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Don't forget Homeowners' Association Meeting on October 18

President's Note...

Dear Neighbors,

By now you have received a letter from Halcyon, our management company, 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. Please plan to attend or provide your proxy using the instructions in the letter. Remember, we need your participation.

As indicated in your mailing, our dues are budgeted to increase to \$345 for 2005. This is five percent increase over last year's which is allowed in the by-laws. At our upcoming meeting, we will discuss the reasons for the increase, as well as the budget. Join us so you can be more informed about what's going on in your neighborhood.

As always, I'm here to address any concerns you may have. You can contact me by phone at 732-1233 or by e-mail at cwhill88@earthlink.net. If I'm not available, other members of our board can to assist you.

Christie

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**

Crime Watch

Join us at the Homeowner's meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet Deputy Whitt, our Community Action Team member from the Richland County Sheriff's Department. He will provide us with information about Crime Watch neighborhoods.

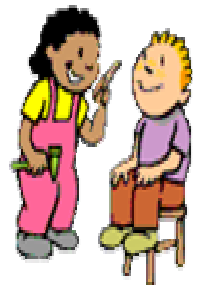
Wes Harper, a resident, is currently chairing the Crime Watch committee but we would like to have designated block captains to assist in this effort. A block captain will represent eight to ten homes in the neighborhood, attend quarterly meetings and serve as a conduit for information pertinent to Crime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

In the past, block captains also have assisted Sonya Baker in welcoming new residents. If you would like to volunteer to be a block captain, contact Sonya at 732-0260.

You are invited to join a Toddler/Preschool Playgroup

Have a toddler or preschooler at home?
Interested in interacting with other
neighborhood moms and kids?

Contact Heather Stalker at 732-2853 to
join a new neighborhood playgroup.
(Younger or older siblings are welcome to
tag along, too.)



ASPIRIN CAKE

Preheat oven 375*. Turn down TV. Remove toys from counter top. Measure 2 cups flour. Get baking powder. Remove Benjamin's hands from flour. Put flour, baking powder and salt into sifter. Vacuum mixture Jennifer spilled on the floor. Get an egg and answer the phone. Separate egg and warm Ben's bottle. Help Jennifer figure out a math problem (the calculator batteries are dead). Grease pan; salesman at the door. Take 1/4 inch of salt from greased pan. Look for Benjamin. Put mess in wastebasket, dishes in dishwasher. Call the bakery at Harris Teeter. (In our part of the country, it's Wal-mart, Publix or Bi-lo but you get the idea.) Take 2 aspirin.

Source: Bill F. Thomas --- Bethlehem Presbyterian, N.C. cookbook

A special thanks to Sonya Baker for providing this fun recipe. If you have a recipe to share, send it to Tammie Epps at repps2@sc.rr.com.

Belfair on the Web

Don't forget to register for the neighborhood directory online at www.belfair.ws. The password for the residents only section is "neighborhood."



Reminders:

◆October 31 is end of Daylight Savings time. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour. It's also a reminder to check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly and replace the batteries, if necessary.

◆Did you know that green trash cans are supposed to be out of sight when not being picked up on Thursday? This keeps the neighborhood looking nice so please remember to place them out of plain view. Many people keep them in the backyard, garage or on the side of your house. It doesn't matter as long as it isn't visible from the street.

◆As the chairman of the Architectural Review Board, I want to remind everyone that before you start any home project to get the proper approval from the ARB committee before starting your home project. If you start and/or complete a project without board approval it could create a problem for all concerned parties (homeowner, neighbors, committee members, board members, etc). So please call Halcyon (736-0394) to get an Architectural Review Form, so you can fill it out, send /fax it in and get the proper approval for that special project that will improve your quality of life and keep the value of everyone's property up.

Submitted by Danny Lynch, chair of ARB

◆Has the Hobgoblin visited you yet? The last couple of years around this time the Hobgoblin has visited our subdivision so don't be alarmed if he visits you. Hint: This is a good goblin that instructs the person he visits to provide anonymous treats to a neighbor. It's all in fun!

On their website, www.palmettohealth.com, Children's Hospital of Palmetto Health offers these tips from the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Midlands SAFE KIDS Coalition to help make this Halloween fun and safe:

- Make sure your child eats dinner before setting out.
- An adult should accompany children under age 12.
- Only visit homes with decorations, outdoor lighting and porch lights illuminated.
- Insist that children show you all their goodies before they sample them. Inspect candy for tampering.
- Never eat fruit, unwrapped items, or candy in its original wrapper.
- Instruct children never to enter a home unless accompanied by an adult. Remind children never to accept rides from strangers.

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- Remind children to always be polite; to say "thank you" when they receive treats; and to let little children go first.
- Drivers should go slowly all evening. Adult Halloween party-goers should have a designated driver.
- If you want to provide non-candy alternatives for trick-or-treaters, consider packages of crackers, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini-boxes of raisins and single-serve bags of chips or popcorn. Non-edible treats including pencils, stickers and erasers also are good alternatives.
- Have children wear costumes with light, bright colors that will be clearly visible to motorists; attach reflective tape to increase visibility at night. Make sure that costumes - including wigs, masks and beards - are flame resistant, and remind children to stay away from open flames from candles and jack-o-lanterns. Make sure that masks do not impair vision.
- Avoid costumes with big, baggy sleeves; billowing skirts; or long, dragging hems that could cause someone to trip. High-heels or oversized shoes also can cause accidents.
- Make sure that swords, knives and other props are made of flexible material and do not have sharp edges.
- Attach your child's name, phone number (including area code) and address inside your child's clothing in case the child gets separated from adults.
- Remove breakable items or obstacles such as tools, ladders and children's toys from your steps, walkways, lawn and porch. Keep jack-o-lanterns with candles away from landings or doorsteps where costumes might brush against the flame.

Home Sweet Home

The neighborhood would like to welcome:

Markus & Susan Tarkopuls, 5 Alverston Court
 Jeffery & Gretchen Westbrook, 201 Belfair Road
 Robert Puttick Jr., 208 Belfair Road
 Tim & Christy Derrick, 6 BeaconField Court
 Reese & Deborah Bentley, 6 Bilston Court
 Bridgette & Chip Craver, 8 Alverston Court

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.