

**NEW ITEMS FOR  
OUR COMMUNITY:**

- Board Meeting Monday, November 12, 2007 at 7pm in the Clubhouse
- New Board Elected on October 14, 2007
- Amendment Change Vote Update
- Bear Sited in Birkdale
- ARC Improvement form; back page of this newsletter

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

I would like to welcome our new Board of Directors. Many are old faces but we do have one new face, so let us start with her, Barbara Dove. Barbara is a retired R.N. and comes to this board with a wealth of knowledge and excitement. Barbara has volunteered on many boards in her career and previous home owner associations. Barbara's position is Vice President. Returning again, showing his support and volunteerism to our community is James Adams. James was a member of the board a few years back and was also president of our association. He continues to work to make this a better community for all of us, and for that we say thank you and welcome back. Dani Fink will be returning as our secretary. Dani is well known in our community and always has an open ear and can be found at many events working with the different committees. Also, returning is Dan Lynch as our treasurer. Dan has been in this position for about a year and has really helped this board and the community by finding money hidden away in our budget that was needed in other areas. He has helped us avoid a previous \$35,000.00 shortfall in our budget and he continues to work with the proposed 2008 budget to avoid an increase in our association dues. Finally, I am honored and humbled to be your president. I plan to continue to work on all lines of communication with each resident and with every committee. We as a board have some very ambitious plans in beautifying our development and replacing some much needed items in our community over the next year. We believe that you will see some quick improvements on many areas.

Getting down to business; first and foremost on the night of the annual meeting we had a special meeting that addressed the need to amend our Master Protections. We are currently in the middle of this voting process and it is going well, in my opinion. We have just over one hundred votes for the change and two against. To change this amendment we will need four hundred forty yes ballots, so please help out your community. We learned through our managing agent and our lawyers that we do not need this vote to be notarized. So, with that being said, please take time to fill out the ballot. It is important to fill out your name and address as we had a few turned in during the election that had a vote, but did not have a name or address and therefore could not be counted. The final count of all the ballots is what will need a notary. In this newsletter is a blue page which is the ballot. We ask that you fill this out and place it in the newspaper section of your mailbox. We will come around and collect it on Sunday, November 7th. Or, you may have received the same ballot from community group in the mail this week. In that letter will be a self addressed, stamped envelope, where you can fill in your ballot and drop it in the mail.

The back page of this newsletter is the Architectural Improvement form. Please take this out for your records. We see a tremendous amount of people who like to do work in and around their home during fall and spring. We would like to remind you that you can not begin work around your home without this form being filled out, reviewed and signed by our architectural committee, and returned to you. Everyone in this community takes pride in their home but there are standards that we all must live by. This step helps us hold the community in high standards.

Over the next months, you will see one of our many tree service companies coming through the neighborhood. They will be taking down a number of dead and diseased trees, some of which may be in the common areas in your backyards. Please allow them to go through and complete their work. They will clean up the mess from the cutting.

Many thanks go out to Shelia Newman of our Neighborhood Watch. About two weeks ago she was notified that a bear was spotted in our neighborhood. Using her email list that she has compiled, Shelia was able to notify many residents that morning about the bear sighting. That quick work and communication is what neighborhood watch is all about.

Finally, the social committee did an excellent job on our Fall Festival which was held on October 14th. We had a great turn out and by the looks of the smiles on the children's faces they really enjoyed themselves.

Our next board meeting is Monday, November 12th at 7pm in the clubhouse. I am available for your comments, suggestions and opinions about our community. You can always reach me through email at [mattyd23@verizon.net](mailto:mattyd23@verizon.net) or telephone at 739-3162.

