



NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT Sept 2014

Well it's time to get back to our Civic duties of meeting to discuss the issues confronting our community. I hope your summer went well and you're are willing to come join us at the September 8th meeting at 6:30. These meetings are open to anyone. Please invite friends and neighbors and anyone else you think might be interested in our community. Let me update you.

The Bad News... at the May 6th Irmo council meeting about annexing 4 parcels located in Richland County on the north side of Bickley Road between Wise Road and Broad River Road; TMS # 02500-Block 07-Lot(s) 17, 19, 21 and 22 ...that was approved. No one from Adderly Oaks or Millford Park even showed up to contest the annexation. People "say" they don't want Irmo to take control of this area but even when they were given opportunity to object...they didn't. Adderly Oaks & Millford Park residents...If you didn't want Commercial Business across the street from Ballentine Elementary you missed your chance to express your opposition to Irmo Town Council. Remember the property owners want to Annex into Irmo so they can commercialize that zone any way they want. How would you like a Truck terminal, a cement factory or a warehouse distribution center? Who Knows what... but we know it this has become Irmo property - you totally lost control. I wonder why your HOA was not involved.

BALLENTINE LIBRARY UPDATE - News... on the proposed new Ballentine library. There are going to be community meetings on 9/10 at 6:00 pm - 9/11 at 11:00 am and 9/11 at 4:00 pm. Please try to attend one of these meetings to express your interests. The sooner they get information, the quicker we get our new library.

Update - Ballentine Park Improvements...Lighting has been improved and the parking lots have been leveled out. Fencing has been put up around the walking paths to increase safety and keep people from driving and parking in that part of the park. Thanks to Executive Director Mr. James Brown of Richland County Recreation Commission part of our wishes have come true. Our Councilman Bill Malinowski has researched information and has been advised that approvals were received to move forward with a new road as a separate entrance to the soccer/football parking area at the Center. Mr. Brown is working on information about paving the parking lot.

There are many programs/classes going on at Ballentine Community Center. It is worth checking out. Call Charlene at 781-2031. A cooking class is scheduled for September 13th at 10:00 am. Cost \$25.00 ages 10+.

Richland County has been holding Community Open Houses for people to learn about the Plan that has been created for the future of Richland County. Come and share your thoughts on their recommendations and talk one-on-one with the planning team. This is the last opportunity for the people of Richland County to express their views before the Plan is considered for adoption. Come and review the draft Comprehensive Plan Update. The meeting closest to us is on September 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Dutch Fork Middle School (cafeteria), 1528 Old Tamah Road, Irmo, SC 29063.

Many people in this area constantly complain about rampant, uncontrolled growth, too many houses going up, developers not respecting the land/trees, etc. BUT, PEOPLE DON'T COME TO MEETINGS TO TRY TO IMPROVE OR CHANGE WHAT IS HAPPENING! It is easy to sit in our easy chairs and second guess everyone else's decisions but it doesn't help matters any. STOP COMPLAINING AND START DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT! One way is to join the Ballentine Civic Association to keep informed about local news. Please also attend the above referenced Community Open House on September 10th.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

September 8th 6:00 pm..... Ballentine Civic Association Board meeting
6:30 pm.....Community Meeting
September 10th 6:30 pm.....Richland County Community Open House
September 10th and 11th.....Ballentine Library Meetings - see above for times
October 6th 6:00 pm.....Ballentine Civic Association Board Meeting
6:30 pm.....Community Meeting

The Annual Christmas party has been scheduled for December 6th. More information will follow.

BCA INVOICE CALENDAR YEAR 2014/2015

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The calendar year for the Ballentine Civic Association dues is now running from September through May.. If you still wish to be a part of this important community Association, **please send \$20.00 for a membership** to the above address. This payment entitles you to a family membership on any pertinent issues that come before the Ballentine Civic Association. This is a bargain to be kept informed of community issues. The money also helps to support area charities.

Upcoming events: The annual Ballentine Community Christmas Party. We hope you will be able to participate. Our meetings are held the first Monday of each month at Ballentine Park beginning at 6:30 pm.