



# BGCA NEWS

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## Letter from the President

Hello neighbors. I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer. This year was a wonderful success at the community center. We enjoyed a higher participation level than we have seen in years. Many of the projects that we have had on the 'wish list' for a while have been completed. That is not to say there is not more to do. As with any facility, especially an aging one, there are always things that come up. This summer was no exception. During the hottest part of the summer, the air conditioning in the building decided that enough was enough. Luckily, we have been anticipating this for the last couple of years, so while it was an inconvenience, it was no real surprise and it was promptly taken care of.

Huge thanks go out to everyone who helped make this summer a success. From Fred Mistr and the lifeguards to Tucker Wright and the snack bar staff to Kelly Horner and the paint crew to everyone who shows for the cleanup days, etc., etc. It is truly heartwarming to see such an effort by so many come together and really get things accomplished. A special thanks to Margaret and Mike Harris for taking on the building rental and also to Kelly and Bob Horner for taking on the building maintenance positions on the board. Without these folks, things would surely have come to a grinding halt quickly.

Speaking of the board, it has been a great pleasure of mine to get to know and work with the fine people that have come together and served as your board of directors. These past few years have seen many challenges and many joys. I think that the board can pride itself on having been good stewards of your community, improving not only the grounds and facility, but also being fiscally responsible and proactive.

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With that said, it is time that I step aside and let someone else take over as president. Please know that this decision comes as I feel that the association is in good enough shape that I feel comfortable turning it over to someone else. Those of you that know me know that I would never push off problems onto another, but rather solve them first. I plan on remaining an active part of the community and will certainly help anyone who steps forward to take over this rewarding position.

Again, I can't say it enough – thank you to everyone.

John Benedict

## Town Hall Meeting

Mark your calanders!!!

The annual Town Hall Meeting will be

Sunday, November 9, 2008  
7:00pm at the Community center.

The 2009 budget and a new BGCA board will be voted on.

**BE THERE!!**

## The Party Place

The community center is hoppin' even though our pool season is over. If you're planning a fall or winter gathering with family and friends, consider renting our community center. The community center can seat about 80 and includes access to the kitchen with fridge, stove and microwave. The center is available for rent to members and non members. Member rental rates are: \$20.00 per hour or \$160.00 full day. Non-member rates are: \$60.00 per hour or \$300.00 full day. A \$200.00 security deposit is required.

Call the BG hotline at (804)272-9946 or email Margaret Harris (magritjane@verizon.net) to book your date and receive a rental agreement.

## Chili Cook Off and Campfire

Do you have the best Chili in Brighton Green??  
Well, it's time to put your Chili where your mouth is.

When: Saturday, November 8 6:00 – 9:00pm  
Where: BGCA Community Center

Hot Dogs and Chips for the kids and the weak of mouth.

## Positions Available

The following positions must be filled at the Town Hall meeting – if they are not filled, the services will not be available next year.

President  
Community Life  
Communications  
Grounds

## The Pool, 2008

The pool has been put to bed and the furniture stored to end the 2008 season. Thank you to the many volunteers who provided support for this event.

This season has seen many challenges, but thanks to our fine lifeguard staff, we have prevailed. Thank you lifeguards for your service and for a job well done.

Several critical projects were completed this year with the help of many volunteers. A companion water meter and line were installed to provide water to the pool without having to pay the sewage fee to Chesterfield County. This project has generated a payback in the range of 40% of cost in just this year, a very decent return on investment. In addition the long overdue replacement of the backwash discharge line was completed and is working extremely well.

Unforeseen expenses were a major impact on our 2008 budget. Pool chemical costs increased more than 20% year to year and \$2600.00 was required to replace the torn pool cover.

On the bright side of things the torn cover was at the end of its life expectancy and the \$2600 cost of a new cover was an excellent price for a cover of the size of ours. In addition we were able salvage enough

of the old cover to make a matching, fitted cover for the baby pool.

Lastly, I found six very nice chaise lounges that are a perfect match to the majority of our existing chaises. The lounges were on display in the "VIP Section" during our Labor Day luau. The chaises are warranted for five years and were purchased by me at the excellent price of \$40.00 each (too good to let go). Because of our constrained budget, it is hoped that we can find sponsors who are members and users of the BGCA Pool.

Some contributions/pledges have been received to date. Additional support will be greatly appreciated. Any surplus received will be dedicated to the future purchase of additional chairs and lounges.

Thank you all for your help, time and contributions toward making our pool the premiere pool in Chesterfield County.

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**BGCA Board Members**

President: John Benedict  
Secretary: Dana Buerkley  
Treasurer: James Springer  
Membership: Claudia Marshel  
Grounds: Joanne and Frank Einsmann  
Building Rental: Margaret Harris  
Building Maintenance: Kelly Horner  
Community Life: Jennifer LaRuffa  
Communications: Beth Maguire  
Swim Team Rep: Nanette Smith  
Angela Burroughs  
Pool Manager: Fred Mistr  
Web Master: Michael Prior

**BGCA Calendar**

**Nov 8 Chili Cook Off and Campfire 6:00 – 9:00pm**  
**Nov 9 Town Hall Meeting 7:00pm**

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