



# NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT November 2014

**Some success...**after meeting with them on 9/10, we received the e-mail below pertaining to our request to remove Ballentine from a "priority investment" area for growth & a possible Transportation Hub. We still need people to attend the upcoming meeting on November 5th at 1:00 pm but below is basically a progress report.

They still want to encourage "investments" here so we need to tell them what kind of growth we consider "positive" growth in our minds. Read the e-mail...come to the meetings & SPEAK YOUR MIND, and I mean now before it is too late.

Example...Without road widening any "good growth" will be over shadowed by congestion frustration.

Email from;

Tracy Hegler, AICP Planning Director, Richland County Planning & Development Services (803)576-2168 [heglert@rcgov.us](mailto:heglert@rcgov.us)

Hi, Ms. Tweed

The Planning Commission will be going page by page in the Comp Plan to make recommended edits or changes. They may vote on individual items they want to see changed, like a particular policy, but they will NOT be making a recommendation of adoption of the plan. That will come in December.

I strongly encourage you to attend both meetings, if you can. The meeting in November will be mostly for observance of what the Planning Commission may change. The December 1 meeting would be the opportunity for you to speak in support of (or against) the Comp Plan.

Also, please note that **we have removed the language about the transit hub from the Priority Investment Area near you**. It has been refined to read as follows:

**Ballentine at Dutch Fork Road, Marina Road, and Broad River Road.**

Commercial node in Northwestern Richland County.

Area has existing commercial development, and is identified as a Neighborhood Activity Center. The intent is to provide neighborhood serving commercial uses, but to limit development to neighborhood serving uses to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow from surrounding neighborhoods. Investments could include necessary infrastructure, streetscape improvements, signage, and lighting.

Thanks for checking in and let me know if I can help in anyway. Tracy Hegler

Your reply & our message to Richland County Planning & Development Services on the subject "Commercial node in Northwestern Richland County "priority investment" should be strongly delivered as **NO Priority Investment Area designation without or before Roads Investment!!**

If you can't attend meetings at least call or email your concerns to [Tracy Hegler](#) (her contact info is listed above)

We need more people to attend their November & December meetings to demand that plans for more growth and business expansion **must** include road widening. They need to coordinate business growth with the Dept of Transportation road improvements. Until our local roads become 4 lanes, (Rt 76 Irmo to Chapin, Bickley Rd., Rt 176 & Rt 6 to the Dam) how can you not want to contest the "priority investment" area designation plan. The Ballentine Civic Association can't win this battle without YOU. Please pass this information on to anyone you know in Adderly Oaks or Millford Park. I don't think they are getting the message.

**More Success...**Thanks to your Ballentine Civic Association's (mostly Joan) involvement...Ballentine Park Community Center parking lot WILL be paved. So let's reflect on the progress: 1. We asked for fencing & we got it. 2. We asked for lighting, we got it. 3. We are still working on the side road to divert Soccer traffic away from the Community building...but that project IS looking good & moving forward.

**Attendance is important.** The Oct 2nd meeting had decent attendance proving that there are still a number of residents interested in community issues & concerns. Our Richland County Council Representative Bill Malinowski also attended to keep us updated on county progress. Having people come together, listen to current news for your neighborhood, hear what Bill has to say, all proves to him...we are concerned citizens and we really care about the decisions the county wants to make about our community.

The Ballentine Civic Association meetings are open to anyone. Please invite friends and neighbors and anyone else you think might be interested in our community. Our quality of life is at stake.

## **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH -**

### CALENDER OF EVENTS

November 3rd 6:00 pm..... Ballentine Civic Association Board meeting  
6:30 pm.....Community Meeting  
November 4th .....VOTING ALL DAY  
November 27th.....Thanksgiving  
December 6th 11:30-2:00 pm....BALLENTINE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY