for continuing the tradition of the luminaries.

Finally, we will be holding our first Birkdale Community Association Board meeting during the middle of January the date is to be determined and announced shortly. Always remember you can contact me any time either by phone, 739-3162, or by email at mattyd23@verizon.net.

Wishing you the best in 2009- Matt DiNardo





Birkdale Community Association Treasurer's Report

Through 12/22/08

As of December 22, 2008, the Association held the following investments:

Cash-First Association Bank DDA	\$ 59,285.45
MMA Capital One	\$ 2,613.00
CD Capital One 1/12 5.48%	\$ 22,363.78*
CD Provident 3/12 5.25%	\$ 43,200.41*
CD-First Capital Bank 8/12 4.78%	\$ 23,373.59*
 Total Cash	 \$150,836.23

The Birkdale Board Members

Matt DiNardo, President	739-3162	mattyd23@verizon.net
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Dani Fink, Secretary	639-1323	danifink1@comcast.net
Dan Lynch, Treasurer	739-3456	danlynch36@verizon.net
James Adams, Member at large	739-6743	jadams003@msn.com
David Trammell, Community Group	270-1800	dtrammell@communitygroup.com

Association Contact Names and Numbers

ARC—Don King	739-4582	
Project Care		birkdale.project.care@verizon.net
Neighborhood Watch—Sheila Newman	739-8488	BirkdaleNW@comcast.net
Maintenance/Grounds—Joe Vanarsdall	739-2706	
Newsletter—Chelsey Kidd	639-4886	Birkdale_newsletter@verizon.net
Social Committee—Alisha Brady	744-6746	Birkdale_events@yahoo.com
Covenants Committee, Frank DiFazio	639-4574	fdifazio@verizon.net

Community Contact Names and Numbers

Red Hat Society—Judy Lynch	739-3456	
Women's Club—Maxine King	739-4582	
Swim Team—Tony Migliazzo	739-0867	
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 has completed an effort to track all outstanding applications that were submitted by property owners during the past 18 months. If for any reason you sent an application proposal and did not receive a follow-up response or inspection, please contact us and we will work with you to rectify the situation.

ARC asks that you comply with the Covenant Standards and Guidelines in respect to all **“holiday decorations shall be removed no later than 14 days after the observed holiday “ (January 8th).**

ARC is tentatively scheduled to meet on January 7th and 21st at 3:00 p.m. in the Birkdale Club House.

We wish you and your family in “2009” a year of good health and peace.

Applications recently approved by ARC:

8812 Thornton Heath Dr. Replacement of roof with shingles

8319 Houghton Pl. Landscape changes

ARC Members

Don King 739-4582

Larry Beuglass 639-4721

John Ratcliff 639-0820

George Sproveri 639-4550

Mary Wright 818-3159

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB

Happy New Year to all! The BWC has been busy preparing for the second half of our exciting year of events. At our Holiday Party we enjoyed punch, cookies, special holiday drinks and of course exchanging holiday gifts. The Chinese Gift exchange always brings laughter and fun to all of us.

Our Holiday Decoration committee did a wonderful job of preparing our neighborhood with lovely lights, wreaths and decorative reindeer. Special thanks goes out to Linda Collins, chair of the decoration committee and to all of her special volunteers who prepared the wreaths for over 39 road signs in Birkdale and our Birkdale entrances. Doey Cumming and Linda Collins made bow replacements for the wreaths and swags used at the entrances and road signs around the community. Their hard work made the Birkdale decorations special for another year.

This month we will listen to Dr. Katherine Bettin speak on Stress Management. In our current environment, many of us need to hear her expert advice on coping with life challenges. Come and join us on January 15th at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse! In February, on the 19th at 7 p.m. we will have “Chick Night” - ice cream social and book exchange. We will have a chilled-out evening of fun, making ice cream sundaes, visiting with friends and finding that special book to read on those cold winter nights. Bring a book to exchange. March will be a month of learning how to make your own “Thinking of You Card Assortment” with Cynthia Steiner. This event will take place at Cynthia's home and you must sign up ahead of time at one of our meetings. At the end of the March, the BWC will have our first Charity Bingo Night to benefit the Chesterfield County Food Bank. More Bingo information to follow in future newsletters.



