



Birnam Wood Bugle *Update*

Dec 2009/ Jan 2010 Office # 281-350-8556

Calendar of Events

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

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

December 15th-17th – 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/Weds/Fri-** Exercise classes at the clubhouse at 8:30am-9:30am*

Larry Morris was unanimously appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy left by the subsequent opening left by Mr. Rodriguez's resignation. The Board of Directors would like to welcome Larry and invite all homeowners to meet him at the Jan. 5th meeting.

Announcement of Committees

Due to the overwhelming response at the annual meeting for positive change, the Board is announcing the formation of the following committees which will take place at the HOA Meeting on January 5th, 2010 at 7:30pm.

We invite all interested homeowners to attend and voice your opinions. All comments or complaints are welcome and the Board encourages all to participate and/or volunteer to be members of these various committees. Seating is limited so call the office at (281)350-8556 to reserve a seat in advance. No member in good standing will be turned away.

Nov. 4 Board Elections results:

- **Kathleen Harrison – (Re-elected) 323 votes**
- **Elly Brokaw – (Re-elected) 322 votes**
- **Larry Morris- 197 votes**
- **Jim Webster-188 votes**

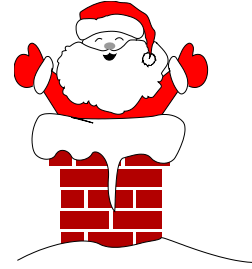
Congratulations to all who participated in their hard fought campaigns and especially to Elly and Kathy on their Re-election. The number of proxies and/or votes for all candidates surpassed all former numbers in recent Birnam Wood III history. This is a healthy sign for our community.

In addition to the above results the Treasurer, Ernesto Rodriguez announced his resignation publicly at the meeting. The Board has accepted the oral and written resignation on Nov. 8th, and wishes to thank Mr. Rodriguez for his years of service.

The format of the meeting will focus on the development and importance of committees which will be chaired by Board members. The Board is also interested in the appointment of a Sergeant at Arms. Interested persons should have some knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and should contact the office at (281)350-8556 ASAP.

1. **Volunteer Action/Communication Committee-** This is the initial Think Tank which serves as an umbrella to all committees now and in the future. All ideas, suggestions, goals, recommendations, complaints and comments are encouraged. All homeowners are members of this communications committee just by attending the meeting. The meetings of this committee are anticipated to take place at every scheduled HOA meeting.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



2. Neighborhood/Security/Crime Watch Committee-

Do you know your neighbors? What can you do to prevent criminal activity in your part of the neighborhood? How can the youth of our community be part of the solution? What can we do to have greater security?

3. Beautification/Deed Restriction Committee-

Ever wonder the process of the “what, when, and why” of deed restriction violations? Be a part of the solution to help make the neighborhood look great thereby increasing property values as the result for a “win-win” solution for our entire community.

4. Nomination/Voting/Election Committee-

Don't like the current process of voting and verification of proxies? Who's running anyway? The By-laws can be changed. What qualities do you want in a candidate who represents your best interests?

5. Finance/Audit/Budget Committee-

How can the Association save money and still make improvements and enhancements that are desired by many? Exactly what good is an audit to me? How do we pay for all the expenses incurred from these committees without raising assessments?

TOP TEN DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

10. Articles trash company won't take: tires, paint, batteries, refrigerators, etc.
9. Commercial or over-sized vehicles
8. House or fence repairs: garage doors, roofs, soffit, fascia, etc.
7. Basketball goal on curb or lying on side
6. Other articles visible: ladders, toys, buckets, etc.
5. Boat and/or trailer
4. Inoperable vehicles (cars and/or trucks)
3. Grill or smoker visible
2. Trash cans-on the curb, in front of garage door or visible from the street.

AND THE NUMBER 1 DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS IS.....

1. **MOWING, EDGING AND TRIMMING!!!**

Also, don't forget....

Heavy trash pickup is on Saturdays

Branches need to be bundled together to be picked up AND Holiday Decorations need to be taken down by February 1, 2010!

Santa will be driving through Birnam Wood and Villages of Spring Oaks on Sunday Dec. 6th starting at 1:00pm. Spring Volunteer Firemen are donating their time to help Santa throw candy to all the good little boys and girls.

This year we are adding Caroling to the Santa drive. TNG will supply a truck, trailer and hay for the singers. You do **NOT** need to be a singer to participate. Any age and talent is welcome. Please call the office so we make sure we have enough room.

Christmas Tree Disposal

This year MUD #43, Birnam Wood and TNG are working together to turn Christmas Trees into mulch. You may leave your Christmas Trees in the back parking lot **between the orange safety fences** adjacent to the Birnam Wood III Clubhouse. Christmas Trees may be dropped off between **12/26/09 and 1/9/2010**. We wish to thank **Champions Hydro Lawn** for the use of their Wood Chipper and **TNG** (our water service company) for the man power to get the job done. Call 281-350-8556 for more information.

Qualities of a Good Neighbor: There are many qualities that make a person a good neighbor. Common sense and courtesy are top among them. Unfortunately, those qualities aren't always shown. The HOA can't regulate people that make bad neighbors by playing loud music or speeding. These are law enforcement issues. There are also no deed restrictions against unruly children or obnoxious neighbors in general.

Different sections in our subdivision have different deed restrictions and of course there are other neighborhoods adjoining ours that are governed by their own deed restrictions. If you do see something that you think is against the deed restrictions please call the office staff to inform them.

