



NEWSLETTER

Ballentine Dutch Fork Civic Association
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542-2419

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT January 2013

At the January 7th meeting, the 2013 Civic Association officers were elected.

- Les Tweed was elected President to step in for Phil Savage.
- Ken Colton was elected Vice President to take over for Ken Tallman.
- Rick Pascal remains as Treasurer and Joan Tweed stays on as Secretary. The Treasurer and Secretary positions do not have term limits. The President and Vice-President positions have a 2 year term limit.

Our thanks to both Ken & Phil, who have been great officers serving the Association admirably several times in past years. They provided quality leadership during their terms so we hope to have them back again some time in the future.

Our new V.P Ken Colton has been a long term, active member of the Association and he is very familiar with the needs of our community. We are lucky to have a man with his values and concerns for the community working as an officer of the B.D.F.C.A. I would like to say...Thank you, to Ken Colton for accepting the position.

The new President. - If you don't know, I'm Les Tweed and I have been an active member for the past 15 years as well as President or V.P for 11 of those years. I have been deeply involved in almost every activity of the B.D.F.C.A. during all 15 years of my membership. I enjoyed my break from my leadership role but I also feel honored to return as President. Thank you for allowing me to return.

Review...2012 was a pretty quiet year for the B.D.F.C.A. In our area crime wasn't a huge problem based on our Sheriff's Department C.A.T team reports. Weather was pretty normal. Zoning Issues didn't present us with any challenges. This means the outgoing leadership team is not passing on any real problems-in-the-works to the new leaders.

The annual Christmas Party was a great success and attended and thoroughly enjoyed by 82 plus people. We had a surprise visit from a special Santa Claus from the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Everyone had plenty to eat, children were ecstatic with their gifts from Santa, and many left happy with their door prizes. We hope many of you will attend next year, it is quite an event.

What is coming up for 2013 ? A new County? Birch County stands for Ballentine-Irmo-Chapin. Well, this is a subject that needs to be investigated. At this point we know nothing about the individuals or group that ran the ad in the Irmo news touting a movement to form a new "Birch County". The first job of the new leadership team will be to examine the pros and cons of such an ambitious venture. Secondly we need to relay the facts to our group. 3rd step...before we take any position on the matter we will gauge the interest of our membership group. Many of you should remember, Ken Colton, myself and many others in our community were heavily involved in bringing to vote whether Ballentine should become an incorporated town.

If you can't attend all of the monthly meetings at least pay attention to the next couple of newsletters to keep up on the Birch County project. I feel there will be an informational meeting coming up in the next couple of months that you won't want to miss.

Regards,
Les Tweed

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING OF THE BALLENTINE DUTCH FORK CIVIC ASSOCIATION:
February 4th – 6:30 pm Ballentine community Center

On Monday evening, February 4th at 6:30 PM, the Ballentine-Dutch Fork Civic Association will hold a general membership meeting at the Ballentine Community Center on Bird Road (Board Meeting at 6:00 PM). After an update from the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the discussion of any past business, we will hold a working meeting to discuss community issues.

If you have any questions, please call 542-2419. Hope to see you there! Reminder – invoices are payable at this time - for membership \$20.00 – please send to the above address.

Les Tweed, President - Ballentine-Dutch Fork Civic Association

The Ballentine Post Office will remain open with hours from 9:00 am 4:00 pm – lunch 1:00-2:00 pm. Saturdays they will be open from 9:00 – 10:00 am

BALLENTINE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS – call 781-2031

There are many exciting things happening at YOUR community center. Call the above number to sign up for some of the varied programs.

The Ballentine Link Library also has ongoing events. Check the library website or stop in and see for yourself.