



NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT March 2014

Update -Ballentine Park Improvements.. The January meeting started the ball rolling on a number of issues concerning the Ballentine Park facilities. In attendance were Executive Director Mr. James Brown of Richland County Recreation Commission, Bill Malinowski, Nathan Ballentine and Todd Latiff, a Richland County Parks Commissioner. The Civic Association and members in attendance expressed the need for; **1.** A good sign on Bickley Rd. for the Park, **2.** Improved Lighting in the Parking lot, **3.** Added fencing to block cars from driving into the walking path areas, **4.** Trying to add a new entrance road to the Soccer fields to stop the traffic passing in front of the Recreation building. **5.** Pave the parking lot. Our Councilman Bill Malinowski researched information for possible funding avenues for some of these projected projects. It is good that we are making progress and all of us are working as a team.

Come again...Attend our March 3rd meeting to hear the results of Councilman Bill Malinowski's funding ideas. YOU..."the community"...demonstrated your support of these projects in January and we still need voices to advance our goals for improvements.

Lake Murray Marina...representative Tammy Wright discussed changes in the boat dock configuration last month. She told us about a reduction in the total slip count that resulted because of an increase in the length of a number of slips. The Marina is increasing their capacity to dock more large vessels. Tammy will also be attending the March 3rd meeting to address fuel storage concerns raised last month. Beacon Point & Watershire residents and area lake residents should pass this information on to their neighbors to encourage them to attend this meeting.

Road widening...starts in 2 weeks! That is the statement I would like to make for Rt.76 some day. The fact is there are no plans at present to widen the two lane section of Dutch Fork Rd. out to Chapin. We want to open the door to that possibility. Because it will take along time to even get it on the drawing boards, people want to get started NOW. Nathan Ballentine has been invited to the March meeting in an effort to take our first of many steps to a wider four lane road Ballentine to Chapin. Who knows...if we push on our end maybe Chapin folks will start pushing on their end. Think positive...that's why we voted the 1% transportation tax in. Bill Malinowski will be at the meeting for update us on this issue.

Update - Civic Association Audit...has been completed. At our February meeting the results of an audit was revealed. Gene Biernaski told us the project went very well. He found NO financial discrepancies. Rick Pascal is taking good care of the Association's funds. Gene did suggest we improve our record keeping system. This, of course, is very good news because we haven't done this in a long time. Thank you Rick & Gene for a job well done.

Regards, Les Tweed – President

Ballentine Community Center - call 781-2031 to find out all the great things to do over there now. Cooking class on March 8th at 10:00 \$25.00 cost includes good eats..