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Trips, Travel, & Great Food



New Board Members Elected



Congratulations to Bill Reilly, Treasurer, and Bob Mueller, Secretary, our two newly-elected Home Owner Association Board Members. They are pictured here with Dave Brintzinghoffer, President, and Bill Deutsch, Vice President. Bill and Bob were elected at the September Home Owner Meeting.

Updates from the Board

Dear Fellow Residents: First let me thank everyone for the tremendous participation at the recent quarterly meeting and for your active support of the Director's Election process. I know that both Bill Reilly and I look forward to the privilege of serving you as your new representatives to the Board and will work well with our current members Dave Brintzinghoffer, Bill Deutsch and Dave Goddard.

Secondly, hats off to our running mates in the recent election, Donna Hale-Scheuermann and Rose Primiani. I serve with both of these fine people on other committees and personally know how dedicated they are to this community. Their efforts and leadership are needed, and continued active involvement is appreciated: Donna on the newly-created Finance Committee, as well as her work in the warranty area, and Rose in the recently-formed Government Liaison Committee.

Here are some quick updates from the Board:

- The Government Liaison Committee, chaired by Ron Huber with Annetta Pasquarello as Vice Chairperson, has met twice with Jill Gougher, acting township manager to strengthen our ties with the Gallo-way Township and to discuss items of importance to our Community (e.g. taxes, drainage, safety, master plan, etc.). Jill commented that these have been her most productive citizen meetings and she will also meet soon with Ron Bloom concerning our BHP street lights.
- The newly created Finance Committee, headed by Bill Reilly and including Mike Pasquarello and Donna Hale-Scheuermann, is in the process of developing our 2005 Finance Plan in preparation for the December HOA quarterly meeting.
- Many thanks to the Clubhouse and Pool Committee, chaired by Scott Coyle, that did a great job this summer, met all county requirements, and gave us flexible, longer pool hours for our families.
- We continue to have a problem with residents not picking up after their dogs, which unfortunately, means that we will be citing those households who violate our guidelines.
- The theme of the Neighborhood Watch this year is safety and we invite all residents to attend the Wednesday, October 27th meeting at 7:00 PM in our Clubhouse.
- About 30 folks participated on Oct 2nd in the first very successful neighborhood clean-up event, chaired by Jay McCoog. We ask that you all keep our neighborhood clean by continually observing and disposing of any trash.

To all residents: thank you again for your efforts on all our behalf; and to those not yet active, please join in the spirit that makes Blue Heron Pines such a great place to live.

Bob Mueller, Secretary, BHP Homeowners' Board of Directors

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Director & Advisor

We'd like to thank Chris Goggins as an ad hoc contributor. Be a frequent visitor to the **BHP-HOA.com** website and sign up as a subscriber (**no cost!**) to receive Newsflashes by e-mail about community News and Activities. The next Quarterly issue of **THE VOICE** will be published January 21st, 2005. In the meantime, check the website for updates! Please notify any member of the Newsletter Com-



Recreation Committee

Are we having fun? You bet we are!!! And there is much more to anticipate!! Our **Oktoberfest** was a huge success with 86 residents attending. Mickey and Minnie's Restaurant did a great job catering our celebration!! Many thanks to the Recreation Committee, particularly George Anglim, who championed the event. Guests and relatives showed great spirit, too, some came dressed in beautiful authentic German outfits.

Book and Cake Sale - Our "Three Musketeers" at Blue Heron – Katie Kachmarchyk, Chairperson – age 11, Billy Valentine, age 11, and Jocelyn Ekis - age 9, have organized a **Juvenile Diabetes Foundation** fundraising event to take place in the BHP HOA Parking Lot on Saturday, October 23 from 9 am to 3 pm. They requested all residents to donate books, CD's, computer games, videos, Beanie Babies and baked goods. Let's all give our credos to these amazing young residents!

THE HOLIDAY SEASON The Holidays will soon be upon us and we have some special activities planned, so please mark the dates on your calendars:

Caroling and Tree Trimming Party – Friday, December 3. Last year we had about 40 residents come out for this wonderful night and this year we believe we'll have even more. We'll meet at the Clubhouse at 7:00 pm and go caroling throughout the neighborhoods. Then we'll meet back at the Clubhouse for warmed was-sail and mulled wine as we trim the beautiful tree in our Clubhouse. We invite our new residents to bring an ornament representative of your family to hang on the tree to add to the existing ornaments from last year.

Holiday Cocktail Party – Sunday, December 5. A flyer in your mailboxes will give more details. To start the holiday season, we invite everyone to get "gussied" up for this special evening to get everyone into the holiday "spirit."

Luminaries – The REC Committee plans to sell luminaries again this year to make our Blue Heron Pines community a magical village on Christmas Eve. With even more houses built and more new residents, it will be even more beautiful. We are asking each home to purchase a package of luminaries (a flyer will soon be delivered giving you full details on where and how to purchase). On **Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm** we ask all households to light the luminaries spread across their properties along the curb. For those who will be away, we ask you to purchase the luminaries and have a neighbor light them for you so that the entire village will be illuminated. We hope that all of you participate; our community will be a sight to behold !!

