

THE BECKETT'S RIDGE *buzz*

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Neighborhood News

Menda Spell of Woodbury Drive reports on the Kid Yard Sale that was held Saturday June 2nd.

The kid yard sale achieved moderate success, probably attributable to all the rain we had on Friday and into the night. Traffic was very light on the highway that morning so it was relatively quiet, but we did get some customers (even some of the construction workers). My son sold a little over \$50 worth of stuff. I assume people were slow getting out and around due to Friday's weather. We would like to try it again. One of the responses that I received was interest in doing a total neighborhood yard sale for both kids and adults. With the recent flurry of activity winding up school and spring baseball, I haven't had a chance to follow up about trying to do another one. She is a self-professed garage sale professional and claims the best time to do these is in the hot weather.

If there is interest in a neighborhood yard sale, please contact Menda Spell at mendas@nortelnetworks.com or post your interest on the member forum.

Centex Update

The sales office reports that 40 lots are left for sale in this 217 home subdivision. Some of the lots along the railroad tracks and catchment basin have a negative premium. Several homes will close this summer. The base price of some homes has recently increased - again! It is expected that the subdivision will continue to stay on the projected final build-out date of one more year.

In the last newsletter, it was reported that the bridge connecting us to Old 86 was to be completed in the spring. Due to several issues, this has not been the case. At last check, bids for paving the road and bridge were submitted and a company was recently selected for the job. Weather permitting, work should be underway.

Centex reports that they will not be associated with the development of the area between the Wildwood and Beckett's Ridge subdivisions. The proposed development will be a 71 lot single family residential subdivision called the Summit. Some clearing of that area has already begun.

Classified

Cleaning out the garage? Post your sale items or announce your garage sale! We are all new here and many of us are first time homebuyers so we could use some of this stuff! Services needed and offered can also be posted. E-mail a description of your item and contact information to brbuzz@nc.rr.com.

We are looking for a responsible person to look after our 2½ year old daughter. We need couple time and would like someone to care for our girl 2 weekends per month for about 5 hours each time. If you are interested in this babysitting opportunity please call George or Gillian at 644-1543 or e-mail us at us@geberle.com. Thanks!

My name is Matt Baxter. I specialize in pet-sitting. I can feed, water, walk and give TLC to your pet while you are away. I also do yard work like mowing and raking and can wash your car. I have been helping people out in the neighborhood for a while now. I am reliable and dependable. References available upon request. Please call me at 245-0177.

It's Time To Pressure Wash And Seal Your Deck! I will pressure wash and seal your deck for \$200.00. Call George at 644-1543.

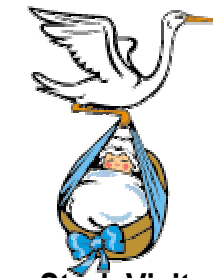
Need a web site? Let George do one for you. Rates start at \$150.00. General computer repair and tutoring is also available. Call 644-1544.

If you have a teenager who is interested in babysitting occasionally, please give us a call at 644-2640. We have 3 children ages 3, 8, and 11. Thanks, David and Cindy Pratt

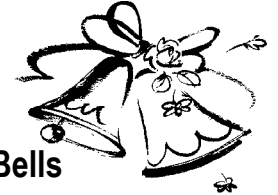
My name is Dave Ross and I teach for Orange County Schools at their year round school. The program is located at Hillsborough Elementary School. This is a school of choice that is part of the public school system. There are a couple of families living in Beckett's Ridge who have children involved in the program. If you would like information about this concept and its schedule, contact me at RosD4@netscape.net or at 245-3707.

Referrals

Know a good electrician, carpenter, plumber, dog sitter, lawn care company or are you offering your services? Many of us are now doing those extra improvements that make a house a home and don't know where to turn for a dependable resource. Let us know about your experience and provide the details. We will post it here quarterly!



Stork Visits



Wedding Bells

Sharyl Junge and Michael Cole of 2310 Oakhurst Trail were married June 23 in Henrietta, NY.

Gretchen and Scott LaNier of Woodbury Drive are proud parents of a new daughter, Elizabeth Scott LaNier, born May 30th. At birth, Elizabeth weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

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Comments and/or submittals can be sent to brbuzz@nc.rr.com or to Beckett's Ridge Buzz, 902 Kennesaw Court, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

Around Town

There has been recent activity regarding the two proposed developments in Hillsborough. Some recent articles about Hampton Pointe are posted on the web site. One recent article in the *News and Observer* printed June 22, 2001 that may not yet be posted on the web site is that due to a legal error during the last public hearing about Hampton Pointe, a new public hearing must be held. This hearing is scheduled for July 24, 2001. This could delay the vote several more months.

A neighbor contacted me last week about Hampton Pointe. He has a black and white copy of what the proposed development will look like. Instead of attaching this to the newsletter, he was referred to the webmaster for possibly posting that online.

