

Cold Weather Awareness

As outside temperatures fall below 32 degrees, plumbing water pipes and the water meter in your home are at risk of damage from freezing. The first sign that your pipes are freezing is reduced water flow from a faucet.

If a problem occurs, it is important that everyone in your home knows where the homes main shutoff valve, supply valve for your washing machine and the valve for the hot water heater are located. The following tips listed below can help you safeguard your home:

- Disconnect gardening hoses, store hoses in garage and shut off water supply leading to the outside faucets
- Locate what areas in your home at risk to freezing conditions
- Weather-strip and caulk gaps around windows and exterior doors and especially in the areas that are located near water pipes and the meter
- Insulate basement walls and crawl spaces
- Wrap water pipes near exterior walls and pipes leading to your water meter with pipe insulation
- Open cabinet doors below sinks in the kitchen and bathroom to allow heat from the home to circulate to keep pipes from freezing
- Always keep your home heated especially if you plan to be away for an extended period of time
- Make it a habit to check water flow and pressure when you first awake and before you go to sleep

B. DE MARCO, WBWD ADMINISTRATOR

Holiday Decorating Contest

All winners will be contacted personally as well as being posted on our website! Due to printing issues beyond our control, an article will be written up in our 2010 news letter re: our Decorating Contest.

Tentative Upcoming 2010 Events!!

-SPRING: Easter Egg Hunt @ River Side Park

-SUMMER: Ice Cream Social @ River Side Park

-FALL: Fall Festival @ River Side Park

-WINTER: Holiday Party/Cookie Exchange for West Brookwood will be @ the Cranberry Lake Firehouse Mid. December. We will have crafts, games, hot coco, cookies and craft table for adults.

The West Brookwood Newsletter

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Happy New Year to all of
our West Brookwood
Residents!

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West Brookwood News!

Winter Edition

Fall Festival & Craft Fair

Our 2009 Fall Festival was a great success! Even though Mother Nature was not cooperating the day of the scheduled event, we had a gorgeous day that following Sunday!!! Thank you to everyone who helped out with this event: my family, Dawn Christian, troop # 849; Michele, Rebecca, Nicole, Victoria, Allyson, Cassandra & Cris, The Aust Family, Dona & Chandler Juranek, Blevins Ford, Barbara DeMarco, Harold Wyckoff & Wendy D'Ulisse.

Beautification Committee

Barbara DeMarco was flooded with phone calls in early October regarding the flowers that were planted in our neighborhood. It appears the mum's/decorations were a hit! Thank you for your feed back. Just wait until you see what we have planned for the spring! ***F.Y.I. *** Our Fall decorations that were securely placed at the sign on River Rd. went missing in October. As a reminder to all residents, as BMRPOA members, these items were purchased with YOUR DUES. Replacement of these items will detract from next year's budget. Less money means fewer funds for our activities. Please help to spread the word. Thank you.

Two Family Home Zoning Update

On November 5th, the Byram Township Planning Board finished hearing the request for a use variance (Z8 09) to allow a Single Family structure to be rezoned as a two-family structure. By a vote, the request was denied.

Our thanks to our Vice President, Harold Wyckoff and his tireless efforts to inform and keep informed all the residents of our West Brookwood community concerning this very important matter.

Attention Lenape Valley Students.....!!!

Residence of West Brookwood can complete their Community Service requirements right in our neighborhood. Whether it is helping out at an event, planting/watering flowers for the Beautification Committee, or some other job, Lenape Valley students can complete the hours your high school requires.

For more information contact Courtney Zeich @ 201-317-7380. Spread the word to your friends and lets all work together to keep our community looking nice.

Help us help you!!

Dear neighbors,
Please help us to help you in case of a water outage. Follow these simple steps:

1. If you have e-mail let the water dept. know. The e-mail is: bmrpoa@verizon.
2. Please check your e-mail 1st thing in the morning. If there is a problem, you will be notified.
3. If you have a question (eg. How long will it take) please **notify your street rep.**
4. Please avoid calling the water dept. unless you have an emergency

Thank you,
B.M.R.P.O.A, Inc. Board of Governors

Neighborhood Watch & Helping Hand

With our town growing, Rt. 206 will be expanding in 2010; I recently put a phone call into Chief Rafferty about starting a **Neighborhood Watch/Helping Hand within our own neighborhood**. Chief Rafferty was excited about this idea! He expressed to me that nothing like this has ever been our Town before. He will be happy to have one of his officers attend our meetings to speak to our Board & explain more! More information to follow...

If you're interested in being apart of Byram History and protecting our children/communities, please contact: Courtney Zeich @ 201-317-7380 or leave your ideas on our website.

What's Happening on Your Street??

New Additions! Welcome to the neighborhood!!

Mr. and Mrs. David McCracken, Lockwood Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stanton, Mayne Avenue
Mr. David Meyer, Belton Street
Mr. John Fordham, River Road
Mr and Mrs. Jonathan Van Norman, Lauren Court
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Frederickson, Belton Street
Mr Anthony Caputo, River Road

Congratulations!

David Raffo of River Road graduated Cum Laude from Rowen College in May with a Bachelor of Arts in History.