



BIRNAMWOOD WINDS

notes and news to all who dwell in Birnamwood

President's Corner – Bernie Feldman April 2011



A belated Happy Easter to all. I hope all of you enjoyed the beautiful day, and that it is the first of many more.

Now to the business of the Board: The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday April 20, 2011 with all the Board members present and ready for action. The first order of business was to hear a presentation from Gary Streich regarding our efforts to prevent the infestation of our ash trees by the emerald ash borer. The preventative effort was started last year and will continue for another year. The cost of the prevention effort was included in the annual budget approved in December, 2010. The amount approved by the Board for the current year was \$7,711.93. Although there is no guarantee that all the treated trees will be saved, to awaited infestation of all our trees seemed like a poor alternative. Each year we will assess the effectiveness of the treatment efforts and then make the decision to continue. You may be unaware that Birnamwood includes over 128 ash trees. It is our hope that this preventative effort will be effective in saving at least some of our ash trees. Each year we continue to plant new trees of different varieties so that should we be so unfortunate as to lose some of the ash trees, we will at least have bought some time to allow for the growth of new trees to replace them.

Gary also provided the design plan by Linders Nursery for refurbishing the plants at the entry to Birnamwood. The cost of the design, floral and plants materials, and the installation will be \$2,850.00. The design generated some very positive wows and ahs among the Board Members. I think your reactions will be the same.

The Board engaged in an extended discussion related to the many delinquent accounts, our efforts to collect the delinquent payments, and the Board policy related to late fees applied to the delinquent accounts. The Board, at least for now, approved continuation of the \$25.00 late fee assessment to any account that has an unpaid balance after the 15th of each month. See elsewhere in the Winds for additional information on the late fee policy.

Plans for Birnamwood Pride day scheduled for Saturday, May 14th are well underway. A flyer about the day was recently placed in your mailbox so get the date on your calendar. This is the day for all Owners in Birnamwood to contribute to the effort to add value to our homes and Community and to save money for all of us. For new members of our community it is a chance to get to know your neighbors. For those who have not previously participated in Pride Day, we strongly encourage you to contribute your share to the community effort, we can no longer expect "Others" to do the work, since we all share in the benefit of their labor.

As an added bonus for Pride day, Gary Streich will present information on the Birnamwood prevention program to save our ash trees. He has an aerial photograph of our grounds and the many trees on our property. It is very interesting to view the population and location of trees on our property. We think you will find this presentation very enlightening.

The Homes Committee members will be completing the inspection of homes during the next several weeks. You can expect to see a member of the committee checking out your building. As in the past you will be provided a list of any repairs that may be needed and the timeframe for completion. Maintaining our homes in good repair adds to the value of all properties in Birnamwood. See the Homes Committee report elsewhere in the Winds.

The Board of Directors has scheduled their annual walk - around of Birnamwood for Saturday, May 21, 2011. The purpose of this effort is to observe our property as a whole and to familiarize ourselves with the nooks and crannies that are in need of repair, replacement, or some other solution.

Information related to the problem of ice dams and water intrusion into homes, that many Owners experienced this Winter, is being prepared by David Jones. He expects to have the final version available for Homeowners to assist them as they work with their contractors to repair and replace roofs and attic insulation. The Architectural Committee is reviewing the Birnamwood Standards for roof replacement; between these two documents hopefully it will assist homeowners to make the necessary repairs to avoid roof problems next Winter. A reminder to owners that any repair, replacement, or alteration to the exterior of their Unit requires submission of an application to the Architecture Committee.

See elsewhere in the Winds for additional information from the Architecture Committee.

Hopefully, we will see you at the Pool on the morning of May 14th for coffee, donuts and the chance to meet, greet, and work together. Think Spring!!



