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## Around Town

### Waterstone Develop- ment

It's back! You should have received two notices about public meetings about this proposed development. The first was through Charleston Management and second through the Town of Hillsborough. The meetings were held September 23 and September 24, 2003. The Town has a lot of information about this development available from their web site at <http://ci.hillsborough.nc.us>.

### 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

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## & From the Board

### Website Poll

What sort of things would you like to see done with the Beckett's Ridge HOA's website?

The HOA Board would like to know if Beckett's Ridge residents would like to have a more functional and interactive website? If so, and if it meant paying a bit more in dues (possibly up to 5 dollars more per year), would you mind?

Please forward comments and suggestions to Sarah Thompson at [sthompson@charlestonmanagement.com](mailto:sthompson@charlestonmanagement.com) or call (919) 847-3003.

### Architectural Review

All exterior modifications to your home that are not covered

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Check it out!*

# BECKETT'S RIDGE

HOME OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

## National Fire Prevention Week and Orange Rural Fire Department Open House

Presented by Angela Nolan

Mark your calendars to cap off National Fire Prevention Week, October 6-10, with a visit to our local fire department. The **Orange Rural Fire Department will host an Open House on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 4 pm at the Churton Street Station** in downtown Hillsborough. There will be fire safety displays and fire prevention information for kids and adults.

I met with Fire Chief Jeff Cabe last month to learn about Orange Rural and the wide range of services the department provides to Beckett's Ridge, the rest of Hillsborough and the surrounding area in central Orange County. The Orange Rural Fire Department has more than a 65-year history of responding to fires in and around Hillsborough. The department began in 1937 as all volunteer organization, relying on solely on townspeople to respond to the "red box" alerts that broadcasted fires. Not until the mid-1990s did the department grow to include paid firefighters during the week and volunteers on the weekend. Currently, Orange Rural Fire Department consists of top-notch paid firefighters who are on duty around the clock and a corps of volunteer firefighters who provide additional skilled support day and night. Thanks to the Town of Hillsbor-



ough's contract for service agreement with Orange Rural, we in Beckett's Ridge benefit from this paid and volunteer fire department.

Orange Rural is equipped to respond to medical and rescue emergencies as medical first responders, vehicle extractions, hazardous material calls, and even those calls involving weapons of mass destruction. The department also hosts fire prevention activities for schools when requested, conducts car child seat inspections by appointment, and helps distribute smoke detectors to needy households. The department has 2 stations, No. 1 is downtown on Churton Street and No. 2 is on Phelps Road. Orange Rural covers nearly 64 square miles and maintains a diverse fleet of fire trucks and other response vehicles.

Chief Cabe's future goals for Orange Rural Fire Department include raising salaries for paid firefighters, providing even more specialized training for volunteers, and acquiring state-of-the-art equipment to help his staff. He would also like to increase size of the 27-member volunteer team that now even includes one of our very own Beckett's Ridge residents, Matt Heinze. If you have questions about Orange Rural Fire Department or if you would like to find out how you can support their service as a volunteer, call 732-7911.

Above: Beckett's Ridge volunteer firefighter Matt Heinze.

Below: Orange Rural Fire Truck



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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. Check out their web site at <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/>.

### Wal-Mart Supercenter

If you haven't been out of your house lately, the new Wal-Mart opened on September 17th. This store features a grocery component, tire center, McDonald's and all the other features of a Wal-Mart store!

### Cornfield Maze

#### McKee's Cedar Creek Farm

Celebrating Orange County's 250th Anniversary with a 14 acres maze. Maze opens Labor Day and closes November 2nd. Friday 2pm-8pm, Saturday 10am-8pm, Sunday 2pm-8pm. Admission charged. Information at (919) 732-8065 or at [www.mckeecedarcreekfarm.com/](http://www.mckeecedarcreekfarm.com/). NOTE: Phone first to check the damage from Hurricane Isabel. Damage was done but it may be repaired.

