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Stop Signs

As more and more folks have discovered that Beckett's Ridge Drive is the only connector between Old and New 86 (aside from I-85), the traffic along Beckett's Ridge Drive continues to increase. When this fact is combined with the fact that our neighborhood streets are long and narrow, issues of safety and quality of life are raised.

The Hillsborough Town Board has recently ruled that it plans to allow all traffic from the proposed Waterstone development (or whatever eventually is developed on the same land) to empty out at our back entrance at Beckett's Ridge Drive, so the thru-traffic in our community is only poised to get worse.

Today, the number of reports to the HOA regarding run-down street signs, hit mailboxes, stop sign running, and speeding has forced the Board of Directors to look into pro-active measures by which traffic in our community can be calmed.

In the last newsletter, the HOA Board asked you what options

HOA BOARD NOTES

to calm traffic you would like (Stop Signs, Speed Bumps, Lower Speed Limit, etc.). One of the most requested solutions was adding additional stop signs. As a result, the HOA Board of Directors asked the Town of Hillsborough to install three additional three-way stops along Beckett's Ridge Drive in an effort to address the aforementioned safety concerns.

Three new three-way stops have been installed at the following intersections along Beckett's Ridge Drive:

- Beckett's Ridge Drive at Kennesaw Court
- Beckett's Ridge Drive at Savannah Court
- Beckett's Ridge Drive at Scottsburg Trail

It is the HOA Board of Directors' desire that these additions will help address some of the concerns regarding traffic safety in our community. As always, the HOA Board welcomes any comments or additional suggestions that can be implemented in order to make things better in our community.

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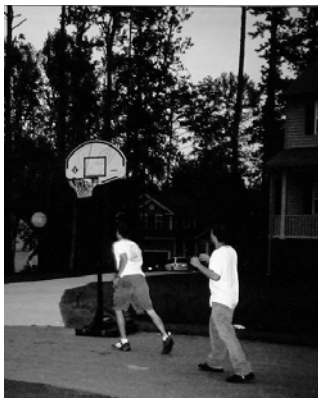
Next Board Meeting
Wednesday
June 16, 2003
7:00pm



"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Presented by Angela Nolan

Despite the unseasonably chilly weather on May 17th, the 1st Annual Oakhurst Trail Cul-de-sac Cookout went on as planned. The Brinckerhoff, Lee and Williams families deserve kudos for organizing a very enjoyable afternoon of conversation, food, drink, and play. It was a great opportunity for all of the cul-de-sac and nearby neighbors to get to know each other better. Now we really know who we are waving to as we drive by. The festivities were a success and continued well into the evening hours!



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Reminders

- ◆ Garbage cans are to be stored behind your home or hidden from view.
- ◆ When walking your dog, please clean up after it.
- ◆ Before and exterior changes are made to your home, please complete and submit a Request for Architectural Approval form (can be found on www.beckettsridge.com).
- ◆ The community wide speed limit is 25mph.

Town Stuff

Elizabeth Brady Road Information Meeting

An informational meeting on the only proposed solution to traffic congestion on Churton Street, Elizabeth Brady Road Extension, was Monday July 7th.

Beckett's Ridge Residents should be particularly interested of the impacts of this proposed road improvement because it directly impacts Highway 86 (New 86). If built, Elizabeth Brady Road Extension would provide another route to get from the South side of Town to the North side of Town and vice-versa. Currently, there is only one route ... through Downtown Hillsborough on Churton Street.



Voter Registration

The Town of Hillsborough holds Town Elections every odd numbered year. This November, all residents of Beckett's Ridge will have the opportunity to vote for the Mayor of Hillsborough and three seats for Hillsborough Town Commissioner. If you are new to the community (or even if you have lived here for a while), please make sure your voter registration is current so that you can vote. The number of registered voters in Beckett's Ridge is significant. Significant enough, in fact, that Beckett's Ridge residents could determine who the Mayor and Town Councilmen of Hillsborough would be if everyone got out and voted. Just remember, we all live in the Hillsborough City Limits and that makes us fully entitled to vote and participate in our Town just like anyone else. You can call the Orange County Board of Elections to change your voter registration. Their number is 245-2350.

Town Sidewalk Forum

Fliers will be passed out in the future announcing a community sidewalk forum. The Town of Hillsborough will be allocating \$20,000 per year to build sidewalks throughout Hillsborough. As a part of the process, the Town is soliciting ideas and opinions about where sidewalks need to be placed. At some point in mid-July (the date has yet to be determined), there will be a sidewalk forum for the South side of Town. Fortunately, Beckett's Ridge isn't as bad off in terms of sidewalks as the rest of the Town, however, there may be some places we need sidewalks. Attending this forum and giving your input would be helpful to the HOA Board and Town of Hillsborough in determining where those locations might be. Please keep your eyes out for an announcement of this meeting.

Sarah Thompson is once again our property manager at Charleston Management. Her E-mail is sthompson@charlestonmanagement.com.

Orange County Public School Notes

2003-2004 Academic Year
Begins August 12, 2003

Open Houses:
New Hope Elementary:
August 11 4:30-6:30

Stanback Middle School:
August 11 6:00pm-8:00pm

Cedar Ridge High School:
August 7 5:00pm-7:00pm



Beckett's Ridge Residents Enjoy the Durham Bulls Terrace Boxes



Bill and Margaret Cloud with Social Committee Member, Tracy Demianenko (standing)

Social Committee Members (L-R):
Jacky Rosati, Dina Charland,
Wendy Burns (with daughter
Alyssa), Theresa Kilgallen, Tracy
Demianenko, Sonya Sutton

Not shown: Marie Doklovic, Jackie
Cannada

Past Social Committee Events

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Despite thaving another soggy Saturday morning, approximately 26 homes participated in the second annual yard sale event sponsored by the Social Committee. We hope it was worth the while and have discussed (but not decided) whether to sponsor a fall sale.

Durham Bulls Game

There was a great turnout at the Durham Bulls game on May 2nd where the Bulls played the Syracuse Skychiefs. Although it rained in the 6th inning and the Skychiefs beat the Bulls 10-7, everyone had a wonderful time.

Upcoming Social Committee Events

Halloween Pumpkin Carving and
Costume Contest.

Tentative Date: November 1, 2003

Time: 10 AM

Location: Woodbury Tot Lot

Cider and donuts will be served.

New Superintendent for School District

Presented by
Marianne Risley

Dr. Shirley Carraway assumed the role of Superintendent of the Orange County Schools system on June 23, 2003. First up on her agenda is to know schools within our system. Over the next couple of weeks, she will be conferring with associate superintendents, board members, principals, and other administrators. She wants to gain perspective on the needs of the system from the people who know it best. "Before I can get things done, I need to find out what needs doing," Carraway said. "Of course, right away, we'll need to address the budget and other issues that every school system is facing, such as the No Child Left Behind legislation."

In every position she has held, Dr. Carraway has held fast to two core principles: the necessity of involving the community in teaching and supporting children and the importance of expecting excellence from everyone in the educational system. She holds high standards for herself, for district staff, and for students. "The better we prepare our students," she explained, "the better we prepare the world."



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Social Club

Social Committee members are interested in having a Social Club that is NOT sponsored by HOA funds. Members of the Social Club will host and/or attend adult social events such as wine tastings, dinners, concerts, etc.

The Social Club's goal is to plan monthly or bi-monthly events.

Members are notified of events through E-mail and on the neighborhood web site Social Event forum. If you are interested in being on the E-mail list, send your name and E-mail address to brbuzz@nc.rr.com.