

BALLENTINE CIVIC ASSOCIATION (BCA) - NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 2016

Summer is nearing the end and we hope one and all have had a thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable summer. We will resume our monthly Ballentine Civic Association meetings and the next one is at 6:30 PM on Monday September 12th, at the Ballentine Community Center. Our guest for this meeting is Kelly Jones, Manager of the Richland Library Ballentine, who will provide an update on the new library facility. The Art Director, Steven Olexa, as well as others with Richland County Library, are helping the Ballentine Civic Association design new "Welcome to Ballentine" signs to be placed at strategic locations. The BCA has also been offered four Ballentine road signs by DOT to be placed in different areas (areas still to be determined). We hope to see you there, and by all means bring a friend/neighbor.

While the BCA has not been conducting meetings we have endeavored to monitor activity in our community.

Nathan Ballentine has been working with Laura Nicholson, www.SChousing.com to try to determine if low income housing developments have or have not been approved for Ballentine. They were called "The Park and the Pointe". As of 8/17 we still did not have a final answer from Ms. Nicholson. We do know that a development of this type has been approved on Lake Murray Blvd. in Irmo "The Chinaberry" development.

A. J. Amick Road in Ballentine - There was a request to rezone 18 acres to low density which Richland County has already approved. It would have a maximum number of 65 houses allowed.

There are signs up going toward Chapin on Rt. 76 just past Rauch Metz Road about leases for stores etc. which seems to lead towards a strip shopping center going in there. If anyone has further information about this, please let someone from the Ballentine Civic Association know about it. 542-2419

There are also a number of activities ahead in the surrounding area that may be of interest to you:

- Sew Divine: A gathering of crafters (for adults) 6 – 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Library
- Book Bingo (for teens). Stop by and fill out a bingo card using the books on the shelves. Any card with BINGO gets a prize at the Library.
- Many more activities at our local branch library. Stop by and/or check out the website at: <http://www.richlandlibrary.com/locations/ballentine>
- **Cool Jazz On A Warm Summer Night, Music & Dancing** – Live Band Performance by Jazmatic, Saturday September 17th from 6pm – 8pm at the Ballentine Community Center. Tickets \$10 per person, and light refreshments will be served.
- Unlimited mulch for Richland County residents. \$10 a ton (BOGO) Mon-Fri: 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Sat: 7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Richland County C&D Landfill, 1070 Caughman Road North.

- REMEMBER ELECTIONS ARE ON NOVEMBER 8TH. Poll workers are desperately needed. If you know someone who would be interested please have them call Betsy at 803-576-1512 or by email at hille@rcgov.us.
- One of our Board members, Laura Parnell, has been in touch with DHEC about getting water samples evaluated from well water. The gentleman has agreed to come to our first meeting on 9/12 and talk about what the samples would show. He would like a head count so he can bring enough bottles to hand out to attendees at the meeting. Please let us know if you are interested in having your well water tested.

We look forward to see you September 12th.