New Year's Eve Gala – Friday, December 31 starting at 8:30 pm at Blue Heron Pines Golf Club (West). It's a black tie optional event so start thinking about who you would like to sit with so we can reserve tables for your group. Our theme this year is "*Wishing on a Star.*" If you thought our BHP New Years Eve celebration was wonderful last year, wait until this year! Be sure to make your reservation early and don't forget, it is open to family and friends – first come, first served. Package price is \$225 per couple which includes EVERYTHING, including a four hour open bar.

Remembering the less fortunate - Let's remember the less fortunate during the holidays. We will have **two boxes in our Clubhouse:** One marked for local *needy families* in which we ask you to place non-perishable foods for the Food Bank of Atlantic County; and the second box marked for our *soldiers overseas* – a continuation of the request by Mary Jane and Bob Coster – for special treats, toiletries, etc. to let our soldiers know that we at home are thinking of them.

NEW ACTIVITIES

Shall We Dance? Dance lessons will be given by Steve and Betty Culver, professional dance instructors, at our BHP Clubhouse: 7 pm to 10 pm with 1-1/2 hours of instruction, then practice time and refreshments – all for the fantastic price of \$8 per person. The class will be based on a minimum of 16 couples and a maximum of 20 couples. Our thanks to George Terpak's special lady, Carmella Collotti, for making the arrangements.

Be the first to sign up and be assured of your space for the evening: Look for a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse

Tues., February 22 - Fox Trot

Tues., March 22 - Rumba

Tues., April 26 - Swing

Tues., May 24 - Cha-Cha

Recreation Committee - Continued

Tuesday Bridge Night – at the HOA Clubhouse **every Tuesday at 7 pm starting on October 26th**. New residents, Laurie and Mike Kennedy, have offered to give lessons which will provide friendly, social card playing for women, men and couples. No need for a partner to join the group. This will be a flexible program matched to the participants' bridge experience and enjoyment. Cards and lesson sheets will be provided. Bring your own soda or water bottle, if you wish. To participate, or if you have any questions, call Mike or Laurie 965-9503 or e-mail kennedyhouse@comcast.net.



Birdwatchers and nature lovers – Contact Mike Kennedy at 965-9503 or kennedyhouse@comcast.net for informal bird watching walks during the week or on a Saturday. Enjoy the beauty of our local Wildlife Refuge and other great local sites.

TRIPS AND TRAVEL

Jay McCoog has done such a fantastic job in putting together the various trips for this year, which will be culminated with the Christmas in the Brandywine Valley excursion on Saturday, November 27th. See his Trip and Travel Committee news on page 7.

ONGOING

Book Discussion Group – see website for future dates, places and books being reviewed.

Mah Jong – Every Monday afternoon at the Clubhouse

Men's Poker – Every Thursday night, 7PM to 11 PM at our Clubhouse

SPECIAL THANKS

To Frank and Arlene McGere, who have sold their home at 505 Country Club Drive and are moving, for donating several items for our Clubhouse and for event door prizes. Thanks also to Mike and Laurie Kennedy, who donated a Bissell vacuum for use at our Clubhouse and to the Men's Poker Group for their cash contribution being used for Clubhouse purchases. To Sandra Regenye and Chris Goggin for both a Spring Fling and a Fall Fling for women at BHP, bringing in experts to speak on nutrition, skin care and hair styling. These programs were conducted most professionally and enjoyed by all attendees.

PLANNING FOR 2005

Approximately a year ago we met as groups to plan and schedule our Gourmet Dinners and Wine Tastings for 2004. We hope as many of you as possible who are interested in these fun activities will come out to discuss and plan for 2005 at the HOA Clubhouse:

Gourmet Group Meeting - Wednesday, November 10 at 7 pm

Wine Tasting Group - Wednesday, November 10 at 8 pm

Additional activities for consideration: A Bowling Party, a Men's Breakfast Club, a Scrabble Club, what about an afternoon Ladies Lunch Group or Ladies Poker group, a Night of Baseball at the Surf, a casual Pot Luck Dinner, Yoga, Water Aerobics, Stretchnastics, a Garden Group, a "Naughty" Knitters Group, a Movie Group, a Travel Information Club, and a Reference Notebook.

The one thing we cannot emphasize enough is that we hope more of you will become involved in our community's activities. If anyone would like to serve on the Recreation Committee, Chair/participate on an activity, or has any additional ideas for our BHP Activities Calendar, please contact any committee member.

Recreation Committee:

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Marie and George Anglim

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Golf Course News

HOA and Blue Heron Pines Golf Club Events

Every Friday evening (5-7 PM) at the West Golf Course Grille Room is Happy Hour for any BHP resident, whether a golfer or not --- typically twenty or more residents, family members & friends are socializing --- plus several new entrees are featured on the dinner menu. In fact, dinner is served every day.

Our final 2004 HOA Golf Event is November 7th (Sunday) 5:00 PM --- GLOW BALL

Yes, Sunday at 5:00 PM, starting in the dark --- a 4-person scramble, 5-holes, with illuminated fairways and greens with special glow balls. BHP will supply the luminaries and balls plus have food afterwards. Look for a flyer in your mailbox for details --- make an effort to join us; we will have much fun.

October 17 (Sunday) was to be our last 2004 social golf event --- this event combined both BHP residents & its members --- see the BHP General Manger's comments below about the Italian Open.