Treasurer's Report—Dave Jones

Financial Account Details

Balances	31-Jan-11	28-Feb-11	31-Mar-11	+/-
Checking Wells Fargo	\$80,384	\$74,935	\$74,935	0
Checking Kline	\$37,060	\$30,854	\$49,409	18,555
Savings Wells Fargo	\$106,921	\$106,960	\$106,960	0
Savings CIF	\$43,750	\$45,252	\$45,752	500
Reserve Replacement	\$489,916	\$497,681	\$505,445	7,764
Total	\$758,031	\$755,682	\$782,501	\$26,819

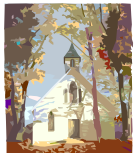
Delinquent Accounts

Date	Number	Bal Forward	Current Mo	Payment	Assesment	Past Due	Late fee
Dec-10	36	\$25,195	\$7,153	\$19,005	\$15,956	\$28,415	\$625
Jan-11	43	\$36,937	\$7,598	\$6,443		\$38,092	\$725
Feb-11	40	\$25,704	\$8,657	\$4,321		\$30,040	\$700
Mar-11	25	\$22,475	\$4,548	\$5,440		\$21,583	\$847
2 Mo Delta	(15)	(\$3,229)	(\$4,109)	\$1,119		(\$8,457)	\$147



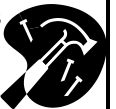
Please remember to review the Pool insert as knowledge of the rules lessen confusion and makes our experience at our sunny pool more enjoyable!

WANTED: Lady Golfers to join our Birnamwood & Friends Wednesday morning golf league at Birnamwood Golf Course. Stating date is May 4th. We play 15 rounds ending August 24th. If interested please call: Gladys Love @ 952.894.8772



IN MEMORY: One of our long time neighbor, Ray Peterson. Ray passed away January 29, 2011 at his winter residence in California. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Eileen and the members of their family. Ray and Eileen's townhome in Birnamwood was recently purchased so Eileen will not be returning to Birnamwood this Spring. Eileen's new address is 5165 Cedar Ridge Dr. Auburn, CA. 95602-9187

Deck needs replacement? Arbor beams need to be installed? Contact Jeff Hanto for help with your Home repairs and updates. Jeff has completed numerous projects in Birnamwood Homes. He offers quality service and competitive rates. (I apologize for accidentally omitting Jeff's phone number last month, that was the Editor's mistake. He is always listed in the Birnamwood resident directory.)



REMINDER! Architectural Change – any change, alteration, addition or replacement made to a townhouse exterior must be submitted to the Architectural Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. All homeowners are required to comply with these requirements. This includes roofs, decks, windows, patio doors, or any other outside change. Please contact Dave Piculell (phone (952)-890-5230, email Bpiculell@comcast.com) or Kurt Hinrichsen (phone 952-454-6895, email Khinrich3@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Applications for change can be downloaded from the Birnamwood web site at Birnamwoodhomes.org.



Welcome New Residents!

Unit # 101 Evgeniy Kryzah

Unit #129 Anzrej & Ewa Derezinski

Birnamwood Homes that are currently for sale: #25, #66, #98, #115, #163, #166, #207, #220, & #231

Units that have signed purchase agreements: # 45, #94, #116, #149, and #192



LATE FEE POLICY

At the April, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors the policy and procedure related to the assessment of late fees on delinquent accounts was reviewed. The Board approved the following: Any Owners account with an unpaid balance after the 15th day of the month will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee each month.

An Owner who thinks they have a justifiable reason for an exemption from the late fee, has the right to seek a waiver of the late fee. However, the Owner must either request a waiver of the late fee from the Board of Directors in writing or appear at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Only the Board of Directors is able to rescind any late fee assessment.

WOOF WOOF! We now have weather that will make us want to sit on our decks and enjoy the summers. So PLEASE put your dog back in the house if it wants to bark at your neighbor when they come out to use their deck. I had several complaints already this year and I think it's only fair to ask you to be a good neighbor. Thank you! Tom Logan Vice President

Homes Maintenance Committee—Jon Carlson

The Homes Maintenance Committee will be performing it's annual inspection of the exterior of all homes over the next month. If you have any exterior maintenance or repair that is required to be completed, you will receive an inspection report in your mailbox.