Respectfully,  
Matt DiNardo



## Financial Report...

**As of October 29, 2007, the Association held the following investments:**

prepared by Dave Trammell



Cash-First Association Bank DDA	\$ 49,696.95
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	\$239,261.73

## The Birkdale Board Members

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David Trammell, Community Group	270-1800	<a href="mailto:dtrammell@communitygroup.com">dtrammell@communitygroup.com</a>

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

## A Word from the Architectural Review Committee

During the month of October 2007, the ARC approved the following improvements in Birkdale:

- Roof shingles replacement on Merseyside Lane
- Storage Buildings on Torrey Pines Drive and Royal Birkdale Drive
- Landscaping on Torrey Pines Drive
- Tree removal on Leamington Drive
- Sidewalk and landscaping on Highgate Hill Drive

One application was denied:

- Tree removal on Spyglass Hill Circle

On the back page of this newsletter is an ARC improvement form. We ask that if you would like to do any work to your home or lot that you first fill out this

form and send it in to community group. The ARC will meet and discuss the application and apply the specific guidelines to your proposed improvement. Usually within two to three weeks you will receive a letter back from community group. This letter may grant approval, approved with revisions, or denied. If you are denied, you are free to come up with an alternate proposal and resubmit or you may call on a member of the ARC or the ARC liaison to help fine tune your proposal for resubmission and approval.

This is a friendly reminder on storage buildings in Birkdale taken from the 2005 ARC Standards and Guidelines:

Storage Buildings (Rule 6.35) – The ARC reminds members that storage

buildings placed on members lots require written approval. Members are to submit an Exterior Alteration Form requesting approval for locating a storage building on their lot. Storage buildings may not be constructed of concrete block or metal. A storage building shall be of the same architectural style, same materials and have the same color scheme as the residence. This means that a residence with vinyl siding will require the storage building to have vinyl siding. In addition, any windows or doors should be of the same style as the residence. The ARC is planning an inspection of the community; if storage buildings do not comply with this rule, members will be notified.

Submitted by James Adams

## Community Contact Names and Numbers

ARC  
Women's Club  
Swim Team  
Neighborhood Watch  
Maintenance/Grounds

Investment Club  
Birkdale Clubhouse  
Restaurant  
Mom's Group  
Newsletter  
Social Committee  
Red Hat Society

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739-8800  
739-8305  
739-1177  
639-4886  
744-6746  
739-3456



## Golf Club News and Notes

by Mike Hatch, General Manager Birkdale Golf

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. The ceremony on Thursday 18th October was a special occasion for the community to pay their respects.

The Golf Club, Ladies Club and Social Committee are working together to create a very special Christmas event that combines the Light up the Night event along with Christmas carols and mulled wine at the clubhouse. We are hosting this event on Sunday, December 16th between 6pm - 7pm. Right now, we are looking for community members who are willing to sing Christmas carols, assisting less able singers to still enjoy the evening. This is going to be a great opportunity to bring the entire family to the club and enjoy some Christmas spirit. We may even have a special guest arriving to visit the children!

We are hosting a local chapter Toys for Tots golf tournament on November 1st. Any residents wishing to contribute toys can bring them to the clubhouse anytime between now and the event.

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 boundary 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.

A friendly reminder that this years Santa's Brunch will be for members and their guests only again this year. With the increase in membership, we will host 2 seating's for our members to enjoy this great brunch along with a visit from Santa.



## *Birkdale - Light up the Night*



Sunday, December 16th, 2007  
6:00 to 7:30pm  
At the Birkdale Club House

Come one, come all to enjoy the warmth and sounds of the Holiday Season. Santa will visit and there will be holiday goodies for everyone. This event is open to all home owners of Birkdale no RSVP is necessary.

Presented by The Social Committee, Birkdale Women's Club and Birkdale Golf Club.

## Birkdale Women's Club News

### YARD SALE PROCEEDS AND BOOK DRIVE HUGE SUCCESS!

The Birkdale Women's Club would like to thank the community for their contributions to both the Goodwill Truck and to our first Annual Book Drive. Donations to Goodwill earned \$1100 in vouchers for The Chesterfield County Battered Women's Shelter. Over 750 books, puzzles, and videos are being distributed to local charities, St. Francis Hospital and our community schools. A special note of thanks to Mike Hatch for once again allowing the Goodwill Truck to park at the Club and to Marlene Barry, our Outreach Chair, for spearheading this event.

