

BIRCH HOLLOW ESTATES



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Fall
2022

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this current edition of the BHE newsletter finds you all well. This summer undeniably went by in a flash! I hope you all were able to enjoy the weather, your family and friends, and our BHE amenities that have been updated and improved this pool season. Autumn and the cooler weather are right around the corner whether you can believe it or not. As Fall arrives, the Board of Directors will continue to work in the "off season" on many tasks and improvements as we look to the future of Birch Hollow Estates. At the end of the year, our annual Board of Directors elections are held. This year there are two seats running for re-election. Vincent Rodriguez, who has worked day and night not only on Board matters but took on the Maintenance Committee chair position and completed too many tasks around the Clubhouse to list! Valerie Kaye is also up for re-election and came on to the Board with an energy to get things accomplished! If you or someone you know would like to run, please contact our Nominating Committee chair, Brenda Kenney, to submit your letter of intent to be considered. We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings and the General Meeting in December. Until our next edition of the BHE newsletter, the Board and I all wish you, our fellow neighbors, a lovely autumn and a wonderful new school year!

Sincerely,



Katie Costa, BHEPOA President

BHE POA Board Meetings

All meetings are held at the clubhouse on Jay Road

September 14, 2022

October 12, 2022

November 9, 2022

December 14, 2022

General Meeting/Board Director Elections:

December 11, 2022, 2:00pm

OFFICE INFO



For any information or questions regarding Birch Hollow Estates please contact:

Managing Agent – Justin Clarke at our office number 570-420-7535 or via email BHEHOA2021@outlook.com

Office Hours: TBD Check website for updated weekday hours

Saturday 12:00pm-3:00pm or by appointment

Back to School!

School Bus Safety

ALL motorists MUST STOP at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 5: Labor Day/Pool closing**
- **September 10-11: Community Yard Sale**

REMINDERS from your COVENANTS COMMITTEE

When you purchase a home in Birch Hollow Estates you automatically become a member of the BHE Property Owners Association and with that comes rules, regulations, covenants, and community shared amenities. The BHE POA Board of Directors oversee and enforce these covenants with the help of the Covenants Committee, which the community must abide by. They exist to protect our privacy, to maintain a rural environment, to ensure the proper upkeep of homes, and ultimately to increase property values. If properly maintained and enforced, they work for the community and not against it or its residents. The Covenants Committee always welcomes new volunteers.

THANK YOU

Maintenance Committee

BIG thanks to the Maintenance Committee members and residents for helping fix and clean up a lot of things at the BHE clubhouse inside and outside. As the summer ends, new ideas are for next year are emerging...fixing interior and the exterior lights, finishing off some minor pool repairs, cleaning and splashing some color inside the pool area, hopefully adding a speaker system in the pool area, touching up the restrooms and making changes, and much more! Please feel free to make suggestions to the Maintenance Committee or the Board of Directors on how to make BHE a more fruitful place!

Maintenance Committee Chair, Vincent Rodriguez

BHE COMMUNITY WATCH

As you know we have been working on getting signs put up at strategic locations around BHE. Hopefully you noticed that they have been installed!! These signs are our first step in getting the word out that we are no longer going to ignore those that have a blatant disregard for safety from ANYONE when it comes to our neighborhood. First, I want to give a shout out to the Road Depts from both Chestnuthill and Polk Townships for making the arrangements and getting us the signposts installed at the locations requested!!! Thank you, David, Ryan, and Brian!! This would not have happened if it were not for our fellow neighbors that contributed to the purchase of the signs! A HUGE THANK YOU to the Littles, the Ramirezs, the Dietzs, and Vincent Rodriguez for contributing to the purchase of the signs!!! The next step from all of you, is to start keeping an eye out for those that continually choose to speed down the streets and running through STOP signs and potentially causing an accident or more. If you witness anything like this, please remember to do following: 1. Make/model and color of the vehicle; 2. Where it happened; 3. When it happened. Please send any sighting to the BHE Community Watch email address at cw_bhe@outlook.com. Let's start putting on the brakes of these speeders!!

