

West Brookwood Newsletter

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West Brookwood Board of Governors 2012-2013

President.....Barbara McLoughlin
Vice President.....Laurie Joudi
Secretary.....Barbara Kostiuik
Treasurer.....Harold Wyckoff
Governor.....Marsha Wyckoff
Governor.....Daniel McLoughlin
Governor.....Three positions are open

There are 3 positions available. Would you consider being a board member?

Members: Meetings are scheduled the 4th **Wednesday** of the month at the Byram municipal Building at **7:30pm**. Please check your e-mail for the meeting agenda.

Let's Talk . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of West Brookwood; to those who reached out to their neighbors, especially to our seniors with heat, food, and just sitting around and sharing one another's company.

As in any crisis situation, not everything ran smoothly. The board is currently reviewing our communication plan to determine where improvements can be made. The board received several e-mails and phone calls from residents who said they would be attending our November board meeting with their suggestions; yet no one attended. Our Field Technician attended the meeting, at the board's request, to explain what had happened with the River Road generator. Unfortunately, it was a lost opportunity to hear from our residents.

There were a number of harassing and threatening comments made to our Water Department personnel during this time period. This is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. We have a great deal to be thankful for; no one lost their home, and no lives were lost!

Barbara McLoughlin, President

Water Department News...

During the days following Hurricane Sandy an e-mail message came from our licensed operator, Gerald Kastner to the Water Dept. Administrator clearing any misinformation:

Barbara:

Please be advised that there was never a contamination issue during the Hurricane Sandy power outages and subsequent low water pressure occurrences.

It was brought to my attention that NJDEP had posted on-line, a boil water advisory for

our system. This was a precautionary advisement issued without my knowing. Having contacted me, they removed the advisory the following day. Brookwood's water has been and currently remains in compliance with all NJDEP regulations. I hope this clears up any concerns.

Gerald Kastner
NJDEP Licensed Operator
Brookwood Musconetcong POA

Basic Service Rate Increase

The Water Department has made every attempt to keep a lid on costs; however, the cost of doing business has increased.

Increased operating expenses include the costs of property taxes, postage, electricity, pipe repairs, laboratory fees, salaries and insurance. In addition, there are vacant (non-paying) homes in the development. To continue quality of service to our water customers, starting January 2013, we must increase basic service by \$3.00 per month for residential customers and \$4.50 per month for commercial customers. There will be **no** rate increase for water usage.

COMMUNITY NEWS...

Members:

If you are changing from a landline phone to your cell phone as your main phone number, or if you have a new e-mail address, please notify the Water Dept. office.

There is no way we can notify you about important issues if we do not have the current information and please print legibly.

Street Representative:

If you are a street representative and will be away for an extended period such as a vacation please notify a Board member and we will make sure someone makes the phone calls for your street.

High School Seniors of West

Brookwood Our residents opted to contribute yearly to the "West Brookwood Scholarship Award" program so that a H.S. graduate who will be attending college in 2013 will have an opportunity to win a **\$500 scholarship**.

As a result, applications will be available in your school Guidance Office by the 2nd week of January. All applications need to be returned to the BMRPOA Water Department by **April 1st**.

Members: Thank you for your support. We would like to keep the program running but we are in need of your donations to continue to help fund the **Scholarship Award** program for West Brookwood High School Seniors of 2014.

We cannot sustain this program without your help. Will you kindly donate to help fund this program? Please make your check payable to:

BMRPOA Scholarship Award

Mail to: P.O. Box 797, Stanhope, NJ 07874

High School Students:

You can earn your required community service hours by helping serve on our *Beautification Committee*. Call Barbara McLoughlin at 973-347-2212.

Do you have news to share?

If you have a birth, graduation, someone going in or coming home from the military, please e-mail Marsha Wyckoff at hmcwyckoff@verizon.net

Association Events

Volunteerism is a large part of our community. We can't have these events without your help. So, step up and get involved.

Upcoming Event...SPRING CLEAN UP

Let us take pride in the place we call home. We have gloves and garbage bags available. We hope to see you in the spring.

Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

This year's winners are...

1st Prize: \$75.00 gift card to 57 Ash Street

2nd Prize: \$50.00 gift card to 5 Beech Street

3rd Prize: \$25.00 gift card to 25 Belton Street

Honorable Mentions: 21 Beech St, 62 River Rd, 57 River Rd, 15 Acorn St, 23 Lauren Ct, 6 Belton St. and 62 Ash St.

Thank you to the members who helped in this event & to the families who made the community merry and bright.