This year's HOA 4-person scramble, 9-hole golf events (May 16, June 27, July 18 and September 2) each had about 50 golfers and almost 20 social guests. Over 130 different golfers have participated since the 2003 season --- both experienced and beginner players. People are meeting new neighbors, friends and golfers. Dates for the 2005 golf events will be communicated soon so you can arrange your schedule.

Alan Brown has organized a successful Thursday Men's League, involving about 40 BHP residents. The league will continue through October and will be expanded for the 2005 season. Feel free to contact Alan (965-5051) to help and/or participate.

The golf school facility is at the East Course driving range; call 965-7695 to inquire about instruction. Also, enjoy a 20% HOA discount at the BHP Pro Shops.

Always feel free to contact Bill Deutsch 965-2301 or Tom Moore 965-5787 with comments/questions concerning HOA golf. We do meet periodically with BHP management to help promote mutual efforts, which have included discussions on cart/power caddies and food/beverage plans.

Message from Chris Arabio - BHP General Manager

I began meeting the Blue Heron Pines community really only six months ago and felt welcomed right away. There was an immediate authenticity to the personalities and a genuine sense of caring for the good of the neighborhood. And although the homeowners pulled no punches in describing desires & needs, they also always approached conversations from a "win-win" standpoint and with multiple possibilities. More important than our discussions on rules, discounts or policies, the BHP homeowners acted and spoke with a prevailing sense of true belonging, the real essence of a membership borne of friendship and like interests.

At the recent October 17th BHP Member/Resident Italian Golf Open, a new event for BHP, I had the opportunity to speak to about 80 people. I had structured notes prepared, but the day's events led to a real sense of comfort. We didn't need any skillful oratory to talk with friends on a Sunday afternoon. We just needed to talk.

Our message was one of appreciation for friendships that endured a season of transition while maintaining a clear vision of the future if we work together. And, we are working together. Many of the offerings for the 2005 season will come directly from conversations with homeowners & members. Many programs we currently enjoy are derived from that source. Our collective progress is not found in competitive pricing, steep discounts or preferred privileges, but in our relationships, in our mutual commitment toward ensuring that BHP remains a place like no other...a great place to live and to play.

One comment I made at the Italian Open, a compliment to every BHP friend & neighbor: "The homeowners of Blue Heron Pines have created a community. They know each other and care about their neighbors. And on that sense of community, we'll base our membership and golf programs at the club for 2005 and beyond. Our membership will be a community like the one that the homeowners share, where you always see someone you know and where you can always get a game." As we accomplish that goal, with our neighbors' continuing example, Blue Heron Pines will always be a very special place.

Thank you for the sense of comfort you instill so that we may talk instead of present and that we may visit instead of meet. Our easy communication will expand our possibilities and our foundation of friendship will make all the difference. I hope you are as eager as we to see what comes next!

Architectural Design Review Committee

We welcome new members Joe Gomez and Don Dreby to this committee. The heavy season is past us as we had almost 80 applications so far this year. We are going to be reviewing ways to streamline and simplify the process. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Once again, we complement everyone on the completeness of their applications and the value added of all the work being done by homeowners to their home exteriors and landscaping. Please remember that you can contact any member of the ADRC for questions or to seek a verbal approval should an emergency arise. As always we are looking for additional volunteers to serve on this important committee.

ADRC Committee:

Bob Mueller	804-1194	Greg Salazar	804-0599	Ron Huber	804-9274
Scott Coyle	965-1252	Tom Bunting	804-8294	Jim Valentine	965-8969
Joe Gomez	965-0878	Don Dreby	965-6622		

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch Our first meeting for this season is Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the BHP-HOA Clubhouse (Main Room). We welcome new Block Captains Al Stoughton and John DeMarco. This brings our total Block Captain number to 12 with coverage throughout the development. We are always looking for additional volunteers to serve as Block Captains. The Revised Block Captain Phone Tree is attached at the end of the Newsletter. All residents are welcome to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings. Our theme this year is safety and with regard to that here is what is on the docket so far:

- Corporal Jody Jucciarone is in contact with the ambulance service in order to help us plan for CPR and First aid training at BHP. Al Stoughton has volunteered to serve as a liaison and we thank him for his support.
- John DeMarco has shared a copy of a Disaster Preparedness Template from Passaic Sheriff's Office which we are reviewing to adopt. With Ron Bloom's assistance and help of Jill Gougher (acting Galloway Township Manager) we are seeking to meet with the Chief of Police to determine if we can blend with any plan that Galloway may have and/or share our information. More to come on this.
- Please be alert for vandals - Greg Salazar at 687 Country Club has informed us that somebody vandalized the Halloween decoration in his front yard. First time anything like this has happened in 3 years. It is probably a juvenile prank, but much too early for mischief night. The Neighborhood Watch has been alerted and the matter was reported to Cpl. Jody Jucciarone. Cpl. Jucciarone mentioned that last year the township had trouble with this sort of thing in another part of town and that it may be migrating. Please be alert and let the police know if anything happens.
- The Neighborhood Watch Block Captains will be given an updated list of residents but not all phone numbers and e-mail addresses are known. To fill this gap and assist in completing the HOA resident list the Block captains will also be given a HOA form to collect missing information and complete the phone tree. Please help us collect this information so that we can assure complete resident communication of important items to all Home Owners. The phone and e-mail information in the database is private and not shared with any Commercial interests; it is for HOA use only.
- Our Government Liaison Committee (GLC) has followed up with Jill Gougher, acting Town Manager, on the matter of speed and a no-passing zone on Leipzig/Race Track. Jill promised that she will follow up with the County. The police have radar trapped the road at least once since the GLC and town management meeting. We have again requested that the police set radar traps on both Country Club and Leipzig/Race Track.

