

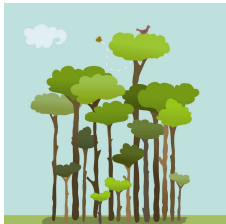


# Birnamwood Winds

For all of those who reside in Birnamwood

## President's Report: Bernie Feldman

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. We had another full agenda and extended meeting. The Board approved several expenditures for services and products. The first was to accept the Minnesota Roadways bid of \$940.00, for repair of several paved areas that were removed to repair a break in the water line and to replace underground electrical wiring. In addition, a couple of areas within Birnamwood have had ero-



sion of driveway surfaces and sink holes have appeared.

The Board authorized the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$450.00 for the purchase of Publisher@ and Microsoft Word@ Computer software for the Winds Editor and Co-Editor. Ann has been using borrowed software to complete the monthly newsletter. The Board decided we needed to provide the necessary tools for Ann and Susie to complete their work for the Association.

Jo Carlisano presented a design for upgrading the pavilion at the Pool. Glynn Neumann, who was one of the original architects in designing Birnamwood, worked with Jo to plan and design the upgrade of the pavilion. Two bids for the work were presented. The Board accepted the lower bid and authorized the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$8,000.00. This amount will allow for the purchase of a microwave, refrigerator, new locked cabinets and reconfiguration of the sink and electrical outlets. The Association received another cash donation from an Owner, who was unable to participate in Pride day, she asked that the money be used to help upgrade the Pavilion. Many thanks Carol and Pam for your kind words along with the donations.

Members of our Community have been making very good use of the pavilion area for their family celebrations and social events. We are hopeful this remodel of the area will make it even more convenient and useful for both the Association social events as well as those of the Residents. The scheduled remodel is expected to be completed by July 16, 2011, the date of the Family Picnic and Social. You will be hearing more about this social event

in the coming days. Talking about the pavilion reminds me that Marge Struve has passed the pavilion reservation duties to Bev Carlisano. Bev's number is 952- 894-9194. As many of you know Marge and Bill Struve have sold their home in Birnamwood and will be moving to a Senior Residence not too far from Birnamwood. Thanks Marge and Bill for all your contributions to the Birnamwood Community. We hope you will return to visit us often.

The Board has started the work of reviewing vendor contracts for the coming year, 2012. A review of the Association Insurance Program for Birnamwood will also begin. As part of this process we have also started talking with companies who provide accounting services. As you recall our contract for accounting services with the Gassen Company is for one year only. We will be implementing the bidding process with interested companies. As preparation for that process, we have started talking with a sample of potential providers who will give us a sense of the available range of services and related costs.

This nicely leads to the scheduled Listening Sessions for the various populations who live in Birnamwood. (Continued, Page2)

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## Calendar of Events:

- **June 23: Board Listening Session for Single Residents @ Pool Pavilion from 6:30-8pm. Food/Drink Provided**
- **July 13: Board Listening Session for Couples**
- **July 16: Birnamwood Family Picnic and Pool Party @ Pool Pavilion**
- **July 20: Board Meeting**
- **August 10: Board Listening Session for Families with Children**
- **September: Elko Speedway sponsored by the Social Committee**

# President's Report Continued

In lieu of the Annual Survey the Board has scheduled 3 listening sessions. The first will be this Thursday, June 23, 2011 for the Single Residents in Birnamwood. A flyer for the event was placed in the mailboxes of that group. The Board would really like to hear from you, regarding your concerns and or the issues you might have commented about in the survey. If we missed your mailbox please come, and let us hear from you. We will have refreshments and one of my concerns was what to do with all the goodies if no-one shows up? The Board members had a very good solution, that being, to schedule the sessions the evening before the Board meetings, and then just bring the leftovers to the meeting. They were sure they could handle them. The Listening Session for Couples is scheduled for July 13, 2011. The Lis-

tening Session for Families with Children is scheduled for August 10, 2011.

Reserve these dates and plan to attend, We really want to hear from you. When the Board members must make decisions for the benefit of Birnamwood it is very helpful to be able to include the information received from Owners as part of that decision making process.

The sale of units in Birnamwood seem to be fast and furious, purchase agreements are in place for Units #26, #45, #94, #98, #116, #131, & #149.

Units currently for sale include #25, #46, #163, #166 & #207.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads in Birnamwood, it will be a little late, but still very important. I am sure all of us have very fond memories of our Fa-

thers. A favorite of mine is the dancing lessons. My Pop taught all 6 of his daughters to dance the waltz to the music of Johann Strauss. He could



*We have a new neighbor, Fawn Ganong Unit #94, welcome to Birnamwood Fawn!*

glide across the dance floor better than Fred Astaire. My wish for all you Dads in Birnamwood is to take some time to make some happy, joy filled memories with your loved ones.

Summer is coming, so are the Strawberries, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is about a week away. Times to Enjoy!!

## Facility Report: Dick Phillips

We got a late start this year on the garden area, but there are still some plots available. If you want one of the plots, go up to the garden and claim one of the weed covered plots, pull the majority of the big weeds and put your



name or Unit number on it. If you don't want to spade it over yourself, Kevin will do it with his rototiller, after the bulk of the weeds are removed.

The deer fence that was knocked down by the fallen tree last year has been repaired and the water tank is full and in operation.

The combo lock will soon be back on the gate and the combination is the last three numbers of our ZIP code, 337.



