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Important Message from the Board

It has been a very busy year thus far for the BHL Board, committee chairs and neighbors who have volunteered their time to maintain the upkeep and integrity of our neighborhood. A few of the projects we have completed include:

Pool Slide – A new design and rock structure was done. The pool slide was completely refurbished and a maintenance program was implemented.

Clubhouse Repairs – The Clubhouse floors were stripped and refinished.

Pool Pavilion – The pool pavilion ceiling was repaired as needed and painted. New fans and speakers were installed as well.

Additional Security Measures - Additional surveillance cameras were installed in the pool and tennis area.

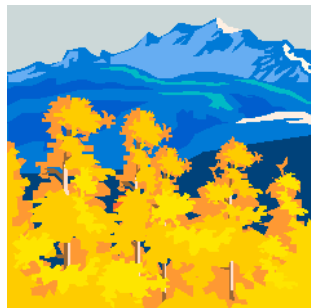
Landscaping - New landscaping was done around the pool fence area.

Lakes – A new maintenance program was implemented for both lakes.

Additional Pressure Washing – The stone walls at both entry ways as well as the stone wall on the corner were pressure washed. The stairs and outside area of the Clubhouse were pressured washed as well.

These items represent some of the work that has been done so far this year. In an effort to control expenses, a lot of the labor was done by board members and other volunteers in our neighborhood. I would like to thank all of those who volunteer their time and encourage everyone to get involved.

Sincerely,
Danny Heffernan, President
BHL BOD



Attempted Break In

On Wed., Oct 2nd at approximately 11:30-12:00 in the morning, there was an attempted forced entry to a BHL house towards the Burnt Hickory Road side of our neighbor-

hood. Fortunately, the homeowner had the alarm system on, and the Cobb County Sheriff's Office was alerted who in turn notified the homeowner. These actions scared off the criminal(s) without further incident and no loss of property (just damage to a door).

Recently, there was an article in the Marietta Daily Journal to the effect that some neighborhoods in our area have experienced these types of break-ins: during the day when homeowners are apparently not at home - crimes of opportunity: hit-and-run.

Please be aware, and take precautions. Lock your doors (especially side and walk-in basement entrances), and keep your alarm system on. Report any suspicious activity in the neighborhood to the BOD or to me at **MABear11@msn.com**.

We are ready to support you.

Terry Spoon
BHL BOD

Annual Homeowners Meeting

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's meeting at **7:00 pm on Monday, November 4th** at the Clubhouse. We will review activities of the year, update finances, budget for 2014, as well as hold elections for the Board of 2014. Refreshments will be served.

Board of Directors 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 **burnthickorylakes.com**.

Halloween Party!!!

Calling all young ghosts and goblins! There will be a Halloween party on **Sat., October 26 at 5:00 pm** at the Clubhouse.

There will be pizza, treats and games - and wear your costume! Help from the older kids for activities, and treats to share will be very welcomed.

Please email Patty Payton at **ppayton@bellsouth.net** with number of kids attending and their ages or sign up via **facebook.com/BHL Community**. An email reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

The Social Committee is planning a lot of fun events for the coming year including a high school party, a middle school party, a BHL Olympiad and others. Email Patty Payton at **ppayton@bellsouth.net** if you would like to be involved in the planning or if you have ideas for fun neighborhood events.

BHL Tool Time

(with apologies to Tim, Al, Heidi, and the entire Binford 5000 team)

A wiser neighbor than me said one day, "Well, you know the houses in our neighborhood are high-maintenance

homes." Suddenly, I had a blinding flash of the obvious that explained why most of my free time was spent working on my house, maintaining my yard, etc., and no matter how hard I worked, it never seems to stop. Every success uncovers another issue.

The fact that our homes are in the 18-20 year age category is a key one. We can defer maintenance on a house (like a car) only so long, and then, it is either repair or replace, or get ready to deal with the compounding that takes place with most homeowner issues. You either paint on a regular basis or replace the trim/siding and paint later.