Bob Mueller, Coordinator 804-1194 Bob Menditto, Co-Coordinator 804-9440

Government Liaison Committee

Would like to say that the GLC (Government Liaison Committee) has been active in meeting with the Township Manager, Jill Gougher. The first meeting was to present our credentials to her and to find out how we should interact with the township. At another meeting, we discussed several issues with her; the most notable being, street lighting, the acquisition of the East Course and the drainage issue. During our discussions, Ms. Gougher had arranged for the township engineer to be present.

Its important to note that both she and the township engineer noted that we were the only group that came to them with a cooperative spirit and they were looking forward to working with us in the future. We will report to the homeowners as we continue our meetings. Ron Huber

What to do in Atlantic County

Lanny and Maryhelen Hoffman have compiled an extensive listing of family, nature, outdoor and cultural attractions in Atlantic County. Please see the BHP-HOA.com website for a full listing. We think you'll be so impressed with the wide variety of attractions so close to home !

Trip & Travel Committee

The Trip & Travel Committee is beginning to plan for 2005. Watch your mail box for additional trip offerings! We hope you'll join us for one or more. To register or to suggest a trip, contact Jay McCoog at 804-1922.

Saturday, November 27th

Christmas in the Brandywine Valley

This trip is currently sold out. However, if there is enough interest it may be possible to obtain additional tickets and a larger bus – contact Jay ASAP! Trip Details:

Enjoy a morning guided house tour to Winterthur, the former home of Henry Francis Dupont, an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. This will be followed by the amazing Yuletide Buffet lunch at the Terrace Restaurant, and the afternoon viewing the beautiful Christmas display at Longwood Gardens. This includes the garden tour inside the heated conservatory, daily concerts, fountain shows, and light displays. The bus will depart the BHP HOA parking lot at 8:00 AM and will arrive back to BHP at approximately 8:00 PM. The cost is \$90 per person.

Trip to NYC – Broadway Play & Dinner

Billy Crystal in "700 Sundays"

The Trip & Travel committee is gathering BHP community interest in a Saturday matinee viewing of the new Broadway Play, *700 Sundays*, starring Billy Crystal. *700 Sundays* is a solo performance by Billy Crystal that deals with his youth, growing up in the jazz world of Manhattan, his teenage years, and finally his adulthood. The play runs only through 3/5/05, so it is important to reserve tickets early. A group of at least 20 will be required to conduct this trip. Estimated cost of bus travel, ticket, and dinner is \$175 per person. Please contact Jay McCoog at 804-1922 or send an e-mail to mccoogs@comcast.net if you are interested.

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BHP Cruise to Bermuda - August 2005

Chairpersons for this event are Carol and Richie Melkonian, 654 St. Andrews Drive. Carol and Richie are reminding those interested in going on the cruise to send in their deposits. This trip is open to friends and family! If you have questions, or need to contact them, their phone number is 804-9501 and their e-mail address is ram9281@aol.com

Schedule of Events

Oct. 27 - Neighborhood Watch 7PM

Friday HOA HH 5-7PM West Grille

- 2nd - Election Day - VOTE
- 7th - Glow Ball 5 PM
- 8th - AM Recycle Pick Up
- 22nd - AM Recycle Pick Up
- 25th - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27th - Brandywine Valley Trip

Monday afternoon Mah Jong

Tuesday evening Bridge

Thursday Evening Poker



November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>VOTE</i>	3 <i>Trash</i>	4	5 <i>HH</i> 5-7 PM	6
7 <i>Glow Ball</i>	8 <i>AM Recycle</i>	9	10 <i>Rec</i> 7 & 8	11	12 <i>HH</i> 5-7 PM	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Trash</i>	18	19 <i>HH</i> 5-7 PM	20
21	22 <i>AM Recycle</i>	23	24 <i>Trash</i>	25 <i>Turkey</i>	26 <i>HH</i> 5-7 PM	27 <i>Bus Trip</i>
28	29	30				

Schedule of Events

- 3rd - Caroling 7 PM
- 5th - Holiday Party
- 6th - AM Recycle Pick Up
- 8th - HOA Meeting 6:30 PM
- 20th - AM Recycle Pick Up
- 24th - Luminaries 6 PM
- 25th - Christmas Holiday
- 31st - New Year's Eve Party



December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Trash</i>	2	3 <i>HH</i> <i>Caroling</i>	4
5 <i>Party Holiday</i>	6 <i>AM Recycle</i>	7	8 <i>HOA</i> 6:30 PM	9	10 <i>HH</i> 5-7 PM	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Trash</i>	16	17	18
19	20 <i>AM Recycle</i>	21	22 <i>Trash</i>	23	24 <i>Lumi-naries</i>	25 <i>X-Mas</i>
26	27	28	29 <i>Trash</i>	30	31 <i>HOA Party</i>	



Happy Holidays to You and Your Families

THE STATE WE'RE IN

THE RISLEY HOMESTEAD



The Risley Homestead Farmhouse circa 1790 is located at 8 Virginia Avenue (near the 400 block of Shore Road), Northfield, NJ. This small cottage is a combination of 18th and 20th century construction, and its early core is a two-room farmhouse with sleeping loft—ten children slept there in the mid 1800s. It is one of two houses in Atlantic County that have achieved the distinction of being individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its historic significance is that it was the home of many generations of oystermen.

