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Beckett's Ridge HOA Board Members

Charleston Management hosted the Beckett's Ridge Home Owners Association (HOA) transitional meeting on January 14, 2002. The attending residents selected a seven member board from several nominees as presented below. Meet our new board!



President - Paul Newton

Paul is a supervisor and network engineer for LabCorp in RTP. Paul and wife Amy moved from Raleigh in 2000 with their two cocker spaniels, Mattie and Daisy, and a tabby cat named Roman.



Vice President - Pamela L.A. Barkett Communications Committee

Pamela relocated from Maryland to North Carolina in 2001. She is employed at UNC Chapel Hill and lives with her husband Jake and two cats. She has five grown children and two grandchildren.

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Secretary - Terri Bescher

As many of you know, Terri works for Centex in the sales office. She is currently located at a new Centex development off Farrington Road. Terri has offered to take over Rick Freeman's position as Secretary for the remainder of the term.



Treasurer - Ira Simon

Ira is the Director of Dining Services for UNC. He resides with his wife Trish. His son Josh is currently a freshman at the University of Alabama.

HOA Board News



We have all noticed how narrow our streets are in Beckett's Ridge. At times, it is impossible to get where you are going because of a parked car or because of some other construction related vehicle is taking up the entire road. To compound the problem, our community's lack of sidewalks on all streets means that often, in addition to vehicular traffic, there is also pedestrian traffic in the streets. Finally, and to add insult to injury, many of our streets are also long and straight which seems to promote speeding and stop sign running. Combined or individually, these items could possibly result in someone getting injured.

The HOA would like to ask that all residents please abide by the following guidelines:

- Only park on the side of the street when your driveway is at capacity.
- Please ask your guests to park in your driveway.
- Please come to a complete stop at all stop signs.
- Please abide by the 25 mph speed limit.

Ultimately, it is the desire of the HOA Board of Directors for our entire community to work together in order to minimize the safety risks associated with our neighborhood's long and narrow roads and its lack of sidewalks on some streets. By working together on these items, we will help ensure that Beckett's Ridge is not only the most aesthetically pleasing neighborhood, but the safest as well.

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About Charleston Management

Do you know who to contact when there is a problem? Do you have a question regarding the neighborhood and you are not sure who to ask? Charleston Management is our property management company and can answer all of your questions. If they don't know, they will find out and call you back! Charleston Management's number is (919) 847-3003.

Charleston Management was formed in 1993 by Owner/President Brian Wessler. Charleston Management deals exclusively in the management of associations and their facilities. Continuous streamlining and use of new technology has resulted in steady growth and long term relationships. Our staff provides efficient and personal service which is accomplished by limiting the number of employees handling each property.

MISSION STATEMENT - The goal of Charleston Management is to determine the needs of each association and service them in a manner that is hassle free to Board Members, owners, and tenants. This goal is achieved through a thorough understanding of the word 'service' and all that it implies. Superior service is provided through maintaining a small account load, excellent communication and personal attention.

Services included in contract are: Bookkeeping, Collection of Dues, Make Deposits of Association Moneys, Payment of all Association Bills, Monthly Invoicing of Delinquent Accounts, Prepare Annual Budget for Review by Board, Coordinate Service Contracts, Oversee Sub-Contractor Work, Attend Quarterly Board Meetings and Annual Homeowners Meeting, Interface with Board and Committees as Needed, Monthly property inspections, 24 Hour On Call Emergency Service.



Scenes from the Summer Social on June 29, 2002 at Camp New Hope. About 50 showed up for food, games and swimming!

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Plastic bags from the grocery store make great gloves! ... especially for dog owners! When walking your dog, please be considerate of your neighbors by picking up after your dog. No one likes to find "care packages" in their front lawn.

In upcoming meetings, the Board will be working on next year's annual budget. Electricity, landscaping and legal fees have increased over the year which may result in an increase in dues. Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 2003.

Social Committee Report

The BR Social Committee is dedicated to planning neighborhood events to make our neighborhood more cohesive. The Committee has already sponsored two FallFests, a community yard sale, Last Friday's and this year, our first summer event called Summer Social. The third annual FallFest is in the works and promises to be bigger and better than ever before! More information is in this newsletter and the location will be announced in a separate reminder flyer.

The FallFest will provide a great opportunity to collect ideas about other social events desired in the neighborhood. Look for the "idea" box at the event. We need your input!

T-shirts! The Social Committee is collecting information about printing T-shirts bearing our subdivision name. If you have an idea for a logo and/or a neighborhood slogan, please submit to brbuzz@nc.rr.com by October 12, 2002.