Stay vigilant, stay safe!! School is IN!!
Bob Jonas BHE Community Watch Lead.

HELP WANTED

Summer 2023

Lifeguards: Must be 15 years of age or older with working papers, be Red Cross Lifeguard pool certified, CPR certified, and must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends. www.redcross.org

It's time to Renew/License your DOG soon!

Pennsylvania state law mandates that all dogs 3 months or older must be licensed. Dog Licenses must be purchased by **January 1st** of each year regardless of when the license was purchased the previous year.

Dog Licenses can be purchased online at PADogLicense.com or by mail or in person by following directions located here:
<http://www.monroecountypa.gov/Dept/Treasurer/Pages/DogLicense.aspx>



VETERANS DAY



Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. On this day, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ended. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Volunteers Always Needed!

Welcoming Committee please contact chair, Brenda Kenney, at bre410@ptd.net.

Covenants Committee please contact chair, Jess Zicker at jess.zicker@aol.com

Maintenance Committee please contact chair, Vincent Rodriguez at shield8193@yahoo.com

Recreation Committee please contact chair, Jess Zicker at jess.zicker@aol.com

Nominating Committee please contact chair, Brenda Kenney, at bre410@ptd.net

THANK YOU

to our lifeguards



this pool season!



It was a SPLASH!



WHATS NEW IN BHE? ☕

Our newest addition is Casual Coffee gatherings at the BHE Clubhouse! Meet some of your neighbors for casual conversations. No Religion and No politics. Feel free to bring a favorite card/board game. Please remember to wear your BHEPOA badges while on the Clubhouse property. Be on the lookout for dates and times on our Birch Hollow Estates POA Facebook page!

BHEPOA 2022 BALLOT PROXY FORM

ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING MAY VOTE

If you will not be attending the BHEPOA General Meeting, at the clubhouse on 145 Jay Road, 2:00pm Sunday December 11, 2022, and wish to vote, please assign an Association Member to act on your behalf: **PROXY VOTE:** the act of casting a vote on behalf of another. The person casting the vote must bring this form to the general meeting.

I, _____ owner of record of BHE lot#(s)/property address _____
_____ assign to: (Name) _____ the
authority to cast votes on my behalf, at the BHEPOA General Meeting 2:00pm Sunday December 11, 2022.

Property Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please put in a sealed envelope and mark PROXY BALLOT on the outside of the envelope and Mail to: Birch Hollow Estates POA 145 Jay Road Effort, PA 18330

PLEASE VOTE ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- On any matters that come before the BHE Property Owners YES _____ NO _____
- Approval of the 2023 Budget YES _____ NO _____

PLEASE VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING:

On any matters that may come before the BHE Property Owners: YES NO

Approval of the Proposed 2023 Budget: YES NO

VOTE FOR ONLY TWO (2) CANDIDATES FOR BHEPOA BOARD DIRECTORS (3-year term)

_____ Valerie Kaye (incumbent) _____ Vincent Rodriguez (incumbent)

WRITE IN _____ WRITE IN _____

BIRCH HOLLOW ESTATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

(YEAR IN PARENTHESIS DENOTES DATE TERM END)



- PRESIDENT - KATIE COSTA - LITTLESTARUR@GMAIL.COM (2023)
- VICE PRESIDENT - JOY RUNGO - JRUNGO7145@AOL.COM (2023)
- TREASURER - JESSICA ZICKER - JESS.ZICKER@AOL.COM (2023)
- ASST. TREASURER - VINCENT RODRIGUEZ - SHIELD8193@YAHOO.COM (2022)
- SECRETARY - LISA CLARKE - LISACLARKE2347@GMAIL.COM (2024)
- DIRECTOR – BOB JONAS - WXVIEWER@OUTLOOK.COM (2024)
- DIRECTOR – VALERIE KAYE - KAYE5@PTD.NET (2022)
- DIRECTOR - BRENDA KENNEY - BRE410@PTD.NET (2023)
- DIRECTOR - MARYELLEN REVANS - MEREVANS56@GMAIL.COM (2024)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

We would like to wish you and your families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

BHE POA Board of Directors