The Homestead and all its furnishings were bequest from Virginia Risley Stout in 1989. She was the last of her direct line of the Risley family. Virginia Stout's husband designed modest additions in the 1930s and 1940s to provide the space and conveniences needed for modern living. A turn-of-the-century photograph shows the Homestead exterior in its original form—unpainted narrow clapboards, cedar roof shingles, and two front doors facing Shore Road. Except on holidays, the Risley Homestead is open free of charge to small groups for guided tours every Saturday and Sunday from April through November (phone 609-641-8976).

THE NOYES MUSEUM

The Noyes Museum, Lily Lake Road, (just off Route 9 in Galloway Township) Oceanville, NJ, is South Jersey's museum of American fine art, craft, and folk art, including vintage bird decoys. The Museum carries on its founders' dedication to preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting the art and cultural heritage of southern New Jersey. As the only art museum in the region, the Noyes seeks to serve residents and visitors by presenting stimulating exhibitions and programs. The Noyes displays a growing collection of American fine and folk art, an exceptional collection of vintage bird decoys, and outstanding special exhibitions featuring works by leading regional and national artists (phone 652-8848).



The **Absecon Lighthouse** is located on Pacific and Rhode Island Avenues, Atlantic City. This restored 1857 lighthouse is reputed to be the tallest beacon on the Jersey Shore that features its original Fresnel lens. Tourists can climb the 228 steps to the top for a panorama view of the Absecon Island, Absecon Inlet, Atlantic Ocean, Brigantine (Call 609-449-1360).

Stockton Performing Arts Center, Richard Stockton College, Jimmie Leeds Rd., Pomona. For nearly three decades, the Stockton Performing Arts Center has been the unsurpassed presenter of professional guest artists in the southeastern region of the state. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts has echoed that applause by designating the Stockton Performing Arts Center one of New Jersey's major cultural resources. The Stockton Performing Arts Center also presents concerts during the summer on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City at Kennedy Plaza, directly in front of Boardwalk Hall (Mississippi Avenue and the Boardwalk). (Call 609-652-9000).



Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge is 1 mile east of US 9 on Great Creek Road. You can drive and see more than 275 species of waterfowl and other birds that have been sighted at the 43,000-acre refuge's bays, channels, and tidal marshes. It is best to visit in the spring and fall. You can also walk the nature trails. (Call 609-652-1474).

Cape May County Park Zoo is located in Cape May Court House off the Garden State Parkway Exit 11 at 707 Rt. 9 North. The zoo is home to 180 species of animals including black bears, bobcats, lions, deer, exotic birds, monkeys, and many more animals. An 800-foot boardwalk leads to a 57-acre African savannah that is great to see. (Call 609-465-5271). A treat for all ages!

Community Reminders & Highlights

- **Exercise your right to Vote on Tuesday, November 2nd!!**
- Next Home Owner Association Meeting is Wednesday, December 8th, 2004, at 6:30 PM.
- Golf Course is Private Property—It is for golfers use only, not for walking or bicycle riding.
- BHP HOA Clubhouse hours: 5 AM to Midnight.
- Visit the BHP-HOA.com website for up-to-date information. Check out the bulletin board.
- Police reminder: Phone use by drivers in NJ and DC must be by hands-free devices.
- If you witness unruly behavior by golfers, immediately notify Golf Mgmt. 965-1800 Ext. 1125
- Construction/New House Issues: keep your 1-Year Warranty list updated.
- Sprinkler or lawn issues: call Diversified Property Management 652-8793.
- There is no overnight parking on the street. Notify ADRC if emergency or special occasion.
- Visit the BHP Golf Pro Shop and use your 20% discount.
- The New *Neighborhood Watch* Phone Tree is attached with this Newsletter
- Pick up after your dogs.
- Help to keep the neighborhood beautiful - pick up any trash you see.
- Snow removal on the sidewalks is the Association's responsibility.
- Snow removal on the streets is done by the Township and home developer.
- Driveway snow removal is the homeowner's responsibility.
- Have a great Thanksgiving and a wonderful Holiday Season !



Thanks to Mickey & Minnie's Inn - Many thanks for the excellent job in catering the German food for our Oktoberfest on October 23rd. We urge all BHP residents to visit this cozy restaurant at 733 W. White Horse Pike, Cologne, NJ. After October, they serve their full Oktoberfest German dinners on Tuesday nights only, but offer a full range of excellent fare seven days a week.