Realizing this, I thought what better way to attack some of my tasks than leveraging the knowledge and experience of my neighbors. Thus was born the intent of this new feature to our newsletter - one that will be repeated in each issue.

The topic this time is **sealing driveway cracks**. Stimulated by an article on the web about the 10 most innovative products for DIYers, there was one that caught my attention - self-leveling caulk. The article stated: "Cracks in your driveway are unattractive, and over time, water and ice can make them worse. Sealing these cracks doesn't have to be a messy or time-consuming project, however. With a siliconized-latex concrete caulk you can simply fill the crack or expansion joint with a caulking gun. Popular brands include **Loctite, DAP** and **Red Devil** at a cost of around \$6. The caulk is self-leveling, so no further tooling is required to form a smooth joint."

I found the Loctite product (Loctite® PL® S20 Polyurethane Self-Leveling Concrete Crack Sealant) at Lowes in the paint/caulk section and purchased a couple of tubes (about \$6.50 each) to test it out. I have a small air compressor and purchased a three-pack of small wire brushes that look like industrial strength toothbrushes (Home Depot). I cleaned each crack on my hands and knees - ouch, and applied the Loctite product directly afterwards.

Basically, you put a bead of sealant in the crack and wait for it to settle (about one hour). I had to repeat this step a couple of times as some of my cracks must have been fairly deep. Of course, I put it on too thick in spots, and it pooled on the driveway. I had to repeat those cracks too. A couple of applications an hour or two apart would be a better way to tackle these. I kept traffic off the driveway for approximately 24 hours to let the sealant cure.

Note that I am not endorsing any particular product or retail vendor. Simply, this one worked for me.

I solicit your input for future topics. Email me at **MABear11@msn.com** with your suggestions or topics that you would like to see addressed in future issues. Stop and chat if you see me outside.

It never seems to stop.

Terry Spoon



The BHL Book Club

BHL Book Club meets every third Tuesday of the month, 7pm at the Clubhouse. We are a very informal group, and would like anyone interested to come join us.

Everyone is welcome to bring their favorite book selections! Please email Debbie Ebers at ebersd@bellsouth.net for any other questions or info.

Men's Poker Night

Men's Poker Night every first Thursday of the month at Clubhouse. Come at **7 pm** for drinks, setup, and conversation and the game begins at **8**.

Football on the big screen! Bring some food and drink to share and meet your neighbors!

Men of Mars Hill

Thanksgiving Community Outreach Update

Please join up with Men of Mars Hill to provide and deliver Thanksgiving meals to families in need in our area again this year. If you know families who need a meal, please let us know their name and contact information.

Your donations helped feed over **300** families last year. You can donate by making a check to "Men of Mars Hill" and drop it off to John Zupancic or Chris Elmore. We estimate \$40 will feed one family and \$80 will feed two. All donations are very much appreciated. You can also volunteer time to help pack and deliver by contacting John or Chris. We are delivering the meals on **Sunday, Nov 24th**. More details will be forthcoming. Thanks for your support.

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Fellowship – Bible Study – Community Outreach

Please come and check out the Men of Mars Hill that meets every Saturday morning at the Clubhouse at 7:30 am for prayer, Bible study and fellowship. We wrap up by 9am. All men are welcome.

2014 Directory Update

Are you new to the neighborhood? Do you need to change your listing? Do you want to be listed in our Special Services section?

Please complete the bottom portion and put it in my mailbox by **November 30**. If you haven't done so already, please give me your e-mail address. We will not publish it. We will only use it for communication purposes within our subdivision. You can also email me this information at nnancynemo@aol.com

Thank you!

Nancy O'Reilly / 1303 Hidden Brook Lane

New or Change Listing

Homeowners _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Children at home and birthdates _____

Special Services (ex. baby sitting, lawn care, pet sitting, tutoring, etc. If more than one, please list on back)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

One E-mail address for household _____