



BURNING ISSUES

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Check Our Website!

Whether you want to know how to rent the Clubhouse, read the Board Meeting Minutes, or download an ACC Modification Request form, please check our website www.burnthickorylakes.com.

Look under **Calendar** to see monthly Clubhouse activities open to everyone. Interested in renting the Clubhouse? Look there too to see Clubhouse availability.

Homeowners' Meeting Recap

The Homeowners' Meeting held on November 14, 2011 was a success. We would like to thank everyone who participated. A new BHL Board of Directors was elected for 2012. The new officers are as follows:

Danny Heffernan, President
Nancy Ciervo, Vice President
Brian Monson, Treasurer
Jo Ann Newman, Secretary
Don Bisges, Member at Large



Message from the President

We are very excited about the upcoming year. Our Board of Directors have been working diligently to prepare our 2012 budget and have allocated funds to several needed repairs and enhancements to our community.

The 2012 budget was finalized and unanimously approved by all members of the Board on January 9th. Included in the 2012 budget are much needed renovations to our tennis facility. We will be resurfacing the tennis courts and evaluating the need for new windscreens and enhanced lighting. Our Tennis Chairman, Robby McGill,

will be assisting the Board with this project. Every effort is being made to complete this project in a timely manner so that it does not impede the Spring ALTA season.

In order to improve the process of reserving a tennis court, effective March 1st the Board has implemented an on-line reservation system. Information on how to use the system will be posted on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the tennis courts and can also be found on the BHL website. Thanks go out to Robby McGill for getting the on-line system set up.

Several renovations to our pool were also approved by the Board. These renovations include repairing the expansion joints around the pool and needed repair of the rock waterfall over the slide.

Repairs to the siding on the clubhouse were also approved.

Our landscaping plan for the upcoming year will include Spring and Fall flowers in both the front and back entrances and the Clubhouse.

A priority for our Board is and will continue to be maintaining the aesthetic appeal that distinguishes us from other communities. I recently asked a group of prominent real estate agents to take a drive through our neighborhood. Their task was to identify what additional improvements we could make that would enhance the appeal of our community. The biggest concern they had were our street signs. The wooden signs we have are dated and many have had to be cut down to a smaller size due rotting and termite infestation. I am aware that the prior Board also identified replacing the street sign as a priority in the near future.

It has been recommended and the Board unanimously agrees that the street signs need to be replaced with the metal type signs we see in the newer neighborhoods. However, by replacing the existing wooden signs with the more durable and up-to-date metal signs, we would in turn have to switch our mail boxes to metal ones as well. Switching the mail boxes to conform with the new street signs would be an expense that each Homeowner would incur.

The Board is tentatively planning to replace the street signs in 2013. With that being said, we are asking Homeowners not to replace their existing mail boxes unless it is absolutely necessary. In addition, AIO Management Company has been instructed to be more lenient with mail box violations. We have asked AIO not to send a violation notice unless a mailbox is falling down, needs to be painted or does not meet the requirements of the United States Post Office, which would prevent mail from being delivered.

In closing, I want to express my sincere thanks to our Homeowners and my fellow Board Members. It is quite humbling to be entrusted with the job of presiding over our neighborhood. I can assure you it is a responsibility that I take very seriously and am firmly committed to. I look forward to a great year and feel blessed to be a part of our community.

Danny Heffernan

New Year's Eve Party Recap

The New Year's Eve party was a huge success! Thanks to all of those who participated – it was a lot of fun, with great music, and we look forward too much of the same in the upcoming year. The band, **Sandy B. and the Allstars** was fabulous and a good time was had by all. Special thanks goes out to Don Bisges, who once again worked tirelessly to make sure the evening was a success.

Pool Chairman/Pool Committee

Our neighborhood is in need of volunteers to serve on our Pool Committee. The Pool Committee will consist of approximately 3 to 5 people that would oversee pool operations/functions. If you have any interest in volunteering for the Pool Committee, please contact Jo Ann Newman at 404-401-1161 or email at newman.joann@gmail.com.

Social Committee

Danny Kehoe will again be our Social Committee Chairman and will be assisted by Patty Payton who will work to implement additional social activities for the children of BHL.

Tennis Chairman

Robby McGill will be our Tennis Chairman for 2012. Anyone interested in playing ALTA tennis at BHL should contact Robby at 770-331-1972.

Thanks to all of those volunteers – we couldn't succeed without you!!

Welcome Neighbors!

We are happy to welcome the following new homeowners to Burnt Hickory Lakes:

Mr. & Mrs Nyerere Billups, Sr.
5387 Thornapple Lane

Mr. & Mrs. James Buffington
5392 Thornapple Lane

Mr. & Mrs. George Clemente
1456 Firethorn Lake

Mr. William Granville
5181 Catalpa Knoll

Mr. & Mrs. David Kacsur
4996 Bent Oak Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Peterson
1311 Hidden Brook Lane

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Touchstone, Jr.
5194 Catalpa Knoll

We are happy to "welcome back" the BHL Welcoming Committee to BHL. Please contact either Jo Ann Newman at 404-401-1161 or Millie Altman at 678-488-0161, if you know of any new neighbors you would like to welcome to the community!

Remember BHL Login

If you would like to read the monthly Board Meeting Minutes on burnthickorylakes.com, you must login. User name is **BHL** and the password is **Thornapple**

Pet Policy Reminder

When walking your dog, bring along a "pooper scooper" or plastic grocery bag to pick up after your pet. Remember to pick up after your dog along the trails because they back up onto private property! Also, please be courteous to your neighbors and keep dogs from barking at night.

Please remember to keep your dogs on a leash when walking them, and when they are home, please keep them fenced-in at all times.

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.

Here are our selections for the coming months:

White Teeth by Zadie Smith / Set in London

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins / Futuristic

Dreams of Trespass by Fatina Mernissi / Set in Morocco

Prayers for Sale by Sandra Dallas / Set in Colorado

The Crimson Petal and the White by Michel Favor / Set in London

Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts / Set in Bombay

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon / The writer composed the book through an Autistic perspective.

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 2nd 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.

Men of Mars Hill

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.

For more information contact John Zupancic at johnzupancic.atl@gmail.com or Chris Elmore at celmore@mdaturbines.com

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

- Walt Disney

2012 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 Jo Ann Newman's mailbox by **February 15**. Her address is **5398 Thornapple Lane**. If you haven't done so already, please give us your e-mail address. We will not publish it. We will only use it for communication purposes within our subdivision. You can also email Jo Ann this information at newman.joann@gmail.com

New or Change Listing

Homeowners _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Children at home and birthdates _____

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

Name _____

Phone Number _____

One E-mail address for household _____