Interested in a visiting Santa over the Holidays???? Pat and George Walker of 521 Country Club Drive are recommending one. Last Christmas Eve, at a family gathering, they employed the services of Richard Roche from nearby Cheshurst. Pat and George agree that it was one of their best Christmas Eve gatherings ever!! "He was great, not only did he have the kids convinced, he also had most of the adults believing they had just seen the REAL Santa," said Pat. With his authentic white beard and hair to his suit complete with his wire-rim glasses — and especially the way he spoke to each of the children, he had everyone seeing "sugarplums". He has over 10 years experience as a visiting Santa. We both highly recommend him to anyone who would be interested in this type of service. Contact information: Richard S. Roche, home phone (609) 652-0930; cell phone (609) 335-9694.



Marge Menditto wanted to share information regarding the Swiffer Wet Jet cleaning product and the rumor that it is harmful to pets. Marge called the 800 number and they reassured her that there is no problem. Their customer service representative also told her to look at different web sites such as the ASPCA and the Swiffer site in order to dispel these rumors.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to all our wonderful BHP friends for your many expressions of concern and support during John's recent hospitalization. His prognosis for the treatment of Lymphoma is excellent, so your many prayers have been working. John's positive attitude is also half the battle. We have never experienced a community like Blue Heron Pines and cannot say enough about our BHP family — we are truly blessed! John and Rosemary Metzen

Let's Eat Out !!

Tulipano - Off Shore Route 30 Country Farms Plaza Pomona, NJ 609-652-6444

A small but cozy Contemporary Italian Cuisine Restorante & Pizzeria restaurant and take-out, **Tulipano Off Shore** has delicious steaks and subs, calzones, stromboli, and a special menu that changes daily. They deliver and cater for special occasions. Try one of their pizzas (the oil doesn't drip down your hands) and enjoy the many other homemade Italian dishes that are prepared to order. If you go for a take out at lunchtime, you will see plenty of deliveries to the hospital doctors, nurses, and the many professional office suites in the area. So if the doctors and nurses order the food, it must be good for you. (Call 609-652-6444 or for reservations call 609-652-3830.)

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The Inn at Sugar Hill Routes 40 & 559 Mays Landing, NJ 609-703-0133

The **Inn at Sugar Hill** is located on a grassy knoll along the northeastern banks of the Great Egg Harbor River in Mays Landing. It received its name "Sugar Hill" because during the late 1700's, the sugar, molasses and rum that came by tall ships from the Far East were stored on the site awaiting shipment by horse and carriage to the Philadelphia markets.

The **Inn at Sugar Hill** has fine dining, good spirits, and quaint lodging. Three working fireplaces grace the Inn's intimate dining rooms. The enclosed verandas afford a great panoramic view of the river and gardens. From May to September the Inn features a casual dockside bar and grill down along the banks of the waters with a tented-bricked area that features live entertainment and great summertime cocktails! You can also spend a night in one of their antique-filled guestrooms. After dinner visit the authentic restored Victorian Bar that once stood in a turn-of-the-century Philadelphia Tavern. Reservations are a must. (Located about 5 miles from BHP on Routes 40 & 559. Call 609-703-0133.)

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YAMA Japanese Restaurant 5305 Atlantic Avenue Ventnor, NJ 609-822-8007

"They are Back!" Newly renovated and open for business, Yama offers wonderful Japanese cooked and uncooked cuisine. The menu includes a full selection of sushi from the sushi bar and a kitchen menu including teriyaki, tempura, and yakitori preparations. They have a huge variety to please everyone from miso soup, squid, and over 100 special rolls, including godzilla and spider rolls. Reservations are a must. They are open 7 days a week from noon to 3 for lunch and dinner from 4:30-11 (Fri. & Sat until 12). BYOB and an average dinner for two costs about \$30 to \$50. Handicapped accessible.

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OLD WATERWAY INN- 1700 W. Riverside Drive, (off Route 30), Atlantic City, 609- 347-1793

Interested in a nice romantic skyline and fireplace dining by the bay? Then visit the Old Waterway Seafood restaurant and Marina Inn known ". . . as one of South Jersey's most romantic restaurants!" Legend has it that smugglers and pirates once used this place as a hideout . . . Every Wednesday you can take a sunset dinner cruise (reservations required), dine inside, or eat on the outdoor deck. They specialize in seafood and steak. Open 7 days a week from 5 p.m. through August.

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Babalu Grill, 2020 Atlantic Avenue Atlantic City 609-572-9898

Casual elegant. Lunch and dinner, highly recommend the happy hour 4-7 pm 7 days a week with half price appetizers—the best!—and drink specials. This funky, authentic restaurant and bar is located at the bottom of the expressway between Ceaser's and The Walk (new shopping district) and may be the best reason to get yourself downtown! The atmosphere is fun, colorful and something you would expect in Miami or LA. The bar is cool and offers fun drinks, including a fab Mojito. Food is delicious authentic Cuban, and Latin, with huge servings and includes appetizers like Grilled Rum Marinated Tuna on sugar cane skewers, Cuban Pressed Pork sandwich, and Caribbean Seared Crab Cake. Entrée's include a wonderful Braised Lamb Shank in red wine, whole Maine Lobster on a bed of Coconut Rice with dark rum sauce, and Chicken in Saffron Rice with roasted peppers. Prices are reasonable (entrees run \$16-30, appetizers \$5-\$10 and are a meal and a bargain at happy hour.) Inexpensive parking is nearby, but with all the recent changes with The Walk opening, call the restaurant for best parking suggestions, free valet, etc.

