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Homeowners' Association Meeting set for October 18

President's Note...

Dear Neighbors,

I'd like to take this time to thank everyone that has been working hard to move our homeowners' association forward. In addition to our entire board, I'd also like to thank Tammie Epps for preparing our last three newsletters; Sonya Baker for welcoming all of our new neighbors; Kathy Hall for doing a fantastic job of cleaning our pool facilities and Scott Hodgins for continuing to update and improve our website. These homeowners have become active in assisting your board in getting things done. I can't thank them enough!

As promised last month, I now have the information about the annual homeowner's meeting and elections. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 18 at River Springs Elementary School's Mini Theater.

To update you on the current status of the board, I wanted to provide some historical perspective. In October 2003, our association held its first elections. At that time, Nathan Ballentine was elected to the Board for a three-year term and Greg Moody was elected to the Board for a two-year term. Both Nathan and Greg have resigned due to other commitments.

The Belfair Homeowner's Association bylaws allow current board members to appoint a resident to fulfill the term of a board member that resigns. At our August Board meeting, Anaya Mezsoros was appointed to fulfill Nathan's term. She will serve until that term expires in December 2006. Danny Lynch was appointed to fulfill Greg's term. He will serve until the term expires in December 2005.

Please join me in welcoming these two new Board members! We appreciate them stepping forward to volunteer to serve our community.

These additions to the board still leave the Board with two vacancies for three-year terms. The term will begin January 1, 2005 and end December 31, 2007.

If you are interested in running in the election for the Board, send 285 copies of an 8 ½ x 11 biographical sketch to Halcyon at 9600 Two Notch Road, Suite 5, Columbia, SC 29223 by September 20. The sketch should include qualifications and any other information you might want the residents to know about you.

Halcyon, our management company, will be sending an official mailing on September 27 notifying all residents of the annual meeting. The mailing will include information on candidates, our budget for next year and a permission slip to include your name in a neighborhood directory. Any questions, call Halcyon at 736-0394.

Also, in this mailing, there will be a proxy for you to allow a neighbor or one of our two outgoing Board members to cast your vote if you are unable to attend the annual meeting. Please plan to attend or vote by proxy. We would like to see as many residents at our annual meeting as possible. An active neighborhood shows unity and keeps property values up and crime down. Your involvement is important.

Whew! That was a lot of information. As always, I'm here to address any concerns you may have. You can contact me directly at 732-1233 or cwhill88@earthlink.net. If I'm not available, other members of our board are here to assist you.

Christie

Getting Ready for Fall

Give your garden a head start by tackling fall projects now. A special thanks to Anaya Mezsoros, landscape committee chairperson, for the following tips.

- Autumn is not merely a time to plant trees, grass and spring-blooming bulbs. It's also the time to "regroup" and fortify lawns and gardens in preparation for cool winter temperatures and spring blossoms.
- Divide spring and summer blooming plants. Remove dying annuals and dead branches or leaves from trees.
- Depending on a lawn's condition, it will benefit from aeration. After aerating and de-thatching, feed

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with a starter fertilizer that contains nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and iron. The rate and frequency of fertilizing depends on soil and grass types as well as manufacturer instructions.

- Autumn also is the time to sod or sow any patches of lawn that are bare or need repairing.
- Grub control should be applied to lawns in the fall to kill grub larvae before they mature. (Japanese Beetles etc...) And finally, apply a pre-emergent to warm-season grass to prevent weeds from popping up in the spring.
- The application of a pre-emergent is among the most important garden duties in the fall. If you can only fit two projects in this fall, apply a pre-emergent and a winterizer (fertilizer) to warm-season grass and re-seed and apply a starter fertilizer to fescue. The key is to re-establish a strong root base in the yard after the stress of a hot summer.

If you have a question regarding your dues for 2004 or if you have a covenant violation to report, please contact our management company at their office or via email.

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Cabana reservations? Call Nancy Fennel at 781-4340
or reserve online at www.belfair.ws

Neighborhood Directory

How many times have you needed a neighbor's contact information but didn't have it? We would like to help by publishing a neighborhood directory. A letter requesting your name, address, phone number and e-mail address will be included in an upcoming mailing from Halcyon.

If you would like to register for the directory online, go to our website at www.belfair.ws. After the directory is completed, it will be available online in this password protected area.

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Crime Watch



Deputy Whitt has been assigned as our new Community Action Team member from the Richland County Sheriff's Department. He will attend our October annual meeting and provide us with information about Crime Watch neighborhoods.

We plan to install Crime Watch signage throughout the neighborhood and then begin having quarterly meetings with Deputy Whitt to keep the lines of communication open about the happenings in our neighborhood.

Wes Harper, a resident, is currently chairing the Crime Watch committee but we would like to have designated block captains to assist in this effort. A block captain will represent eight to ten homes in the neighborhood, attend quarterly meetings and serve as a conduit for information pertinent to Crime Watch for their block.

In the past, block captains also have assisted Sonya Baker in welcoming new residents. Sonya will be contacting the previous block captains to see if they are still interested in participating. If you would like to volunteer to be a block captain, contact Sonya at 732-0260.

School is Back in Session

Just a few reminders:

- ◆ School starts at 7:50 am and ends at 2:40 pm. Drive more carefully and slower around these times. Watch out for children crossing the streets and waiting at bus stops.
- ◆ Please do not park or stop along Belfair Way near the trellis because it creates a traffic jam and can be dangerous.
- ◆ Ask your child to use the sidewalks. In addition to it being the safest route, the scrubs and trees near the trellis have been treated with chemicals and we would not want your child to come in contact with them.
- ◆ Ask your child not to hang on tree branches or trample scrubs. The landscaping that your dues pay to have maintained is being torn up.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

If you have purchased a home in the past 30 days and have not been contacted by the Welcome Wagon Committee, contact Sonya Baker at 732-0260 or Wendi Pesek at 407-7029.