

Dear Community-

The next General Membership meeting of the Ballentine – Dutch Fork Civic Association will begin at 6:30 pm on Monday April 6 at the Community Center in Ballentine Park. Our Featured Speaker this month will be Alan Torres of SCE&G who will give us a presentation of the proposed Nuclear Power Generators for the V.C. Summer Facility in Jenkinsville. The new Units, a joint venture between SCE&G and Santee Cooper, will come online in 2016 and 2019 to serve the projected increase in energy demand. This meeting is open to the public.

As part of its relicensing process for SCE&G's Saluda River Project (Lake Murray), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a scoping meeting at Saluda Shoals Park on April 8 at 9am and another at 6pm. Spread the word. We need to pack the house and be prepared to speak about what issues we want FERC to consider when they prepare the environmental assessment. **One very key aspect is the Water Level Management.** This directly affects the recreational use of the Lake, including the fish & wildlife habitat. It will also directly affect property values and the rights of property owners. For more information about the environmental impact call Steve Bell of Lake Watch at 803-730-8121.

Kids & Parents are excited as Spring Break for School District 5 will be from April 6-10. Watch out for children playing in the residential areas.

Don't forget that the filing deadline for State and Federal Income Taxes is April 15. You can run, but you can't hide.

I would like to take a moment to remind you that there is an increasing trend of auto break-ins/burglaries in our end of Richland County. Our neighbors in Lexington County are experiencing the same increase of this criminal activity. Don't leave valuables in your car! If you do see someone suspicious, please call 911.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department will be holding its annual Relay for Life Walk on April 24-25. More details will be posted on our website's Community Calendar as they become available.

Suggestions, comments, and input for our website are always welcome.

Let's enjoy the Spring!

Thank you,  
Ken Tallman  
BDFCA President