Meet Your Neighbors



Dom and Jo Flora

631 W. Country Club Drive

Life began in Jersey City, NJ for Dominick (Dom) and Josephine (Jo) Flora, who have traveled the world yet always returned home to New Jersey. As members of the Gourmet Club, Jo is known as a gracious hostess and fabulous cook; Dom does his part -- preparing and chopping ingredients -- serving drinks. Both are known as serious golfers. Jo has less time now that she is a full time real estate agent with Prudential Fox and Roach. Dom's hobbies include poker -- every Thursday at the club house -- hasn't missed a game since the group started, and reading. He has a list of authors and catalogs each book read. Currently, he is a permanent substitute teacher in the Galloway School System.

A quiet, semi-retired existence for Dom, a natural born athlete. With the option of lettering in basketball, baseball or football, he did all three. A four-year starter on the basketball team at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, he set National records for highest points scored. Upon graduation, he was named to the Helms Foundation All America first team that included notable players Elgin Baylor, Oscar Robertson, and Wilt Chamberlain. Dom 's basketball career with the Boston Celtics was ended during an exhibition game by a broken bone in his foot. Dom also tried out with the New York Yankees and New York Giants baseball teams. With his experience as VP/General Manager of the New York Cosmos Soccer Club, as an executive in the World Football League in Portland, Oregon or as VP of Pele Sports Promotions for soccer tournaments in Europe, US and South America, mention a state in the US or a country in any part of the world for that matter and Dom has a fascinating story to tell about sport figures, business moguls, prime ministers and kings. You just never know who's living next door to you at Blue Heron Pines!!



John and Carolyn De Marco

647 Cypress Point Drive.

John and Carolyn moved to the Village of Blue Heron Pines in July 2004 from the mountains of West Milford, New Jersey. They were both born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and lived "one block away" from each other growing up. Carol and John moved to the neighborhood on 647 Cypress Point Drive to be closer to the ocean, fishing, golfing, boating, lots of shopping (for Carol), and hopefully milder weather.

John is a Program Manager in the Information Technology Service Delivery business with IBM. He started with IBM in 1971 after a tour of duty in the US Army in Vietnam as a 1st Lieutenant and served as a Duster Platoon Leader and Aide-de-Camp to a One Star General. This November John will have 33 years with IBM. Carol left her Administrative Assistant position as the Assistant to the Principal of the Macopin Middle School in West Milford and is now employed as the Secretary to the Director of Rehabilitation at the Bacharach Rehabilitation Center. They have two daughters, Nicole(age 29) and Melissa (age 27) who both live in Hoboken, New Jersey. John and Carol are looking forward to meeting new friends at Blue Heron and being active in the community.



Patrick and Amy Shymanski

655 Cypress Point

When Patrick Shymanski of Tom's River finished his Military Service in the Coast Guard, he needed to find employment as a civilian. Searching for business ventures he discovered an affordable franchise offering opportunity to earn a living at a game that had become his passion - the Million Dollar Hole-in-One which operates par 3 contests at local golf courses. His territory encompassed the southern area of New Jersey where he became familiar with and a regular player on the course at Blue Heron Pines.

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Amy Shymanski, a native of Atlantic City joined the Air Force to see the world and found herself assigned to Pomona! Fortunately, she did get to travel and was based later in San Antonio, Texas. Amy loves the beach, and considered their Atlantic City boardwalk apartment ideal and convenient for Patrick's current job as a City Fireman. He also works on his off days for a local construction company. Then came **The Harley**.....the Harley had to be garaged and The Woods at Blue Heron Pines were advertised as "luxury apartments with garage". The Shymanski's with Harley were the first residents to move in.

Then they saw a Mulberry with loft being erected on West Country Club and knew that was the model home of their dreams. With the third phase of building taking place on Cyprus Drive, they chose their lot, their model and moved on September 18, 2003. Pat's mother, Muriel, and her mother, Thelma share the lower level. Thelma, who is 85 years old, loves her Americana red, white and blue decorated sitting and bedroom. Her daughter is close by in the Tommy Bahama inspired master suite. Although Patrick will tell you he is only allowed in the garage which houses The Harley, of course, and enough body building equipment and weights to furnish a small gym, he and Amy reside comfortably in the spacious upper loft area. Amy spends long hours working as a Property Manager for 340 apartments in Somers Point but finds time to shop for accessories and furnishings that make a house more than just a house and has mastered the fine art of interior design. As for Patrick, everything will be perfect in Blue Heron heaven when his work schedule lightens and he can golf to his heart's content.



Herb and Thea Cunitz 678 Country Club Drive

Upon entering the lovely home of Thea & Herb Cunitz, there is an assuring sense of calm and kindness, and a comfortable feeling that will make you think that you've known them for many years. This observation may be what leads Thea to believe that an interview with her and Herb would be "too boring". This is an astonishing statement coming from a person who grew up in eastern Germany and spent two years in a refugee camp before fleeing from Communism to live in America. Thea arrived in America and lived with relatives in Kingston, NY. Though she did not speak English, Thea was soon employed at the Rockefeller estate where she worked for two years, picking up

the language of her new country at night school.

