



# NEWSLETTER



## **Ballentine-Dutch Fork Civic Association**

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Hello everyone,

The BDFCA meeting for March will be a meeting of the Executive Board at the Ballentine Community Center on Monday March 2 at 6 pm (in accordance with our current bylaws). There will not be a General Membership meeting this month. Please note that the Board meetings are OPEN to all and we encourage you to attend!

I want to thank those who offered suggestions for program presentations for our future meetings. We are moving ahead on trying to schedule programs that will be of interest to our General Membership.

Following up on February's presentation of Project Life Saver to safeguard the "at-risk wanderers" in our Community who might wander away from their homes, I want to reiterate that this service is free to Richland County Residents. I ask that you join us in notifying our local churches and organizations in order to locate people who may be able to benefit from this service. For more information, please contact me.

Our State Representative Nathan Ballentine, has announced that he is implementing a "Keep Our Community Clean" program. He is asking that interested volunteers contact him. As more details become available, I will pass them along. You can keep up with all of Representative Ballentine's efforts on our behalf at his website at [nathansnews.com](http://nathansnews.com) or call his office at 734-2969.

I have been asked by several of our members about the possibility of scheduling the Richland County Sheriff's Department Women's Self-Defense course for our members. Cheryl Walter has offered to help coordinate this program. If you are interested, please contact her at [lakemurraygirl@earthlink.net](mailto:lakemurraygirl@earthlink.net) or leave a message at the BDFCA message line at 304-5100.

Our local CAT team officer, Corporal Amanda Jordan, is hosting a crime prevention class at the Ballentine Recreational Center at 6:30 on Thursday March 19 to highlight prevention tips for auto break ins and "spring time" crimes. Many of our Ballentine and Dutch Fork communities have experienced a recent increase in these crimes. I encourage everyone to mark your calendars to attend this great class and to have a fun time with your community!

Finally, I will close by thanking those who serve our community and by encouraging each of you to find a way in which you can help.

Thank you,  
Ken Tallman  
President, BDFCA