

BIRCH HOLLOW ESTATES



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Summer
2022

President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,
Summer is almost officially upon us and with it comes the Summer Solstice. I always find this time of year magical and full of possibilities as I am reminded of when I was a child. Summer!!! No more school and endless days of sunlight. The summer solstice this year is June 21, "the longest day of the year" and marks the start of astronomical summer and the tipping point at which days start to become shorter and nights longer. The sun travels along its northernmost path in the sky and Earth arrives at the point in its orbit when the North Pole is at its maximum tilt towards the sun. Magic! As an adult, I think of the phrase "the days are long, but the years are short" this time of year. Summer is my favorite season and the days do feel endless, however, the years are going by in the blink of an eye. I hope this year takes its time with each and every one of you and you experience the greatness of summer in slow motion and to its fullest potential. The BHE Board has been working endlessly to reach its fullest potential for YOU, our neighbors. I hope you have had the opportunity to come to a Board meeting or use the facilities to see the hard work being done. Our April Clean-Up Day was a success, and the upgraded pool heater system will keep the pool operational and enjoyable all season long. We've also installed a new, upgraded alarm system. The Welcoming Committee has begun to spruce up the clubhouse and welcome new neighbors to the community. The Recreation Committee held an Easter Party, a Family Karaoke Night and continues to have monthly events. Our Maintenance Committee has worked endlessly to complete some much-needed care and upkeep. Check our website calendar for more. Enjoy the entirety of your summer to its fullest potential and I hope to see you at a meeting or down at the pool.

Sincerely,

Katie Costa, BHEPOA President

BHE POA Board Meetings

All meetings are held at the clubhouse on Jay Road
June 8, 2022, at 6:30pm
July 13, 2022, at 6:30pm
August 10, 2022, at 6:30pm
September 14, 2022, at 6:30pm

Pool Hours of Operation

(weather permitting)

Open Daily Sunday-Saturday

12:30pm-7:30pm

If anyone over age 15 is still interested in being a lifeguard, contact Justin Clarke.

OFFICE INFO



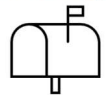
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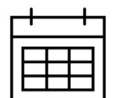
ANNOUNCEMENT

The mailing address for BHE POA has changed. Please use **145 Jay Road Effort, PA 18330** going forward. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ June 11 - Community Yard Sale
- ❖ June 14 - Flag Day
- ❖ July 4 - Independence Day/Pool Celebration
- ❖ August 6 - Birch Hollow Day
- ❖ September 5 - Pool Closing



REMINDERS from your COVENANTS COMMITTEE

ATVs: The driving of any unlicensed vehicle not permitted on public streets as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles is prohibited within the Birch Hollow Estates. This includes, but is not limited to, ATVs, dirt bikes, etc..

THANK YOU!

Recreation Committee News

The Recreation Committee will be hosting the following events throughout the summer: Community Yard Sale on June 11 9am-3pm. Please submit your address for the map of homes participating to the BHE Pool & Recreational Events page. This summer we will be having Family Swim Nights beginning in June. Specific dates to be announced on the Facebook page. Our BHE Swimming Pool Rules have been updated and will be enforced by staff and Board. A 4th of July Pool Celebration will take place and include a potluck, games, and activities. August 6 is Birch Hollow Day, more details to follow.

BHE COMMUNITY WATCH

I, Bob Jonas, have volunteered to start up our community's Community Watch program. As a means of communicating, a group on the social media platform called NEXTDOOR, called BHE Community Watch Posting group has been created. One of the best ways to communicate to those outside of BHE that a Community Watch is present is with the use of signs at effective points around our community. That process will require some help from our BHE residents because we will need to fund the signs, signposts, hardware, and installation. Please consider helping to fund these important tools to help make those aware that we are watching! I challenge everyone in BHE to be an integral part of our community watch. Come to board meetings, be active in our community events, and get to know each other. Pennsylvania State Trooper (Trooper Garrett Lare) from the Fern Ridge Barracks is our liaison for BHE should you have anything to report in the future (570-646-2271). If you want to become a part of NEXTDOOR and the BHE Community Watch do not hesitate to contact me at wxviewer@outlook.com for more information.

Bob Jonas BHE Community Watch Lead.

Thank You Volunteers!