New to Birkdale or wanting to find out about the Birkdale Women's Club? We are always excited about adding new members to our club. Please remember it is never too late to join. Bring a friend and we are open to ladies from outside the Birkdale community. If you need more information please get in touch with Maxine King, Membership chair, at 739-4582 or mxnkn45@yahoo.com.

Hope you come and see what we are all about! We are always having fun.

Happy New Year to you and your families from the Birkdale Women's Club Board

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 Chesterfield county back to school	6 Recycle	7 ARC mtg 3:00 clubhouse	8 All holiday decora- tions should be removed	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 BWC meeting 7PM clubhouse	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No school	20 Recycle Inauguration day	21 ARC mtg 3:00 clubhouse	22	23	24
25	26 Chesterfield county no school	27	28	29	30	31

"Light up the Night"
Was a huge success.
Thank you for supporting the
Birkdale Barracudas!



Home Owners' Association
 January meeting date to be
 announced. Watch the Commu-
 nity Events signs for details.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



I would like to thank Sheila Newman for the outstanding job she has done through the years as the neighborhood watch coordinator. I hope I can live up to her standards. You may contact me at any time at birkdalenw@verizon.net or (804) 399-2411.

As the new coordinator for neighborhood watch I would strongly urge everyone to check out all the programs that our local police department offer. I personally took the Citizens Academy and had the time of my life. This course is open to all Chesterfield citizens and there is a class starting in February. For information you can call (804)318-8699 for the Support Services Division.

Another great way to help our community is to volunteer and, if you are willing, the Police really need your help. There are positions open now for motorist assistance volunteers and other jobs to.

As for Birkdale Neighborhood Watch it starts with everyone who lives here - this is our home and we should take pride in every thing we do. We as a neighborhood we need to watch out for each other. Get out and meet your neighbors, they are our first defense against crime.

Life is great here so let us all chip in to keep it this way.

Here are the police reports for Birkdale for November 2008:

Hundred Block Address	Incident Type	Disposition One	Disposition Two
11/02/08			
09100 SPYGLASS HILL TR	DISTURBANCE	DISTURBANCE	NO REPORT
11/13/08			
08800 THORNTON HEATH I	ANIMAL CONTROL PD ON	ANIMAL CONTROL CALL FOR	NO REPORT
11/15/08			
08500 ROYAL BIRKDALE DI	LOUD MUSIC	LOUD MUSIC	NO REPORT
11/17/08			
08800 PEBBLE BEACH CT	SUSPICIOUS SITUATION	SUSPICIOUS SITUATION	NO REPORT
09300 WAREHAM PL	DISTURBANCE	ASSAULT-POLICE	OFFENSE REPORT
11/26/08			
08500 ROYAL BIRKDALE DI	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	NO REPORT
11/27/08			
09300 WAREHAM PL	ILLEGAL BURN POLICE	ILLEGAL BURN POLICE	NO REPORT

Thank you all again for allowing me to serve this great place we call home.

Go "FORE" the "GREEN" with Birkdale

Practical tips to help you save \$\$\$ and improve the planet we share

Tracie Clang, Birkdale Resident



PICK ONE (OR MORE) OF THESE EASY TO MAKE (AND KEEP!!!) RESOLUTIONS AND HELP BIRKDALE "GO FORE THE GREEN" IN THE NEW YEAR!!

1. **KEEP YOUR LIVE TREE OUT OF THE LANDFILL!** Take your live tree to a recycling center for chipping. Unsure where the closest one is located? Go to www.earth911.com to find one near you.
2. **START RECYCLING!!!** Call 349-0900 and have them deliver a recycling bin to your home...it's free and could not be any easier!!!!
3. **REDUCE PLASTIC BAG USAGE BY JUST 20%** - If everyone did this, it would reduce the number of bags in the landfill by **1,330,560,000,000** bags a year!
4. **TURN YOUR THERMOSTAT DOWN AT NIGHT TO AT LEAST 65 DEGREES**
5. **BUY A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE AND DECREASE SINGLE USE BOTTLED WATER**

Go "FORE" the "GREEN" with Birkdale is an editorial piece and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Board of Directors



Deadline for submission for February is January 23, 2009. Contact Chelsey Kidd at Birkdale_newsletter@verizon.net or 639-4886.