Herb grew up in Tarrytown, NY, just a few miles from Thea's new residence in the US. The two would eventually meet on Jones Beach in Long Island. It was truly "love at first sight", says Herb, and though they are celebrating 46 years as husband and wife, they are even happier to have spent 46 years as best friends. During this time they raised a family of three boys: Herb, Douglas, and Daniel in the town of Yorktown Heights, NY where they lived for 28 years.

Behind Herb's serene and likeable persona, is the sharp mind of a man who graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for 33 years at Columbia University's Nevis Laboratories where he was the lab's Senior Electronics Engineer and a Senior Associate Staff Member of Columbia University's Physics department at the time of his retirement.

Thea and Herb moved to Blue Heron Pines in January of 2002 from Brookfield, CT as an alternative to moving to Florida. Though Florida offered much warmer winters, it did not provide for the proximity of grandchildren, and one of Thea's best pastimes is her eight grandchildren! Some of Thea's other hobbies include knitting, Mah Jong at BHP, and the BHP Book Club. Herb has been one of BHP most active volunteers helping to keep the neighborhood clean and helping keep the pool serviced this past summer. Thea says that Herb likes getting dirty and can often be found working in the yard or on a project at one of his son's homes. Herb also enjoys astronomy and is an avid reader.

However, Thea and Herb are by no means strapped to their new home in NJ. They have traveled extensively throughout the US and world, and recently embarked on a majestic seven week adventure through the western US in their BMW Z3 Roadster convertible! They traveled many miles with the top down absorbing the inspiring beauty of the rugged west. Places of interest that remain on their travel desires are China and Egypt. Are these characteristics of a couple that is "too boring"? Far from it! BHP is enlivened with their presence and proudly calls them our own.

Meet Your Neighbors



Ed and Phyllis Kirkwood

671 W. Country Club Drive

"We feel that moving here to BHP was the move of a lifetime. We have made so many friendships, which we cherish, and enjoy doing things. We moved here early in the development. We were house #19. . . . We hope to spend many more years together. Our community has grown to such a level that we hope everyone finds some great neighbors, as we did, and enjoys the time we have here."

What a delightful way to introduce two very interesting, kind, and helping people. Ed is a health and physical education teacher for K-8 for 25 years. He currently coaches the No. 1 ranked middle school field hockey team in the state. Congratulations! He also is the assistant women's basketball coach at Richard Stockton College as well

as having coached eight different sports at various high schools in South Jersey. Phyllis is a C.S.R. for an insurance company in Marmora where she handles the commercial accounts. Using their expertise, they have a side business called **Pre-Paid Legal** where they sell legal protection for people just as medical insurance.

Ed and Phyllis are the proud grandparents of Gabrielle, Jared, and Alex, from their son Beau who works for Horizon Eye Care (you can see him on the TV spot), and they have a newly married daughter Heather. We mustn't forget their two grandpets—Biggie, a Yorky, and Guido, a Chihuahua.

When they are trying to relax, Ed and Phyllis like to work on their landscaping; golf (they have currently played over 100 different courses); enjoy water sports on their boat; watch the Eagles, Flyers, Phillies, and Sixers; and cruise on their motorcycle. If you can't find them at one of these places, look for them in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, Phoenix, Arizona, or on a cruise eating Italian or Mexican food. ¡Salud! What a great and interesting couple!

Interesting Facts About New Jersey

- The narrow, sandy coastal island about thirty miles north of Atlantic City is called Barnegat Light.
- Route 9 is the traditional route south from northern New Jersey to the shore.
- Atlantic City is situated on Absecon Island.
- Grace Kelly had a summer home in Ocean City.
- The Pine Barrens forest stretches nearly 2,000 square miles through central and southern NJ.
- Cape May Point was founded in 1875 by Philadelphia department store magnate John Wanamaker and his friends.
- Cape May is noted for its Victorian Christmas celebration.
- German immigrants founded and shaped the culture of Egg Harbor City.
- Vineland was established as a kind of haven for writers and intellectuals.
- Batsto, a restored South Jersey site, was once an industrial town noted for iron mining.
- The governor's "summer mansion" is in Island Beach Park.
- Renault Winery in Egg Harbor City is the only winery in the US that makes blueberry champagne.
- Whitesbog Village, a turn-of-the-century community devoted to cranberry and blueberry cultivation, is now being restored as a historic area.
- Mays Landing once had a nudist park.
- Joe Mulliner was a legendary Pine Barren robber who preyed on settlers and was seized by vigilantes and hanged in 1781.
- Mary O'Hara, the author whose works include MY FRIEND FLICKA was born in Cape May Point in 1885.
- The high-roller world of Atlantic City casino gambling is the setting for the novel GLITZ by Elmore Leonard.
- Ocean City has a Seashell Museum open Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- T. B. Welch, a Vineland dentist, developed a nonfermentative method of preserving grape juice that permanently associated the product with his name.
- Margaret Mead, the famed anthropologist, spent her childhood at 338 Fairview Avenue in Hammonton.
- Vineland is the dandelion capital of the world.