

The Birch Bark



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Birthday Wishes

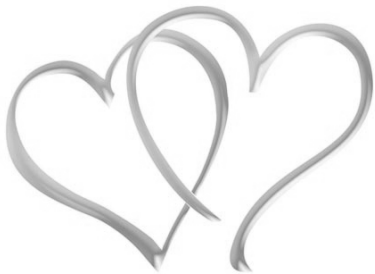
Happy Birthday to:

- Matt Cosgrove – Lot 538
- Louise Bryant – Lot 1
- Jessica Van Pelt – Lot 1095
- Mark Connelly – Lot 277
- Andy Ochss – Lot 790

Happy 54th Anniversary

Bill and Jessie Coombes – Lot 232

If you have a birthday or announcement that you would like to share with us please contact Dawn at the White Birch Lakes office.



Community Meetings

September 11 @ 7:30 pm

Board of Directors
Budget Review

September 12

Board of Directors
Meeting

Community Corner

Open Board of Directors Seat

Due to the resignation of Brian Heiden there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

The Board will accept letters from members in good standing wishing to serve their community as a Director.

The term will be for the remainder of the year and the seat will be open for election at the next July Members Meeting in 2010.

All letters must be received in the office by Friday, September 11, 2009. Interviews will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2009 prior to the Board Meeting.

If you would like to post an announcement in "Community Corner" please e-mail Kathy Lutz at mlutz33@sbcglobal.net

President's Statement

Steve Bryant

I would like to thank all of you who participated in our recent Annual Meeting. I thought the meeting went quite well. The Election Committee consisting of Chris Van Pelt, Carol Neal, Pat Graham, Claudia Pelfery, Sharon Shonicsen and Carol Majewski deserve a heartfelt "Thank You" for a great job that they handled swiftly. All of the absentee ballots were handled under the supervision of our committee including Carol Majewski and Elaine Carrasco, our Secretary/Treasurer. All absentee ballots were mailed directly to the post office eliminating any possibility of doubts of tampering. Thank You to all for a great job!

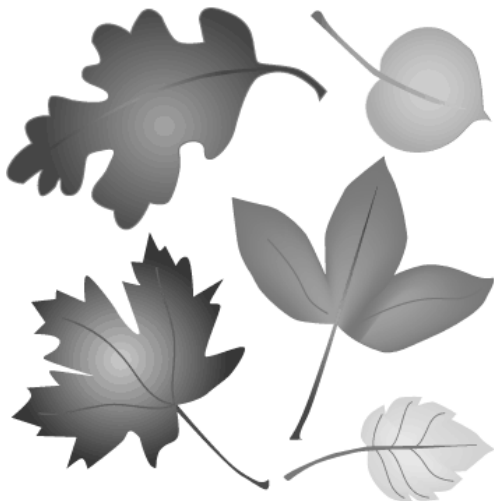
We have two new board members who are eager to begin. I would like to welcome Directors Dorothy Nalepa and Kevin Dombrowski.

There is an awful lot on our plate this year and it is our intention to focus on the following:

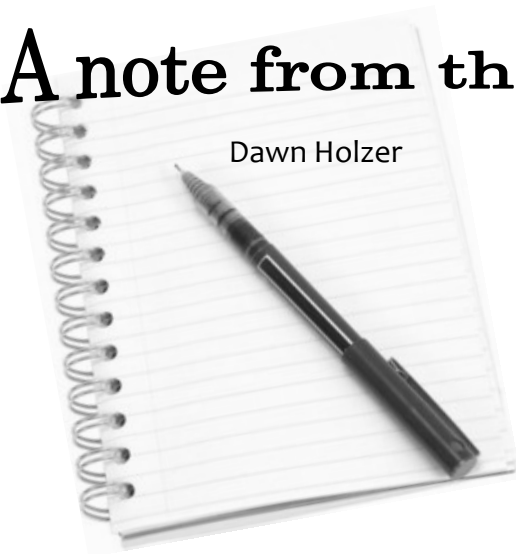
- collection of over-due assessments
- placement of liens

We intend to pursue these focus areas aggressively. A very small number of individuals have been turned over to a collection agency. This is regrettable but necessary. It may also become necessary to develop collection policies for White Birch. We have members who are familiar with this process and it is our intent to ensure that all members are paying and not just a few. We have a beautiful association with wonderful facilities and we expect all members to be in good standing.