## Treasurers Report: Dave Jones

### Financial Account Details

Balances	31-Mar-11	30-Apr-11	31-May-11	+/-
Checking Wells Fargo	\$74,935	\$74,711	\$74,129	(582)
Checking Kline	\$49,409	\$41,825	\$19,342	(22,483)
Savings Wells Fargo	\$106,960	\$107,460	\$106,992	(468)
Savings CIF	\$45,752	\$46,252	\$47,757	500
Reserve Replacement	\$505,445	\$513,876	\$513,088	(788)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$782,501</b>	<b>\$784,124</b>	<b>\$761,308</b>	<b>(\$23,821)</b>

### Delinquent Accounts

Date	Number	Bal Forward	Current Mo	Payment	Past Due	Late fee	Total Due
Mar-11	29	\$22,475	\$4,548	\$5,440	\$21,583	\$0	\$21,583
Apr-11	29	\$22,532	\$5,148	\$6,898	\$20,982	\$675	\$21,657
May-11	36	\$20,543	\$5,662	\$2,886	\$23,319	\$875	\$24,194
Jun-11	31	\$20,942	\$6,135	\$6,514	\$21,151	\$725	\$21,876
2 Mo Delta	5	(\$399)	(\$473)	(\$3,628)	\$2,168	\$150	\$2,318

### Actions/Issues

1. American Century Investments, \$9190.11 has been transferred from this account to our pool maintenance account, for the work that was completed this spring.
2. The Roof Insulation / Ice Dam paper has been peer reviewed, and approved by the Burnsville Building Inspection personnel. It has been posted on our web site-follow the link under 'Documents'

## Grounds Report: Terry Sarazin

Planting and landscaping around the new entrance sign is now complete for the summer. It was done based on recommendations from a consultant from Linder's. Thanks to Janet Sadlack, Rita



Gutenkauf, and Jane Neilsen for their good work. Mums will be placed in the planter this fall. Thanks to Barb Piculell for having the new sign erected.

The Grounds Committee is contracting with Linder's for planting

in the pool area near the handball court.

The Committee has reviewed and approved several proposals from homeowners to plant/landscape in front of their houses. All such projects need Committee approval before they are begun.

## Thank You Note to Volunteers: Beth Torteson

*Garage sale participants if you have any questions, comments and/or suggestions concerning the garage sale please contact Beth Torstenson at 890-4349*

Saturday June 11 was a nice cool sunny day, good day for a garage sale. The success of the day is in part to the help from many volun-

teers. First I would like to thank Tom Logan and Gary Streich for putting up and taking down the large entry sign. Second I would like to thank the volunteers that worked the entrance handing out fliers, Terry Sarazin, Bev Beckman, Ruth VanGuilder, Pete Tuff, Judy Burmeister, Nancy Grimes, Del Hickman, Faye Kuhn, Kent Griener(2 shifts), Betty Goodman

and Ave Pearce. Finally, a special thank you to Betty Goodman and Ave Pearce for their help on the committee.

**From the Editor: A BIG thank you to Beth for always organizing the sale. Great job! If you haven't attended the sale, Friday night is always fun to grab a cold drink and walk around to the sales and meet your neighbors. Thanks again Beth!!!**

## Editor Note: Trades Directory

The Birnamwood Trades & Services Directory is being updated. If you have any comments on contractors in the Trades Directory or if you would like someone added or removed, please email me at [afassbender@zoho.com](mailto:afassbender@zoho.com). I will be updating the directory this month.

## In Memory of Paul Bjornlie

We were saddened to hear of the death of Paul Bjornlie and wish to extend our sincere condolences to Sue Sandell and their extended family. Sue and Paul have lived at #102 Birnamwood for several years. Paul passed away at home on June 2, 2011. A memorial service was held on June 6th for family and friends. Sue served as the Secretary of the Board of Directors from 2006 through 2009. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

## Spotlight: Kevin Sieben, Kevin's Landscaping

You may see a white truck around Birnamwood a few days a week with a friendly face not far away. This is Kevin Sieben. Following is my interview with Kevin:

AF: What type of jobs do you do around Birnamwood?

KS: I do it all! (He smiles.) I cut buckthorn and plant other shrubs to help keep the privacy for homeowners. I also trim small trees, trim shrubs, tear out dead trees, mow and maintain grounds around the pool, clean and groom wooded areas, plant trees and various landscaping projects. I also landscaped the area on the south side of the pool around the bench that was

installed.

AF: Is a resident wants to hire you for landscaping, can they do that?

KS: Yes, if you are looking to hire someone to help landscape the front of your unit, I can be reached at 952.836.5713

AF: Have you ever lived in Birnamwood?

KS: I have not, but my mother-in-law has a unit. My father-in-law started me here with buckthorn removal 20 years ago here when it was completely overgrown. Since then, I've been adding more equipment and doing more jobs. I listen to residents as I work for

all the residents here and try to do everything I can to make everyone happy. Living here myself someday is not out of the question. I love Birnamwood.

AF: If you haven't met Kevin, introduce yourself the next time you walk by him. He's always happy to say hello.



**Association Monthly Fees** - Due 1st of month. Send payments made out to Birnamwood Home Association to: Gassen Company, PO Box 466, Chaska MN 55318-0466 Include your acct number (300 followed by your unit #) 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**Editors Notes:** Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Email:

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## Birnamwood Directory

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Shirley Holden	Block Captain	71	952-894-4393	Units 60 - 94
Jane Hixon	Block Captain	121	952-894-7589	Units 95-198
Barb Lager	Block Captain	215	952-882-8171	Units 199 - 216
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