



NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT January 2015

To: BCA Members and Friends

Some thoughts for 2015. As we begin a new year together, let us reflect on where we are as an organization and highlight some projects we need to discuss and work on during 2015.

First, we build on the time and talents of the people who have led the Ballentine Civic Association in the past. Both Joan and Les Tweed have been the pillars of this organization for at least the past 15 years. We are grateful for their service to our community over the years. This year our meetings continue to be the first Monday of each month at the Ballentine Community Center on Bird Road just a short distance off of Bickley Road across from the Ballentine Elementary School.

I have been asked to serve as your President. Les Tweed will assume the VP chair and Joan Tweed continues in her role of Secretary. Rick Pascal, who has been promoted from Branch Manager but still maintains an office at Ballentine First Citizens, continues to be our Treasurer. We do have vacancies on our Board of Directors so if you would like to serve on the board please give me a call or speak to me at one of the meetings. The board always meets at 6:00 (30 minutes before our General Meeting). Laura Parnell, Linda Howard, and Clyde Moody will continue to serve on the Board during 2015.

The main role of the Ballentine Civic Association is to be a forum of ideas on improving our community. The attendance at our meetings greatly increases when we have HOT issues that come up. Many of us recall the days when we attempted to incorporate and become an official municipality. Meetings were standing room only. At most meetings our attendance varies from 15-30 people. We welcome all residents at our meetings. If you have an issue or concern, come and share it with us.

During 2015 here are some issues I would like to see discussed: (1) Improving the signage as you enter the Greater Ballentine Area; (2) Encouraging local residents to serve on County and State Boards that will benefit our community; (3) Inviting businesses in the Greater Ballentine Area to dialogue with us on their concerns; (4) Keeping informed of the new Ballentine Library; (5) Informing our residents of the activities at the Ballentine Community Center; (6) Recognizing the men and women of the Richland County Police and Fire Departments that serve in our area; (7) Having fun together as we count our blessings.

Come and join us on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 at the Ballentine Community Center!

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014

The Annual Christmas party held on 12/6 was a great success. We had many new community folks discover this wonderful, yearly event and all had a good time. Santa, as usual, was quite a hit with the kids. Please join us next year, you won't regret it.

THINGS TO DO!

- Free Fridays at Riverbanks Zoo in January and February for residents of Lexington and Richland counties with valid picture ID. 803.779.8717
- 1/1-1/19 Main St Ice Skating, 1515 Main St 'www.columbiasc.net/parks-recreation' 803-545-3100
- 1/4 SC State Museum, \$1 admission the first Sunday of the month
- 1/4, 11, 18, 25 Free Sundays at Columbia Museum of Art
1515 Main St. 803.799.2810, www.columbiamuseum.org
- 1/8-1/18 Restaurant Week Columbia, Dinner Only, special menus throughout the Midlands.
'www.restaurantweeksouthcarolina.com'. 803-765-9000
- Check out the Ballentine Library for their schedule of things to do there, as well as other library locations.
- there are always programs going on at the Ballentine Community Center. Don't sit home being bored, call 781-2031 to find out program schedules.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

January 5th 6:00 pm..... Ballentine Civic Association Board meeting
6:30 pm.....Community Meeting
January 19thMartin Luther King Day