



# Birnam Wood Bugle



Nov/Dec/Jan 2009/2010  
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## Calendar Events

**November 4, 2009** - Annual HOA Meeting and elections at 7:30pm in the clubhouse. Please attend and vote or sign a proxy. Only homeowners in good standing are eligible to vote.

**November 10, 2009** – Water Board Meeting at the clubhouse at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

**November 18, 2009** - 50+ Thanksgiving Luncheon 11:30 am-2:30 pm in the clubhouse

**December 6, 2009** - St. Nick in the Fire Truck 1pm-3pm

**December 8, 2009** - Monthly Water Board Meeting – 7:00 pm at clubhouse

**December 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Lights Contest

**December 16, 2009** - 50+ Christmas Luncheon at 11:30am-2:30pm at the clubhouse.

**January 5, 2010** - HOA quarterly meeting in the clubhouse at 7:30pm.

**January 12, 2010** - Monthly Water Board Meeting at the clubhouse at 7p.m.

**January 31, 2010** - HOA Assessments Due

**Every Mon./Wed./Fri.** - Exercise classes at the clubhouse at 8:30am-9:30am



## Now Hiring Lifeguards

ADULTS/ COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS- Are you looking for summer work? Birnam Wood is hiring Lifeguards for the 2010 summer season. Beat the last minute job hunt and **APPLY NOW**. Download the application from our website: [birnamwood3.org](http://birnamwood3.org) or come by the office

Up to \$8.50 per hour starting pay  
Double pay per hour for holidays  
Private party pay up to \$20 per hour  
Longevity bonus pay to \$1 per hour worked during the season  
Full and Part time

## 50+ Holiday Pot Luck

11:30 am – 2:30 pm at Clubhouse

**Thanksgiving Luncheon:** November 18, 2009  
Theme: Old-Fashion or Family recipe

**Christmas Luncheon:** December 16, 2009  
Theme: Anything good and Festive  
Also planned is a “White Elephant Gift” exchange for Christmas luncheon, gifts not to exceed \$5. Bring gift wrapped.

Main course provided at both luncheons, bring side dish, desserts or drinks or mom’s favorite recipe. You are not required to bring anything, just bring yourself. Please pre-register by calling 281-350-8556.



## Birnam Wood Fitness Squad

FREE exercise classes for adults of any age and fitness level. Participants bring their own fitness mat, water, and wear loose fitting comfortable clothes, as well as athletic shoes and socks. Meet in Clubhouse on Mon., Wed., Fri., from 8:30 am-9:30 am. If you have any questions, contact Melissa at [fitness.firm@yahoo.com](mailto:fitness.firm@yahoo.com) for more details.

## Financial State of the Homeowner's Association

The following progress has been accomplished by the HOA during this fiscal year:

The HOA received tax exempt status projecting savings of about \$6,000 a year thanks to the efforts of Mr. Rodriguez. We also collected about \$18,000 from the government for taxes paid during the last four years.

The HOA expects to have a surplus this year of about \$30,000. This is after the completion of over \$300K in improvements over the last six years including the completion of the activity pool in 2003, the clubhouse renovations in 2006, the lap pool rehab in 2007, and the clean-up after the Hurricane IKE, in addition to cutting and monitoring expenses.

The HOA expects to save about \$70,000 on next year's budget, pending any unforeseen circumstances. This will be accomplished as the Board and management continue to work together to control and monitor expenses.

Audits have been done by the CPA who recommended changes in the accounting procedures and the Board made the necessary changes. One of the recommendations was to keep an emergency fund of about \$250,000. It is possible this goal can be accomplished within three to five years.

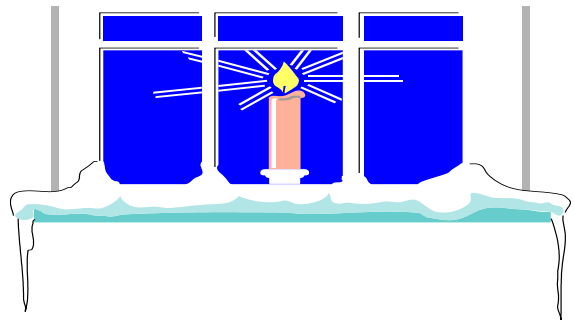
## FYI

Assessment rates for 2010 will remain the same and bills will be mailed shortly after the annual meeting. The assessment will be **due in full** by January 31, 2010. You may choose one of the payment plans enclosed with your annual bill. If you have any questions, contact the office 281-350-8556.



## Jolly Saint Nicholas Visit

St. Nick will drive through the neighborhood on December 6, 2009 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Listen for the fire truck's siren and join the fun. Watch out for flying candy!!!



## Annual Christmas Lights Contest

Judging will take place the evenings of December 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Be sure your lights are turned on for a chance to win. Winners will receive Gift Certificates from White Flamingo Restaurant.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$100**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize- \$60**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize- \$40**

**30 runners up - \$30 gift certificate**