Our annual Clean-Up Day went well and lots of hard work was put in to get the clubhouse and grounds ready for the summer season! Thank you to Trevor, Kristin, Emma, and Jack Burns, Justin and Lisa Clarke, Katie Costa, Brenda and Anthony Kenney, Tyler, Lameo, Tina Miller, Mei-Ling Miranda, Mary Ellen Revans, Vincent Rodriguez, Joy Rungo, William Starick and Jessica Zicker! We could not have accomplished it without you all!

I Scream, You Scream, We ALL Scream



for Ice Cream!



Be on the lookout all summer long for our local ICE CREAM TRUCK!

ATTENTION!

School is out for SUMMER! That means our children, pets, and residents will be out taking walks and riding bikes. Our community speed limit is 25MPH. Please SLOW DOWN and BE SAFE.

An Update from Your Welcoming Committee

The reignited Welcoming Committee has been out recently making stops to the homes of our new neighbors with a welcome gift. Please join us in *welcoming* Michael & Kathy Watson, Patrick Phillips, Charles Eckenroth, and Filipe Gomes to our wonderful community! Upcoming meetings will be posted on the website calendar as well as the Birch Hollow Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

We need YOUR help!

Volunteers Needed

Maintenance and Grounds Committee

Nominating Committee

Recreation Committee

Covenants Committee

TOGETHER we can do MORE!



The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day or July 4th. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



End of 2022 Pool Season

The BHE Pool will be closing for the season on Labor Day, September 5, 2022.



Pool Rules and Regulations

- The pool is open to all Association members in good standing, their guests, or registered tenants. The users are required to wear their badges at ALL times while using the facilities and on the Clubhouse property.
- A long blast of a lifeguard whistle means that everyone must clear the pool and the pool building.
- Children under 13 years of age must be supervised by an adult or someone 16 years old or older who will have full responsibility for the safety and conduct of the child. All children aged 8 and under must be attended by an adult.
- Swim test to be administered by lifeguard on duty for children to gain permission to swim in deep end of pool. Passing swim test qualifications: tread water for 1 minute, swim the length of the pool, rest, and then tread water for 1 minute in deep end.
- Children in diapers must wear "swimmies" diapers. There will be a container in the ladies' room for disposable diapers, please use it.
- The lifeguards have the authority to regulate the safety and conduct of all persons within the pool and recreation area and maintain proper conduct for the safety and enjoyment of all users of the facilities. An incident report (Appendix 1.1) will be filled out by the Pool Manager and the following actions will be taken:
 - A. MINOR INFRACTION: 1st warning will result in a 5-minute removal from the POOL.
 - B. MINOR INFRACTION: 2nd warning will result in 15-minute removal from the POOL.
 - C. MINOR INFRACTION: 3rd warning will result in expulsion from the POOL for the day.
 - D. MAJOR INFRACTION: Will result in expulsion from the POOL for a time period ranging from 1 day to 1 week depending on the severity of the infraction. A complaint form will be filled out and reviewed by the Board for further disciplinary action.
- Do NOT hold conversations with a lifeguard who is on duty. Responsibilities do not allow them time for conversations or other distractions.
- Diving will only be permitted when the diving area is clear.
- Do not play on or with the ropes in the pool.
- Scuba gear is prohibited. Number and size of inflatable/floatation devices at lifeguard discretion based on pool capacity.
- Glass containers are not allowed on the patio or within the pool area. Beverages are prohibited in the pool area.
- Food and beverages, and chewing gum are not allowed within the pool area.
- Smoking allowed only in designated area
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted within the pool or recreation area.
- Running, pushing, tag games, dangerous play etc. is not permitted on the patio, in the recreation building, or in the pool area.
- The volume of audio devices must be lowered, if so requested.
- No bathing in the pool to include use of any shampoos, soaps, and conditioners etc.
- No street shoes are permitted in or around the pool deck area.
- Pets are not allowed in the pool area or recreation area.
- There will be a "Lost and Found" maintained, however, BHE POA is not responsible for any personal articles left in the recreation area. Label personal belongings etc.
- PLEASE NOTE: All items left more than one week, will be donated or discarded.
- Please help us to keep our POOL and RECREATION area neat and clean for all by picking up any litter and by using the trash cans provided. Please place cigarettes in designated containers in the designated smoking area.
- Please do not use the Clubhouse when you have wet clothing.
- Shouting, swearing, and/or threatening language and behavior will NOT be tolerated and may result in a fine or expulsion. Any actions or behavior not specifically mentioned above will be deemed inappropriate and will result in disciplinary action.



BIRCH HOLLOW ESTATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022

(YEAR IN PARENTHESIS DENOTES DATE TERM END)

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Flag Day: On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation. Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day!