### Orange County Artists

#### Guild - Open Studio Tour

The 9th annual Orange County Open Studio Tour will be held in 2003 on Nov 1-2 and Nov 8-9. Tour visitors have the chance to meet local artists in a casual environment, see wide range of the artist's work, and have the chance to ask questions about the artist's creative process. The OCAG is a non-profit Guild of "artists promoting artists." For details see [www.ibiblio.org/ocag/tour.html](http://www.ibiblio.org/ocag/tour.html)

**Sarah Thompson is our property manager at Charleston Management. Her E-mail is [sthompson@charlestonmanagement.com](mailto:sthompson@charlestonmanagement.com).**

## Beckett's Ridge T-Shirts

Neighborhood T-shirts are available for \$10 per shirt. The shirts are 100% heavyweight cotton, off-white with a front pocket logo similar to that on our web site. The maple leaf is a olive/army looking green with black text. The back is a larger graphic as shown below. The leaf is a shaded green with mostly black text except for the Established 1999, which is offset in a darker shaded green. Sharp!

Send an E-mail to [brbuzz@nc.rr.com](mailto:brbuzz@nc.rr.com) with your contact information and order. Be sure to indicate size(s). Children's sizes are available.

We need a minimum of 24 shirts to effectively place another order. Payment (to our HOA) will be collected by a Social Committee member at the time of delivery.

Also, from our initial order, there are two XL shirts currently up for sale and possibly two toddler (2-4) shirts available. Contact [brbuzz@nc.rr.com](mailto:brbuzz@nc.rr.com) if interested!

## BECKETT'S RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD

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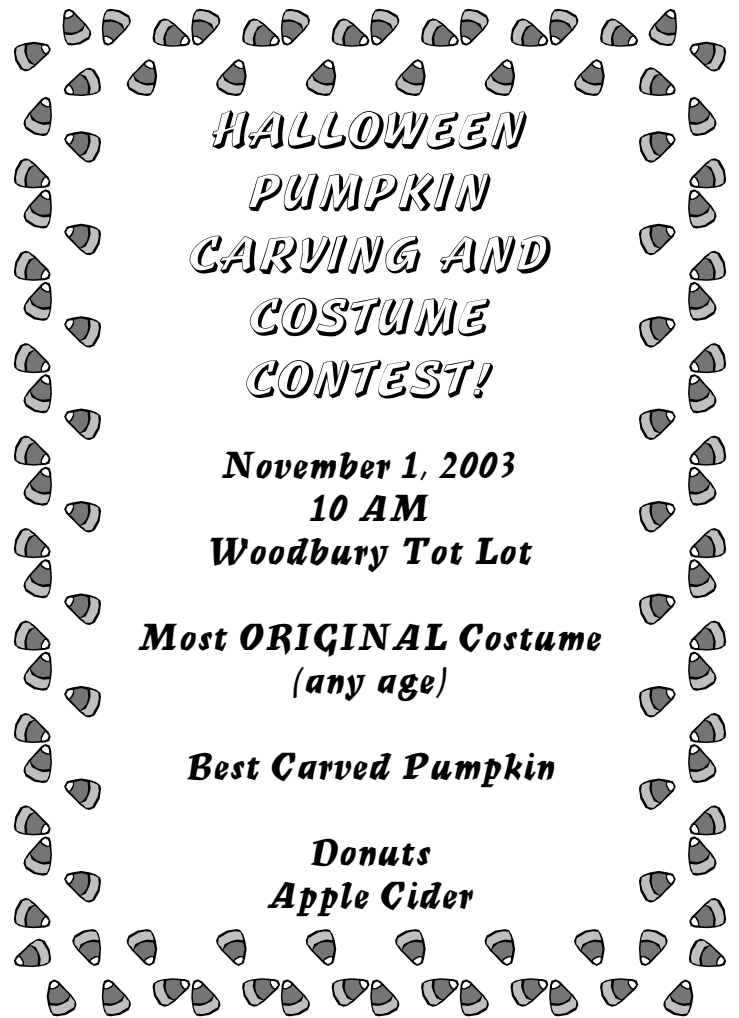
in our Declaration of Covenants or the Community Guidelines are subject to review and approval by the Homeowners Association. Please contact Sarah Thompson or visit our website for complete details, documents, and submittal deadlines.

