



BURNING ISSUES

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Check Our Website!

Whether you want to know how to rent the Clubhouse or order a new mailbox post, please check our website www.burnthickorylakes.com.

Update on Retention Pond Dredging

The dredging of the silt retention pond above the lake has been completed. The landscaping to return the construction area to close to its prior condition should be completed soon, if it hasn't by the time you read this. While the recent flooding added quite a bit of additional silt to the pond, which extended the project and resulted in some additional hauling fees, the workers were able to remove this at the same time as the silt that was already there. We plan to have our landscaping company maintain a dam area at the top of the silt pond area several times a year as part of the maintenance contract, to extend the time between required dredgings. This project should insure that the main lake will remain in excellent condition for the next decade. I hope you have had a chance to check out the work.

Don Bisges

About the Trails

The repairs required to the walking path due to the damage from the recent flood will be commencing soon. Bids have been obtained and a contractor selected. We hope to have this completed in the next few weeks before the Christmas holidays for the enjoyment of any family and guests that you may be entertaining. Two of the great amenities we have to enjoy in this community are the lakes and walking paths.



Please note that while the trails and main lake in the neighborhood are open for use to all BHL Homeowners and their guests when accompanied by a resident, that most of these areas run through private property and these homeowners property should be respected. We will be installing signs at the entrances to the walking paths to insure basic rules are posted. The following common sense rules for the trails and lake should be adhered to:

- The trails and lakes are closed after dark.
- Walkers should stay on the trail/easement and off of private property.
- The lake and paths should be accessed from the common area entrances, not through private yards.
- No loitering on the walking paths, they are for pass through only, not parties.
- All pets should remain leashed. Pick up after your pets just as you would on the sidewalks or other common areas. Don't walk your dog without a bag!

Don Bisges

Recent Vandalism

In October, we had some vandalism at our basketball courts. A juvenile from outside of our neighborhood decided to smash one of our new basketball glass backboards with an object. The repairs for the damage will be approximately \$1200. Due to the recent installation of the camera system at the pool area, we were able to determine this youth's identity and we filed a report with

the police department and gave them the video. The youth was arrested and we are pressing charges against him. We also plan to try to get reimbursement from his family for the amount of the damage through civil court once the criminal case is completed. Please be aware that glass was spread into the field by the courts, and while we cleaned it up as best as we could, there may be some unnoticed pieces still in the area. Please insure your children are careful in this area and wear shoes.

Help Protect Your Pet

"It won't happen to me." This is what most pet owners think until the unthinkable happens. Your beloved pet leaves home, probably by accident and he is lost. Every week you see pets wandering the neighborhood without any ID. Who do they belong to? I saw two beautiful dogs without any ID wandering recently, and I prayed they would return home safely. If they had been wearing ID tags, I would have called the owners or brought them home safely right away. More pets die because their owners didn't identify them than from all infectious diseases combined.



Please protect your pet. First, don't let them run around the neighborhood. They are not welcomed in other people's yards. Make sure your gate is latched or their electronic collars are working properly. Wandering pets could be hit by cars or attacked by coyotes. Maybe they don't know their way home. Second, make sure they are wearing ID tags. You can quickly make your own on the spot at Petco or Pet Smart.

An even better idea is to implant a **pet tracking chip**. If your pet loses their collar and is picked up by the pound, or dropped off at an animal shelter, they can scan your pet and get identification right away. Your veterinarian can implant these chips, and your pet's ID can be tracked by a global recovery network. This system has recovered thousands of pets. If other people are trying to claim your pet, it offers proof of ownership. The chip is affordable too.

This Christmas, give your pet the best gift ever—the gift of a safe life!

Nancy O'Reilly

Annual Homeowners Meeting

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's meeting at 7:00 pm on December 9, 2009 at the Clubhouse. We will review activities of the year, update finances, budget for 2010, as well as hold elections for the Board of 2010. Refreshments will be served.

Looking for a Few Good Volunteers!

Do you love to throw parties? Are you the hostess with the mostess? We need you (and maybe some of your friends). We need a Social Director and crew to organize

parties for the coming year. Hey, it's a great way to meet your neighbors and have fun at the same time! If interested, e-mail Nancy O'Reilly at nnancynemo@aol.com.

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 e-mail Debbie Ebers at egersd@bellsouth.net for any other questions or info.

Wanted

We are in need of subs for our Bunko group that meets every second Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Clubhouse.

Please call Debbie Ebers 770-419-8313 or Katie Gilreath 770499-7097 for more info.

Men's Poker Night

Men's Poker Night every second Thursday of the month at Clubhouse at 7:30pm. Professional Card Dealer Wade Moricle gives lessons from 7:30 to 8pm, Game starts at 8pm.

Football on the Big Screen!! Drinks provided- please bring an appetizer.

Men of Mars Hill

Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach

We give many thanks to all of the families who contributed to the Thanksgiving Outreach in November. We distributed Thanksgiving meals to 156 families in the local area. The meal included turkey, side dishes and dessert. We will be doing some more outreach for families at Christmas. We will be providing Christmas gifts or assistance with bills for families in need. If you wish to contribute to the Christmas outreach, please make a check out to BHL Bible Group and give it to Chris Elmore at 5407 Thornapple Lane (Phone 678-290-5005) or John Zupancic at 5369 Thornapple Lane (phone 678 797 0750). All men are invited to:

- Men's Bible Study Group – Saturdays at 7:30 am at BHL Clubhouse

- On the second Saturday, we host a big breakfast fellowship. **Next breakfast is December 12th.**

Please join us for fellowship in Christ.

Chris Elmore & John Zupancic

Happy Holidays Y'all!