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Spring is Here!

President's Note...

Dear Neighbors,

I'm so encouraged by our recent spirit of volunteerism! I'm proud to serve as the President of a neighborhood where residents take pride in their homes, yards and community. Recently, a homeowner told me that her mother drove through our neighborhood and commented on how well maintained our homes and yards were and what a great place this was to live. I truly believe that we have a great sense of community!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! I'd like to express a special thanks to our newest volunteers including:

- Wes Harper, Landscape chair, who will oversee our contracted landscaper, Garden of Eden
- Leslie Whitacre, Welcome Wagon chair
- Tim Ryan, Crime Watch chair
- Betsy Boykin, Holiday Decorations chair

Our Board is so pleased and thankful for these homeowners who are willing to step up and help out!

Thanks to our block captains for attending our first quarter meeting! Your support is greatly appreciated. The neighborhood block captains met at 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 28 at River Springs cafeteria. The Richland County Sheriff's Deputy came to the meeting to discuss crime and other issues in our region. The deputy assigned to our area Greg Witte, informed us that there haven't been any reported crimes in our area in the last few months. That's nice to hear but let's pay attention to our surroundings and remember to report any strange occurrences to our block captains.

Don't know who your block captain is? All the block captains were listed in the November 2004 issue of this newsletter. Look on our website for back issues. Find out who your block captain is and take a minute to introduce yourself. Block captains are responsible for reporting new resident move-ins, distributing the monthly newsletter and being a liaison to their block to answer questions or address issues. All residents are welcome to attend future meetings. We meet quarterly and will notify of our meeting in a future newsletter.

Anaya Meszoros has resigned from the Board. Anaya has been involved with the HOA since its inception. She was instrumental in starting the Block Captain program and she has been involved with the landscaping of our beautiful neighborhood from the beginning. She is truly an asset to our community but due to a new job and family matters she had to resign. Thank you Anaya for your past service. We wish you the best with your new endeavors.

Our by-laws state that the Board can appoint a replacement. In order to proceed, we would like to ask for volunteers. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact me. The Board meets once a month for about an hour or two. Each Board member is a liaison to a committee. Anaya's term goes through December 31, 2006. You can contact me about this or any other issues you may have at 732-1233 or cwhill88@earthlink.net.

Christie Hill

If you have a question regarding your dues 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. The password for the resident's only section of our website is *Belfairzone*.

Pool Opens May 1

The maintenance contract on our pool begins May 1 and ends September 30. The chlorine levels are not sufficient for swimming prior to May 1. Don't forget to schedule the cabana for your summer parties.



New Section of the Newsletter

Upon recommendation from our management company, the Board has decided to include a monthly announcement about one of our covenants in this newsletter to help inform our homeowners.

April's Covenant Reminder

The green trash bins and recycle bins must be stored out of sight of the front of your home. This means that homeowners need to store the bins in the garage or behind the house or behind the fenced backyard. The side of your home is not acceptable unless it is not visible from the street.

The county trash pick up takes place on Thursdays. Please put your trash out no earlier than Wednesday evening and please take the containers in no later than Thursday night (unless the County doesn't pick all of it up by Thursday night.)

Large items such as refrigerators, washing machines and dryers are picked up the 2nd whole week of the month. It is helpful to notify the county if you have a bulk pick up item so that they can put you on a pick-up list. Call the Richland County Ombudsman or All Waste Sanitation at 808-5099.

Have a SunSmart Summer

Being outdoors is a lot of fun, but too much sun can be bad for you. By respecting the sun, you can decrease your chances of developing one of the more than 900,000 cases of skin cancer diagnosed in the United States each year.

So, be SunSmart and follow these suggestions from the Palmetto Health South Carolina Cancer Center:

- Infant and adults with extra-sensitive skin should wear protective clothing whenever in the sun.
- Adults and children older than 6 months should wear sunscreen with a Skin Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Wearing sunglasses (99-100% UV block) and a hat with a brim will protect your eyes.
- Try to avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when rays are most intense.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, even on cloudy days. Re-apply after swimming and perspiring. Even waterproof sunscreens come off.
- Avoid unnecessary exposure to radiation through sunlamps and tanning parlors.

Source: www.palmettohealth.org

It's Time for a little Spring Cleaning

It's now time to begin getting your yard into shape for the summer. A special thanks to Wes Harper, our Landscape chair, for providing the following spring landscaping tips.

- Grub damage to turf can be best controlled by applying grub control products in April.
- Fertilizer on turf should be performed when the turf is at least 80-90 percent green. Apply fertilizer, water and do not mow for a week. This will prevent picking up fertilizer with bagging mowers and concentrating fertilizer in rows from non-bagging mowers.
- Applying fertilizer with atrazine will help control weeds in St. Augustine and Centipede turf. Follow directions on bag for proper fertilization and weed control.
- Spring flowers can be installed after the frost threat has passed.

Friendly Neighborhood Reminders

- Real estate signs, garage sale signs, etc. are allowed at the entrances and at intersections only on weekends. The signs can be put up after 12 noon on Friday and must be removed by 7 a.m. Monday morning.
- Richland County, as well as our neighborhood association, has rules about having animals roaming unleashed in the neighborhood. Please be courteous to your neighbors by keeping your pet leashed. Also, if you are walking your dog in the neighborhood, please dispose of your animal's waste. It is your responsibility to clean up behind your animal.

Home Sweet Home

The neighborhood would like to welcome:
Ann & Mike Derrick, 409 Hollenbeck Road
Anna & Randolph Bryson, 126 Huntingview Drive

If you have purchased a home in the past 30 days and have not been contacted by the Welcome Wagon Committee, contact Leslie Whitacre at 732-7445 or Wendi Pesek at 407-7029.

Special Thanks

Pack 312 would like to extend a special thanks to families in the Belfair Subdivision that contributed to the Boy Scouts' Scout for Food program. The troop was able to give 375 items to Sharing God's Love Mission.