#### VIRGINIA TECH DEDICATION HELD AT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN ON BIRKDALE GOLF COURSE

Birkdale resident, Father Pat Apuzzo, pastor of Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church, led the Women's Club, members of the community and the staff of Birkdale Golf Club in a brief ceremony commemorating the 6<sup>th</sup> month anniversary of the Va. Tech tragedy. The Women's Club and the Birkdale Golf Club worked together to plant a Japanese Black Pine in the Memorial Garden at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Green.

### Mom's Club

What a great turn out we had in October. Many moms and their children came to play. Don't miss out on the next get together!

Call or email today!

Jen Gerty

739-1177 or [jgerty@msn.com](mailto:jgerty@msn.com)

### LUMINARIES

ON SALE FOR \$7.00

DECEMBER 1, 2, 8, 9, AND 15  
AT BOTH BIRKDALE ENTRANCES  
FROM NOON UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

-or-

CALL CAROL LEWIS AT 739-7617

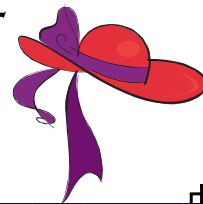
## Red Hat Society

RED HAT BELLES MEET ONCE AGAIN AT  
THE CLUBHOUSE FOR BRUNCH ON  
SAT. MARCH 10TH @ 10:30 A.M.

*MUST RSVP TO JUDY.*

*WANDERERS WILL GO TO BECKY'S TEA  
ROOM IN POWHATAN ON TUES-  
DAY NOV. 13TH AT 3:00 PM.*

*RSVP TO BETTY ABBOTT*



# Neighborhood Watch

By Shelia Newman

## BEAR ALERT!

### Birkdale Made the News

Birkdale had a visit from a bear on Friday, October 19, 2007. Sarah Monohan who lives on Spyglass Hill Crescent was walking her dog, in her backyard, early in the morning when she spotted a bear along the edge of the woods. She retreated unharmed back into her home. She immediately tried to get in touch with three local authorities. Two of the calls resulted in recorded messages that the Virginia Game/Wildlife/Inland Fisheries did not open until 8:15 a.m. and Animal Control at 9:00 a.m. She then called the Chesterfield Police Department only to be told, "They do not deal with wild animals". Sarah's immediate concern was for the children of Birkdale who would soon be walking along the communities' streets on their way to board school buses, adults who may be walking pets, jogging, walking, or preparing to leave for work, etc. Also, she was concerned for the pets that may be outside at the time. This prompted her to send an email addressing the situation, which was forwarded to the residents on the NW email address book. Many folks responded and asked for more information and offered thanks for alerting them to the possibility of an unwelcome visitor to their neighborhood. Matt DiNardo had Channel 8 News come out for Sarah to tell her story on the evening news.

Thanks to Monica LeBlanc who took the time to look up information pertaining to bear-human contact. NW sent out the information that Monica found. She states:

"The Virginia Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries has a tip sheet on the web for avoiding bear-human contact at <http://www.dgif.state.va.us/wildlife/bear/living-with-black-bears.asp> I suppose the Virginia drought has been very hard on wildlife, and berries and other foods are in short supply. About this time bears are trying to consume as many calories as possible before denning so they can survive the winter. Female bears especially as they will give birth in the den and nurse their cubs for some time before their next meal.

Best thing is to avoid eye contact, back up slowly while talking calmly to the bear (so it knows you are there and human, and to not to startle him if he suddenly sees you and is frightened). Do not run, that just triggers the chase instinct. More than likely a black bear will want to avoid humans."

This incident has proven the need for residents to be vigilant in our community and look out for each other. Neighborhood Watch provides a mechanism for alerting all in the community of unusual and suspicious activities or in this case a potentially harmful wild animal in the area. Currently every street in Birkdale has a Block Captain, however some residents are not registered with the Block Captain. Therefore, those residents are not on the NW email address book. There are times when we need a way to quickly alert as many residents as possible and the email address book can be used as the vehicle for those situations. NW sends out the Chesterfields County Police Newsletter, plus police and first hand resident alerts to everyone who is registered. If you are not receiving these information emails, please email your name, address, phone number and email address to Sheila Newman at [BirkdaleNW@comcast.net](mailto:BirkdaleNW@comcast.net). Working together we can keep our community and residents safe.

