



BURNING ISSUES

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The Newsletter Returns!

The newsletter is back by popular demand! Please continue to check the website for additional information. www.burnthickorylakes.com

Note from the President

Dear Neighbors,

It is that time of year again when we look to finalize the current Boards projects and prepare the transition for the coming year. Our main two goals for the 2008 BHL Board were to get more homeowners involved with the community and to improve and update our facilities.

We had a large turnout for the Pool Opening/Casino Night in May and I hope to continue that as a yearly tradition and have more residents join us for this exciting event. I hope that you will consider getting involved with the BHL Community for the coming year whether it is running for the Board, being on the Pool / Social Committee or attending the neighborhood social functions and getting to know your wonderful neighbors better.

Below is a list of the 2008 Board's completed and pending repairs to the facilities.

We are also confronted by a large maintenance project that the Board has been watching and needs to get resolved. The "silt retention pond" above our large BHL Lake has now almost completely filled in with silt and must be dredged to protect the main BHL Lake from the silt being deposited into it. We are in the process of get-

ting bids for this project, and from quotes received so far, we know this will be a drain on our community reserves. We are looking for ways to change the flow into the silt pond to make it easier to maintain on an annual basis, versus paying a large amount to dredge this area every 5-10 years. We look to accomplish this project before the end of the year.

Please plan on attending the annual BHL Homeowner meeting on November 17 at 7pm at the Clubhouse.

Don Bisges

Facility Improvements

Developed a new BHL interactive website, www.burnthickorylakes.com.

Installed new custom grill at the pool kitchen.

Put in a new volleyball poles and net and had the sand pit cleaned out.

Had all of the rotted wood at the kitchen pool replaced and painted.

Repaired the wall by the phone at the pool.

Inspect pool slide, remove calcium deposits.

Put in new glass adjustable basketball goals and poles.

Put new permanent benches at the playground.

Repaired the swing set main beam in the playground.

Put in child safe mulch at the playground.

Repaired the back gate in the pool.

Reconnected the pool fence to the poles with correct hardware.

Installed new trash cans at the tennis and basketball courts.

Had the pool bathrooms repainted.

Installed towel hooks in the bathrooms.
Had the pool area power washed for pool opening.
Put furniture in the bathrooms to sit on.
Re-keyed all of the Clubhouse and pool locks for security.
Picked up, delivered and put together a new ping pong table.
Cleaned out the storage rooms in the pool area and in the clubhouse.
Put a trash can at the big lake deck.
Repaired/painted the tennis pavilion.
Installed a new wind screen with logo at the tennis courts.
Installed new security lights in the pool parking lot pre-wired for security cameras.
Cut back the trees and shrubbery from the clubhouse.
Taken down the worn BHL flag and replaced the American flag.
Replaced the broken toilet in the girls bathroom.
Replaced a main pool filter that exploded .
Repaired the pump house rotted walls and installing a drainage system.
Repaired the trim on the side doors to the clubhouse.

We are currently in the process of:
Replacing all rotted wood around the clubhouse and repainting the exterior of the clubhouse.
Fixing the railing by the front clubhouse steps.
Replacing the hardware on the front door and Clubhouse offices.
Putting in a "shower area" by the volleyball/ basketball courts to keep the sand out of the swimming pool and showers for next season.
Looking at remodeling the Clubhouse, including opening up the office to the main area and continuing and repairing the wood floor.

HOA Dues

Soon you will receive a notice from All-In-One Management regarding your 2009 Semi-Annual HOA dues. The dues, \$357.50 are due Jan. 1st and can be paid online at www.allinonemgmt.com or mailed to: Payment Processing Center, C/O All-In-One Community Mgmt, PO Box 105007, Atlanta, Ga 30348-5007.

All-In-One-Management

Don't forget to go to www.allinonemgmt.com/communities.html to find a copy of the current newsletter along with other forms and community information.

Intersection At Burnt Hickory Road And Mars Hill Road

Unfortunately since we talked last the schedule has slipped a few months. We are now in the process of acquiring the necessary right of way and easements needed to construct the project. We anticipate that process to take anywhere from 3 to 6 months. After the acquisition process is complete the construction process can start. We currently anticipate construction starting anywhere from late spring to early summer of next year, 2009. Please feel free to send me another email early next year and I can give you another updated status. Thanks for your continued support for this much needed intersection improvement project.

Scott Jordan, PE
Cobb County DOT
Engineering Division

Annual Homeowners Meeting

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's meeting at 7:00 pm on November 17, 2008 at the Clubhouse. We will review activities of the year, update finances, budget for 2009, as well as hold elections for the Board of 2009. Refreshments will be served!



Board of Director Elections

Are you interested in becoming involved with Burnt Hickory Lakes Homeowners Association business? It is a great way to provide community service right here in your own neighborhood.

All residents in good standing are eligible for the election at the annual homeowners meeting. If you would like to be on the ballot, please submit your name on the website www.burnthickorylakes.com

Drop The Do By The Pool

Homeowners, please do all of our noses a favor and drop your puppy poop bags in the trash receptacles in the parking lot, in back of the pool. Please do not drop it in the trash by the tennis pavilion. All of our noses thank you in advance!

The BHL Book Club

Join us on the Third Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the clubhouse to discuss books and meet some new people. Please contact Debbie Ebers at ebersd@bellsouth.net for more information.



Wanted: We are in need of subs for our Bunko group that meets every second Wednesday of the month. If interested please e-mail me at ebersd@bell-south.net.

Debbie Ebers

Please be on the look out for suspicious activity at the pool pavilion parking lot.

Please Slow Down

Please be cautious when driving through the neighborhood. The speed limit in the community is 25 mph.



Pet Policy Reminder

When walking your pet, bring along a "pooper scooper" or plastic grocery bag to pick up after your pet. Also, please be courteous to your neighbors and keep dogs from barking at night.

Cobb County Water Restrictions Revisited

Although another kind of crisis has been grabbing national headlines and our attention, we can't forget that the drought is still gripping our state. They say that when it rains, it pours. The only thing pouring lately is more bad news!

The good news is that, with some restrictions, you can water your landscape. Here are Cobb County's guidelines:

- * Residents can hand water outdoors for 25 minutes from midnight until 10 a.m. under an odd/even address system
- * Even and unnumbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays
- * Odd numbers may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sundays
- * Hand watering is defined as one person using a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle
- * If you want to water your newly installed landscape using an irrigation system, you need to get a Outdoor Water Use Certificate
- * To get a certificate, follow the directions at www.outdoorwateruse.com.
- * Failure to submit the forms and receipts may result in a water ban violation and possible discontinuation of an irrigation account
- * Irrigation only accounts found in violation of the outdoor restrictions will be terminated and locked off until the end of Drought Response Level 4

Why not install a rain barrel? To maintain your plants and save water, capture rain water from your roof and use it to irrigate. Rain barrels are available at Pikes Nursery, Lowes, and Home Depot. You can even make your own. Log on to <http://water.cobbcountyga.gov/> for instructions, and to get more great water saving tips.

One last thought. Please don't run your irrigation system in the dead of night because you don't think anyone will know. Your neighbors probably do know, and they could report you. Please do the right thing, and respect the current water restrictions.