Even with summer coming to an end, we can always look forward to the beautiful colors of autumn at White Birch Lakes.



A note from the supervisor



The Workampers, Kathe and Lee Viller's will be leaving us right after Labor Day and I wanted to tell them what a great job they have done for our Campground. Even though they were use to more activity at the campground with camping, etc they enjoyed themselves and met lots of great people. This plan worked out great for the Association and the bathhouse maintenance is excellent. We will miss you....thanks for your visit!

So with that, I'd like to mention some improvements we can make to help our Campground stay in the same condition as the Viller's will leave it.

Please don't take your pets in the bathrooms. Be sure to flush the toilets after use and don't steal the toilet paper or other supplies. This is your Campground. Please treat it with pride and help out when necessary to keep it clean. Very simple to do, we all pay for it.

I have posted several committee sign up sheets and volunteer sheets at the clubhouse. Please take the time, if you are interested, to volunteer on these very important committees. Stop by the clubhouse to see what you would be interested in.

There also will be a very special and fun event at the Labor Day potluck on Saturday, Sept 5th at the Pavilion @ 1:00 P.M. with Board participation. So mark your calendars and bring a dish to pass. You won't want to miss this one....Trust me.

The Fall Garage/Bake Sale has been approved and it will be Saturday, September 19 and Sunday September 20 from 9-3 each day. If you want to sign up, I have the sheet in the clubhouse and \$10 per household please. Baked goods will also be needed like the Annual Meeting donations. Awesome job on that

Thanks for all the support I have had from everyone, it sure is appreciated.

White Birch News



Fall Garage Sale

White Birch Lakes Recreation Association will be holding another garage Sale on September 19th and 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For those interested in participating there will be a \$10.00 fee for the newspaper advertising, balloons and maps. If you are interested in having a September garage sale please contact Dawn at (989) 588-2853.

Bake Sale

The Activities Committee will also host a bake Sale on the same day as the garage sale. It will be held at the bus stop. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods please contact Debbie at (989) 588-4637.



Labor Day Potluck

Come join us for a fun filled day on Saturday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Campground Pavilion.

Activities will include:

- 50/50 Raffle
- Yippie Skippy (you have to attend to find out what this is)
- Line dancing

We'll have a bon fire and a little music to add to the festive good time. Mark your calendar and plan on joining in the fun!

2009 Guitar Hero

Could it be You!!

Saturday, August 22nd
12:30 p.m.
White Birch Lakes Clubhouse

“Head to Head” or Single Competition. There’s still time to sign up. Sheets are at the Clubhouse. If you can’t be here before August 22nd, just give us a call at (989) 588-2853. We gladly add your name to the list.





Board Meeting

Unapproved Minutes – August 2009

Board Meeting Minutes August 8, 2009 Proposed

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Bryant at 10:00 a.m. Board members present were Director McNeil, Director Bridges, Director Dombrowski, Director Nalpea, Director Perkins, and Director Bryant. Absent, Director Heiden. The Pledge of Allegiance led by President Bryant, followed by prayer, led by Director McNeil.
- II. Additions to the Agenda: Director Perkins adds 6 month budget review. No other additions.
- III. Approval of the 2008 annual meeting minutes. (1) Director McNeil moves to accept the 2008 annual meeting minutes with a correction to her vote counts from 175 to 185, support by Director Bridges, motion carried.
- IV. Income Statement: None given.
- V. President's Report: President Bryant commends the membership on the great turnout for the annual meeting. Thanks the teller committee and Carol Majewski for the great job. Assessment collections will be a high priority, will be turned over to collections, liens placed and amenities will be revoked until paid.
- VI. Supervisors Report: Dawn reports on the upgrade of electrical on Elm run/Mockingbird/Walnut; service interruption minimal; some tree cutting/trimming on easements, any work done on private property will be discussed with the home owner.
- VII. Committee reports; Bob Pelfrey reports on security; Deb Gerish reports on activities; Campground, none given; EPC reported by Jim Neal. Director Nalepa is appointed liaison for the finance committee at this time.
- VIII. Comments from the floor available at the clubhouse office. (2) Director Perkins moves to go into closed session, second by Director Bridges, carried. Results of closed session will be reported to the membership at the next meeting.
- IX. Old business: (3) Director Marty Perkins moves to approve a request by Jim Neal to remove the restriction and inspection on his barn, support by Director McNeil, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes Continued... August 2009

