

COMMUNITY NEWS...

High School Students...In need of community



service hours for graduation... You can earn your hours by helping serve on our *Beautification Committee*.

Scholarship Fund... Due to membership's generosity, the *B.M.R.P.O.A. Scholarship Award* over the years has been \$500. We would like to keep the Scholarship Award for 2012 at \$500. Your donations to the Scholarship fund would be greatly appreciated. Please make out a check payable to: **B.M.R.P.O.A. SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. Mail to: P.O. BOX 797 STANHOPE, N.J 07874
Donations are tax deductible

COMPLAINTS have been filed....

Re: DUMPING LEAVES AND PLASTIC BAG WASTE in vacant lots in the community

A vacant parcel of land is not there for you to fill up with your leaves or rubbish. Every parcel of land has an owner. There is an ordinance in Byram Township stating that you cannot dump on another's property. You will be fined up to \$500.00.

Kindly, call the township for leaf or waste pick up dates. Also, you may bag your leaves or waste and bring it to the proper facilities in our township.

A special thank you goes to those who continue to help keep their neighborhood clean.

A sentiment from one of our members:

I want to thank and compliment our Water Administrator, Barbara DeMarco and the Technician & Licensed Operator she has working with her. Our development was **not** without water through the "Irene Hurricane" and the "Snow Storm" disaster.

I've been a home owner from the 50's and many times in the past we were without water when the electric had been out. Their insight and skills have prevented disasters like this from occurring again. I want to say, "thank you."

Sincerely, Elaine Carr

The FALL FESTIVAL was a success we had great weather. Children decorated pumpkins, played games, enjoyed sweets and won prizes. Members whose names were picked from a basket won prizes too. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a festive event.

Know Your Street Representative:

Acorn	Keri Fleming	908-892-9832
Adair	Marsha Wyckoff	347-4452
Ash/Union	Laurie Joudi	448-0737
Avon	Anthony Laulette	347-1950
Banker	Dan Forlenza	347-5526
Beech	Wendy D'Ulisse	691-1292
Belton	Laura McVicar	448-8680
Broad		Open
Chestnut/Waterloo	Kathy Stevenson	448-8869
Glen Brook/River	Dee Garrison	448-7085
River	Yvonne Reeves	347-8807
Lauren	Kathy Pagan	347-6705
Lockwood	Kristi Bristol	732-735-5931
Mayne		Open
<u>Robert</u>	<u>Carol Tarnowski</u>	<u>670-3701</u>

West Brookwood Board of Governors 2011-2012

President.....Barbara McLoughlin
Vice President.....Laurie Joudi
Secretary.....Mark Hartmann
Treasurer.....Harold Wyckoff
Director.....Shelby Rhodes
Director.....Marsha Wyckoff
Director.....Three positions are open
Please contact us - we want to hear from you

Members: Board 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.

West Brookwood Newsletter



Winter 2011

*Wishing you and your family a prosperous
new year!*

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Let's Talk..... We are seeking new board members with the following qualifications:

A Property owner in good standing who is a resident of three or more years, has been involved in the community and has some expertise to offer the Association.

If you are considering being on the Board of Governors you need to attend the February 22, 2012 board meeting. We will be having an open ended session for any questions you may have.

Your name must be on the ballot by March 10, 2012

You will have responsibilities such as being involved in events and committees.

We're looking forward to meeting you.

Barbara McLoughlin, President

Water Department News

B. De Marco, Administrator

Basic Service Rate Increase

The Water Department has made every attempt to keep a lid on costs; however, there have been increases in Laboratory fees, Insurance, Electricity and Maintenance since our last rate increase in 2009.

To continue quality of service to our water customers, starting January 2012, we must increase basic service by \$1.00 per month for residential customers and \$1.50 per month for commercial customers. There will be **no** rate increase for water usage.

River Road Storage Shed...At last, Water Department maintenance and repair parts, as well as,

Association Event supplies have a home and are no longer kept in everyone's garage. The Shed was purchased with funds collected from late fees and statement charges and not from Water Department or Association funds.

WHEN CALLING 973-347-1040... If you are wondering, the Association and the Water Department's office hours are Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. During non-business hours and on weekends and holidays, the Water Department has an answering machine. Please speak clearly and leave your name, telephone number and reason for calling. Water emergencies will be handled immediately. Questions concerning billing will be addressed during business hours.



NEVER TOO SOON TO GET READY FOR WINTER

Cooler temperatures signal a time of year to start thinking about preparing your home for winter.

Listed below are a few Water Department tips to help you prepare for winter's chill.

Locate your water main inside shut-off valve, test to see if it is operational. If not, have it replaced. Place a tag to identify the inside shut-off valve and have everyone in your household know where the valve is located in case of an emergency.

Inspect your home for exterior cracks and exposed entry points where water pipes enter your home and the water meter is located. Seal and insulate these areas to prevent freezing.

If you are away from your home for a period of time, leave the heat on; set the thermostat to at least 55 degrees.

NEWS TO SHARE...

A Thanksgiving Story

The Missing Mac Thanksgiving:

I recently adopted a dog from Macon, Georgia. He was part of a historic 1 week pardon for 74 animals. Mac was transported to me about 4 weeks ago. Mac was settling in nicely with my other two dogs. Rascal, a Black Lab and Prancer, a Chinese Crested. Thanksgiving afternoon, I let the dogs out and Mac didn't come back. He dug a hole under the fence and went on a walkabout in our neighborhood. I was beside myself because he came from Georgia and he didn't know where he was. My husband and I drove around and around looking for him. I even spotted him once around the corner but he took off again. As it began to get dark out, I was so worried about him.

I contacted Barbara and asked her if she could use an email blast to alert our neighbors. She graciously emailed it with his picture. Thank you so very much Barbara for helping us. Driving around and walking around, I spoke to some wonderful, concerned people. I have to say, we have some very nice people living in this neighborhood!

Mac was still gone overnight and he is a little guy, so I did not have too good a sleep. Next morning, we drove around again looking for him. One neighbor down the street said that he would come home to us. Early afternoon a wonderful surprise.... Mac was home. Mac's picture was even in the Byram ShopRite. Two ladies brought him home to me. Thank you Terry for bringing him home to us. Over the course of the weekend, my phone rang with people asking, did we find him? Is he home?

I can't thank all of you enough for your compassion and concern. Yes, it truly was a Thanksgiving for our family. We were so thankful to have our new doggie home; but the lesson was there are so many wonderful people living in our neighborhood and to you all I am most thankful.

Sincerely, Janice Capuano