### On Street Parking

On Street Parking in Beckett's Ridge creates safety hazards and is aesthetically unappealing. While the Town of Hillsborough does not rigidly enforce this particular law, it is illegal. From the HOA's perspective, our covenants state clearly that the only place to park your car is on a surface that has been improved for that purpose (i.e. a garage, driveway, or parking pad). The HOA Board understands that on occasion everyone will need some overflow parking which means the only place to park is on the side of the street. All we ask is that you please make sure your driveway is completely full before parking any vehicles on the street and be respectful of other's lawns. All residents are invited to submit an Architectural Request to build a side parking pad on their driveway if they are interested.

### Dog Walking

No one likes to clean up after someone else's mess... much



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**November 1, 2003  
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**Most ORIGINAL Costume  
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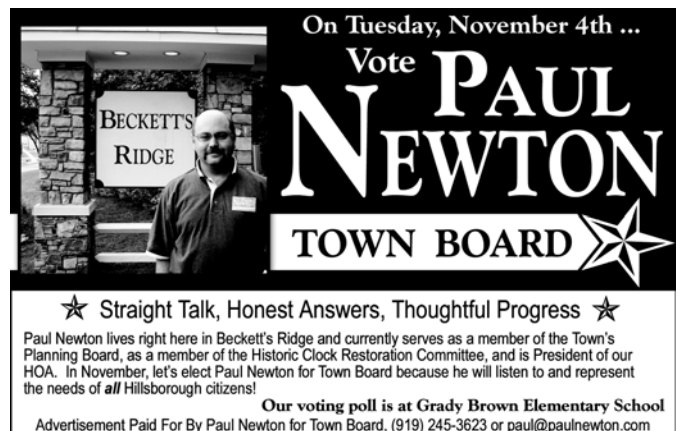
**Best Carved Pumpkin**

**Donuts  
Apple Cider**

less... after someone else's dog. Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your pets when walking them.

### Stop Signs

Please actually stop at the new stop signs! They are there for a purpose. A letter regarding this was recently sent by Charleston Management. Enforcement is slated to be increased by the Town for speeding, not stopping and rolling through stop signs. The Town will also be correcting the height and location of some of the signs.



On Tuesday, November 4th ...  
Vote **PAUL  
NEWTON**  
TOWN BOARD

★ Straight Talk, Honest Answers, Thoughtful Progress ★

Paul Newton lives right here in Beckett's Ridge and currently serves as a member of the Town's Planning Board, as a member of the Historic Clock Restoration Committee, and is President of our HOA. In November, let's elect Paul Newton for Town Board because he will listen to and represent the needs of *all* Hillsborough citizens!

Our voting poll is at Grady Brown Elementary School  
Advertisement Paid For By Paul Newton for Town Board, (919) 245-3623 or [paul@paulnewton.com](mailto:paul@paulnewton.com)

## 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](mailto:brbuzz@nc.rr.com).

## Pool Table

Brunswick Pool Table in mint condition. Table is 2-1/2 years old, single owner, 8-foot Camden; cocobolo wood with cherry finish; ball and claw legs; green felt; 3 x 1 inch slate sections. FineLine cues, heavy duty vinyl cover, 2 playsets, wall-mounted cue-hanger included. Need the space for a new baby in the family. Buyer will be responsible for moving the table. Asking \$2300. Contact John or Angela at 644-8327 OR [lenno008@mc.duke.edu](mailto:lenno008@mc.duke.edu).

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