In addition, at the last town meeting, Hillsborough voted to raise taxes and water rates. Taxes are now 60¢ per \$100 property value. Water rates have increased by 13%. Indications were made that further increases in water rates will occur later this year and possibly next year.

Yard Tip

Taken from *Stateline Yard & Garden* news, University of Illinois Extension, June 11, 1998.

Probably the best way to prepare lawns for hot weather is to mow higher. Mow at heights around three inches. If in doubt, set the mower as high as it will go. Grass maintained at a higher height of cut usually develops deeper roots and dries out slower than closely mowed turf.

Watering has a major impact on lawns during hot weather. Decide now whether to water all summer as needed to keep lawns green or let lawns go dormant. Do not let lawns turn brown and then decide to water them back to a green condition, then allow it to turn brown again. This depletes energy reserves and stresses the plant.

Social Hour Anyone?

Amy Newton is interested in starting a Beckett's Ridge Social Committee to plan socials, neighborhood yard sales, holiday activities, etc. She has also posted a notice on the Beckett's Ridge web site. Her E-mail address is amy@paulnewton.com and phone number is 245-3623.

Some who attended last year's block party signed up for a neighborhood directory. At that time, there were 30 entries. Since the neighborhood has grown so much, Amy Newton has offered to work more on a neighborhood directory. Please contact her at the E-mail or telephone number listed above or through the member forums on the web site.

Jennifer Brinckerhoff is interested in forming a playgroup for women and their children that live at Beckett's Ridge. Her and her husband just moved here from Greensboro and they do not know many people in the Hillsborough/Chapel Hill area. She would like to meet with other mom's who stay at home with their kids. If you are interested in forming a group or there is a group like this already please contact Jennifer at jbrinckerhoff@hotmail.com.

We still need volunteers to head up this year's block party. The new tot lot on Woodbury has been suggested as a location since it is a large area. If you are interested, E-mail brbuzz@nc.rr.com or contact Amy Newton who is interested in forming a group for social events.

Time To...

Check your Centex maintenance schedule for this quarter's maintenance tasks. Summer is here and that means heat, bugs and snakes. Be sure to stock up on first aid supplies and have emergency contact numbers available in case of problems.

HOA Announcements

Pamela Andrejev is no longer with Charleston Management Corporation. President Brian Wessler is the current point of contact for the subdivision until a replacement is specified. His E-mail address is bwessler@charlestonmgmt.com. Additionally, their web site has been taken offline.

Brian reports that the residents get control of the association upon 75% occupancy. Currently, his figures indicate that 125 homes are now occupied out of the 163 necessary for transfer of ownership. This transfer will be discussed at the next annual meeting.

Some residents have inquired about stop signs or speed bumps to control speeding along our roads. Charleston Management does not handle these decisions. The Town would need to be petitioned for the addition of stop signs and more speed limit signs. Brian mentioned that out of all the developments his company manages, rarely are speed bumps approved for installation.

A memorandum has been prepared regarding the pool issue. As previously mentioned, costs will vary depending on the design. Centex has reported that while it still has the majority vote in the subdivision, they will not support a pool. Furthermore, they have indicated that no more lots are available for donation. There are some lots, however, that have a negative premium that could be potentially be bought. It would be beneficial to find out everyone who is seriously interested in investigating this further. The setback to many of us will be the initial amount necessary for the process. Brian estimates that each home would have a special assessment of approximately \$1,200 - \$1,400 for one or two years. This could be spread out if a loan is granted, but then there is interest. A resident has offered to prepare a survey about the pool outlining the details. Charleston Management will handle the mailing. Look for a survey coming late July.

Charleston Management also wishes to remind everyone to review the architectural guidelines to ensure your project does not violate the established criteria. Also remember that once the association is turned over to the residents, these guidelines can be modified to relax, enhance, omit or add criteria.

The Recipe

This issue features a recipe from Dave Ross appropriate for summer grilling!

Grilled Apple Chicken

8 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
12 oz. Can of apple juice concentrate
1/3 cup honey
2 T. lemon juice
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 t. cinnamon
3 Granny Smith apples, sliced in rings

In a small saucepan, combine apple juice concentrate, honey, lemon juice and cinnamon. Mix well for basting. Set aside some extra sauce for serving. Arrange apple rings on the grill and brush with basting sauce. Grill for 8 minutes, basting often. Trim chicken breasts for grilling as necessary. Place chicken breasts on the grill for 5 minutes, basting often. Turn chicken over and continue to baste. Grill for 5 - 7 minutes or until internal juices run clear. Temperature should read 170°F. Serve chicken and apples with reserved sauce. Discard leftover basting sauce. Sorry, no nutritional information available.

Special thanks to Karen Pendergast, Lori Slack and Menda Spell for their recipe submittals. These will be incorporated into future newsletters.