**Chesterfield Police Department**  
**2730 Hicks Road**  
**318-8699**

**Crime Prevention Officers**

Bryan Miltenberger – 318-8691

Mike Catron – 318-8690

David Zeheb – 318-8692

**NW Training Coordinator**

Fred Loveless – 318-8696

**Multi-Housing Coordinator**

Georgia Smith – 318-8694

**Sergeant**

Dave Deringer – 318-8687

# Social Committee Report



## Hot Day, Cool Fun at Fall Festival

Life is good in Birkdale and for 300+ homeowners and it certainly did show. We celebrated fall with the annual Homeowner's Appreciation Day & Chili cook off on October 14<sup>th</sup>, we called it the Fall Festival. It certainly didn't feel like fall with temperatures well into the 80s and the sun beating down,



but no one seemed to mind. Of course, in keeping with tradition, we brought back the Chili cookoff. 1<sup>st</sup> place and bragging rights for the next year go to Michele Lempke for her "Birkdale Famous Chili". Kids and adults alike enjoyed the neighborhood hay rides and the day ended with a costume parade. Thanks to everyone who helped with games and who showed up to enjoy the day. It was great fun. We have many more evens planned for the rest of this year and for 2008. Make sure you don't miss a moment.

## Tacky Lights Tour

The Birkdale Social Committee cordially invites you to the Third Annual Tacky Lights Tour. This is an adult only event. We have chosen Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for this year's event. We will depart the clubhouse promptly at 7pm, Courtesy of Martz Transportation, and we will tour the Richmond Metro area homes that have made the coveted "Tacky Light Tour" list. Our last stop will be for a photo opportunity at the beautiful Downtown James Center and then return to the club house around 11pm.

Book your space early for this event as space is limited to two 55 passenger buses. Small cooler are welcome, but please make sure that they will fit in the space in front of your seat. The cost is \$5 per person and checks should be made out to Alisha Brady. Tickets will be emailed to you (or brought by your house if you don't have email access) upon receipt of your RSVP and payment. Plan to arrive at the Birkdale Golf Club a few minutes early and park in the far corner of the lot, as another holiday party is planned at the club for the same evening.

Please return RSVP form and \$5 per person to 8549 Sunningdale Terrace

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



**II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADJACENT OWNERS**

Show and explain your completed application to the adjacent residents who would be most affected by the proposed alteration - two signatures are required.

**III. ADJACENT OWNERS**

Your signature below shows that you are aware of this application. It does not mean that you approve the project. If you disapprove, or wish to discuss the proposal call the Architectural Review Committee or Community Group. Please sign legibly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**IV. OWNER'S AGREEMENT**

I have completed this application in good faith and it accurately represents the alteration I propose to make. I understand that approval of this application does not authorize me to violate any provisions of the Architectural Standards, Master Declarations or of the building and County zoning codes.

I understand and agree that any construction or alteration undertaken prior to receipt of the Architectural Review Committee's approval is at my own risk, and that I may be required to return the property to its former condition at my own expense should the application be disapproved wholly or in part and I may be subject to fines.

I understand that representatives of the Architectural Review Committee are permitted to enter upon my property at any reasonable time for the purpose of inspecting the area for the proposed project, the project in progress, or the completed project and that such entry does not constitute trespass. The ARC will make an effort of advance notice before any inspection and will schedule the post completion inspection.

I understand that work must be completed in a workmanlike manner within 120 days after the ARC's approval and that the improvement must be built only on my property. I understand that I am required to notify the ARC after the project is completed for an inspection.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**V. ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) REVIEW**

The ARC will process this application without undue delay, although they have up to 60 days for review. The procurement of additional required information may extend the processing time and in no way may be construed to be a waiver of authority by the ARC. The architectural review process is described in the governing documents and the rules. If you wish to discuss this application with the ARC, contact the ARC Chair. If you disagree with the decision of the ARC, a written appeal may be made within 10 days of receipt of their decision. ARC approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

**VI. ARC Comments (Please describe in detail if an application is approved with provisions or denied):**