



NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT May 2014

The Bad News...Wake Up Adderly Oaks and Millford Park residents...If you don't want Commercial Business across the street from Ballentine Elementary you better express your issues at this Irmo Town meeting. We stood up and won against the Low Income Housing project. But NOW the property owners want to Annex into Irmo so they can commercialize that zone any way they want. How would you like a Truck terminal, a cement factory or a warehouse distribution center? Who Knows what... but we know it WILL BE COMMERCIAL and Richland County won't be able to stop what ever Irmo allows. The property owners want to switch to Irmo because Richland County (with support from Bill Malinowski) want to keep it residential as most of us homeowners prefer. If this becomes Irmo property you totally lose control.

May 6th will be the Second reading of this Annexation and the 1st reading passed!

SECOND READING of Ordinance 14-05 to annex 4 parcels located in Richland County on the north side of Bickley Road between Wise Road and Broad River Road; TMS # 02500-Block 07-Lot(s) 17, 19, 21 and 22 will be May 6th.

Contact your HOA and BE THERE to prove to Irmo we don't want this to happen!

**THE IRMO TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, MAY 6TH,
2014 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 7300 WOODROW STREET**

**THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON A PETITION TO ANNEX 4
PARCELS AS SHOWN ON RICHLAND COUNTY TAX MAPS AS TMS #02500-BLOCK -07-LOTS 17, 19, 21, AND 22,
TO BE ZONED GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG), THESE PROPERTIES ARE
BORDERED ON THE SOUTH OF BICKLEY ROAD BY THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF
THE TOWN OF IRMO.**

LIBRARY UPDATE - Good News...Kelly Jones, Manager of Richland Library Ballentine, will be coming to speak at our May 5th meeting to discuss summer programs and events at the local libraries. Roberta Bibbins, the Library's Planning and Project Manger will be attending also to give us a progress report on the proposed new Ballentine library.

Update - Ballentine Park Improvements...Lighting has been improved and the Parking lots have been leveled out. Thanks to Executive Director Mr. James Brown of Richland County Recreation Commission part of our wishes have come true. He is currently working on his new fiscal budget and hopefully the improvement projects we requested at the January meeting will be included for funding. No new news to report on: **1.** Park signage on Bickley Rd. **2.** Add fencing to prevent driving into the walking path areas, **3.** Add a new entrance road to the Soccer fields. **4.** Pave the parking lot.

Our Councilman Bill Malinowski has researched information for possible funding of a new access road to the Soccer fields...let's hope it works out.

If anyone wants to help....write a letter or send an email to Executive Director Mr. James Brown of Richland County Recreation Commission (email james_brown@rcrc.state.sc.us) & Councilman Bill Malinowski (email malinowski@rcgov.us) to encourage them to follow through on getting these requests completed.

Ken Tallman, who has served as President and Vice President and a board member since 2002 will be leaving the area in August. He has been one of our most valued Members and will be sorely missed. Good luck for the future, Ken.

May 5th will be our last meeting of this session. The Ballentine Civic Association will resume in September 2014.

Regards, Les Tweed – President

CALENDER OF EVENTS

May 5th.....6:00 pm Board meeting BCA - last meeting until September
May 5th.....6:30 pm Community Meeting
May 11th.....Mother's Day
May 26th.....Memorial Day