1. Director Perkins moves to accept letters of intent from members interested in filling Director Heidens one year term, letters must be submitted before September 4, 2009, second by Director Bridges. Call of the roll results in Director Perkins, aye, Director McNeil, aye; Director Napela, aye; Director Dombrowski, nay; Director Bridges, nay; Director Bryant, aye. Motion carried.
 2. Director Bridges moves to accept new camping fee schedule, second by Director Dombrowski, all in favor, motion carried.
 3. Director Nalepa moves to accept the new delinquent assessment proposals, submitted to the board, with amendments, support by Director Perkins, motion carried.
 4. Director Perkins moves to accept the request by Mr. Rhea for the plow that goes with the pickup he purchased, support by Director Bridges, roll call results: Director McNeil, aye; Director Perkins, aye; Director Bridges, aye; Director Dombrowski, aye; Director Nalepa, aye; Director Bryant, nay, motion carried.
 5. Pool hours; Director Nalepa moves to table pool hours, support by Director McNeil, all in favor, tabled.
 6. Director Perkins moves to accept the bid on aerators for Timber, Holiday and White Birch Lake, support by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried.
 7. Director Nalepa moves to proceed with bids and purchase of storage fence, support by Director Dombrowski, motion carried.
 8. Director Perkins moves to reinstate the comment/suggestion box, support by Director Dombrowski, carried.
 9. Director McNeil moves to return funds in Whale account to Mrs. Whale per her request, support by Director Perkins, motion carried.
 10. Director Perkins moves to accept the September 2009 garage sale, support by Director McNeil, carried.
 11. Director Perkins moves to have the association open a credit card to conduct business, second by Director McNeil, carried.
 12. Director Perkins moves for appeal meeting to be scheduled following September 12, 2009 meeting, with amendment that the member be notified and meeting will be closed session, support by Director Bridges, carried.
 13. Director Perkins moves to table Carol Majewski's recommendations as to our election procedures, second by Director Bridges, carried.
 14. Director Perkins moves to set the 6 month budget review to meet on Friday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m., second by Director Nalepa, carried.
- II. Comments from the floor available at the office.
- III. Adjournment: Director Perkins moves to adjourn at 12:55, second by Director Nalepa.

Submitted by,
Elaine Carrasco
Secretary/Treasurer

We're Here For You...



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Sfbryant1@yahoo.com	Steve Bryant
1 st Vice President floorpup@yahoo.com	Marty Perkins
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Director Lucymcn79@hotmail.com	Linda McNeil
Director Kd460@sbcglobal.net	Kevin Dombrowski
Director Dnalepa8990@charter.net	Dorothy Nalepa
Secretary/Treasurer ecoffice@whitebirch.org	Elaine Carrasco

STAFF AND COMMITTEES

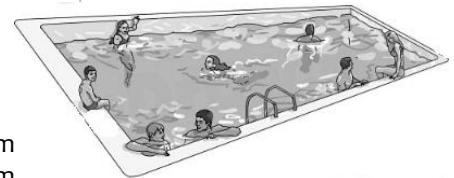
Activities	Deb Garrish
Communications	Mary Griswold (989) 588-2511
E.P.C.	Dennis Karlson Jim Neal (989) 588-3346
Supervisor	Dawn Holzer (989) 588-2853 supervisor@whitebirch.org
Maintenance	Doug Lake (989) 588-2853
Security	Bob Pelfrey (989) 588-7066

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8 am – 4 pm
Tuesday	8 am – 4 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 4 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8 am – 4 pm
Saturday	8 am – 12 noon
Sunday	Closed

SUMMER POOL HOURS

Monday	9 am – 7:30 pm
Tuesday	8 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed
Friday	12 noon – 8:30 pm
Saturday	12 noon – 8:30 pm
Sunday	10 am – 3 pm



CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Monday	8 am – 8 pm
Tuesday	8 am – 4 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 4 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8 am – 9 pm
Saturday	8 am – 9 pm
Sunday	10 am – 3:30 pm



PLANNING A PARTY?

Why not rent the Clubhouse or the Pavilion!

Contact Dawn at the Clubhouse for more information, pricing and reservations.
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