· We are planning to put together an order for Arbor beams (the two large wooden beams that are suspended above most back decks). Due to their size, these are not boards that most lumberyards have on hand, and we generally obtain better pricing when we can order a group of them. The next Winds will contain specific contact information if you are interested in ordering Arbor beams.

· Most homes in Birnamwood have house numbers on both the large garage door and on the facing of the deck above the large garage door. It is a requirement that house numbers be on the facing of deck above the large garage door. As part of our annual inspection, we will be noting which units are missing numbers. Replacement numbers will be provided to units missing them, but it will be the responsibility of homeowners to "install" the numbers

Birnamwood Garage Sale: Saturday June 11, 2011



The Birnamwood Annual Garage Sale will be held Saturday June 11, 2011. Beth Torstenson will again chair the event. The to participate will continue to be \$5. per participant. So as you begin your spring housecleaning, set aside the items you would like to sell; and sign up for the garage sale. In the Winds, you will find a separate Garage Sale Registration Form. Follow the form and return to Beth at #79.

Volunteers Needed! Want to have some fun visiting with your neighbors? Then we would like your help during the garage sale on June 11. Volunteers are needed to hand out fliers at the entrance. Shifts are 1 hour long with 2 people serving each shift. Times are 7:00am to 1:00pm.

If you would like to help, please contact Beth a 890-4349.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Birnamwood Pride Day is May 14th.



Weather Permitting. Rain date is 5/21 or 5/22. The social committee will have coffee & donuts available @ 8:30 am. Lunch from 12:30 to 1:30: Brats, Baked Beans, Coleslaw and Chips will be served. Residents are encouraged to bring a dessert to share. We would love to see new faces. Please volunteer if you can. Hope to see you there!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUN!

On March 28 a group of Birnamwood residents visited the local fire station. The firemen/paramedics gave us a tour of the station. We saw the vehicles and equipment not only used for fighting fires but for saving lives. Burnsville is very fortunate to have a full-time staffed fire station. We saw how they share this facility with each other, where they work out, relax and toured their huge kitchen. We asked what our community could do to make their job easier. They suggested in the winter we keep the sign posts clear of snow. They need to be able to find our houses if the need arises. The State Fire Marshal

was also in attendance. After the tour, the residents stopped by Dairy Queen for a sweet treat and dropped a bag of DQ bars at the Fire station in appreciation of their time. The turnout for the Social Committee events has been excellent. Please consider joining us for a future event!





BIRNAMWOOD DIRECTORY

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Unit#</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Bernie Feldman	President	113	952-890-7396	feldm001@tc.umn.edu
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Tom Daly	Secretary	134	952-994-4312	tommer2000@comcast.net

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Tom Daly	Welcome	134	952-994-4312	tommer2000@comcast.net

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Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Unit Coverage</u>
Carol Moe	33	952-890-7954	Units 10 - 20
Gary Streich	28	952-890-9132	Units 21 - 59
Shirley Holden	71	952-894-4393	Units 60 - 94
Jane Hixon	121	952-894-7589	Units 95 - 198
Barb Lager	215	952-882-8171	Units 199 - 216
Dave Jones	130	952-890-5539	Units 127 - 198, Tennis Courts, Swimming Pool & Paddle Court

Official Association Notices

Association Monthly Fees - Due 1st of month. Send payments to: Gassen Company, 6438 City West Parkway, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Gassen Contact:: Jodie Woodrow 952.253.4914

Architectural Stipulation - any change, alteration, addition or replacement made to a townhouse exterior must be recommended by the Architectural Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. All homeowners are required to comply with these requirements.

Applications for Exterior Changes - must be submitted no later than the 20th of the month to be acted upon by the Architectural Committee and placed on the Board's agenda for the next monthly meeting...

FHA & HUD ID# for Birnamwood - NDF1

Birnamwood Website - birnamwoodhomes.org

Birnamwood Events Email- BirnamwoodEvents@gmail.com

Birnamwood Facebook Page- Search 'Birnamwood Homes' on Facebook

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