\$125!

The fine drivers have been charged for even "rolling" through stop signs in our neighborhood.

Resident Directory

The Social Committee has taken the task of collecting data for the neighborhood directory. Since the neighborhood is almost built out, we now have forms for each resident to complete, if desired. All information is not required, but requested. Once again, we will try to gather information at this year's FallFest to minimize door to door activity. After FallFest, one or two members of the committee may be coming to your door to ask your participation and gather data for the directory, if not yet in our files. The final product will be in electronic and hardcopy form. We encourage distribution in electronic format to save printing costs.

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Check it out!!**

Beckett's Ridge Neighborhood
**FallFest with a
Halloween Twist!!**
Saturday October 19, 2002 2 PM – 6 PM
Location to Be Announced
More Detail to Follow in a Subsequent Mailing

WEAR COSTUMES!!!

~The Menu~
Pork Barbecue
Fried and Barbecued Chicken
Hot Dogs
Cole Slaw
Rolls
Non Alcoholic Drinks (tea or punch)

The following is appreciated:
Last Name Ending A – M: Side Dish
Last Name Ending in N – Z: Dessert

~The Fun~
All contests involve door prizes!

Pet Costume Parade
12 Noon before the party
meeting location tba

Pumpkin Carving Contest
Kids and Adults!
Bring your carved (or decorated) pumpkin by 2:30 PM
for display and judging by all!

Best Dessert Contest
Have desserts available by 3 PM
All attendees will be able to vote

Team Trivia Contest
5 categories, 10 questions each

Best Costume Contest

Miscellaneous games, mini-pumpkin painting & kid entertainment!

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Dana Risely
Architectural Review Committee
Dana resides with wife Marianne, daughter Sarah and their two dogs Nikki and Baron. He is employed by Duke University in the Information Technology field.



Sergio Rabinovich, Jr.
Architectural Review Committee Chair
Sergio works in the Emergency Department at UNC hospitals in Chapel Hill. He lives with wife Holly and son Sergi.



Brad Williams
**Architectural Review Committee
Communications Committee**
Brad and wife Wendy Novicenskie were recently married. He works for IBM in Research Triangle Park.

Water Restrictions

We are still on Stage V water restrictions. The Town of Hillsborough has reservoir levels and water conservation measures on their web site at www.ci.hillsborough.nc.us. Before you put water down the drain from the dog dish or the pot that was just rinsed out, think about how it could be used again. Don't your plants need watering? Don't take our water for granted!

Our Sewer System

Not much thought is given as to where our wastewater goes. It goes into an underground infrastructure called a collection system that must transport it to the treatment plant without escaping. Often times, things we unintentionally or purposely put into the sewer system cause blockages where waste can not reach the treatment plant such as grease, paper towels, rags and sanitary products. These sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) are unhealthy, illegal and it costs taxpayer money to clean and restore. Please dispose of grease, paper towels and sanitary products in the trash can and not the collection system. If you see an overflowing manhole or an alarm at a pump station, please contact the Town of Hillsborough immediately!



Around Town

The Heartland Steakhouse is now open! The Executive Chef describes the restaurant setting as casual elegance. Residents say the food is very good and the looks are classy. The restaurant has a separate banquet room and bar area.

Southern Living at Home

Now you can bring the pages of Southern Living to life in a relaxed, fun filled environment you'll love. The merchandise you'll find in the catalog mirrors the look of the Southern Living magazine-those special touches that make a house a home. Great benefits for hosting a party and for customers as well. Call Wendy Burns at 644-0780 or E-mail at burnsfam@mindspring.com to learn more about hosting a party and to obtain a catalog.

Mothers & More Durham/Orange Chapter

A new chapter of Mothers & More, a non-profit organization supporting "sequencing" mothers (mothers who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home), has been formed in our area. The Durham/Orange Chapter of Mothers & More meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month at Sunrise Church on New Hope Church Road at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held without children to allow moms a night out to meet socially with other "sequencing" moms. Please contact Kelly Helner at khelner@hotmail.com or 245-1767 for more information.

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Scrapbooking Club

If anyone is interested in a neighborhood scrapbooking club, please E-mail Dina at dina64@aol.com.

Beckett's Ridge Book Club

Second Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m. If anyone would like to join or has any questions, please contact Winnie Reaves at 643-2578. Everyone is invited to attend.

Babysitter(s) Wanted

Beckett's Ridge family seeking warm-hearted babysitters for our 1 year old girl. Either full-time or part-time. If interested call Susan at 643-2542.