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## HOA Board Notes



The board has invited the Hampton Pointe **Home Depot** developers to a meeting to express concerns about how lighting, noise and litter that might affect the neighborhood. The board will propose ways to limit the problems these things cause for homeowners in Beckett's Ridge. We will request that Home Depot extend the existing privacy fence that currently runs along the Wal-Mart parking lot.

## Around Town



**Last Fridays:** Head to the city center on August 26 for Harvest Days! featuring Bluegrass and Gospel by The Cagle Family Band, and performances by the Sweet Dixieland Cloggers. 6 to 9 p.m. at the Old Courthouse. (Presented by the Hillsborough Arts Council.)-

**Hampton Pointe, Old Mill & Waterstone Development Activity** On July 26, the Planning Board and Town Board of Commissioners reviewed a **special use permit application** from Gandhi, Inc. to locate a gas station/convenience store/car wash/Huddle House restaurant in Hampton Pointe. This meeting was continued and there will be additional discussion about the proposal. **Public comment will be accepted at the next meeting.** (The Town Board will reschedule the continuation after its September 12 meeting.) This application was also discussed at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board requested additional information from the applicant. Check the Town website (<http://www.ci.hillsborough.nc.us/>) for the Planning and Town Board meeting schedules and agendas. Also, according to the **Home Depot** website, the new Hampton Pointe store will open on **October 20, 2005.**

The Pinewood Montessori building in **Old Mill Business Park** on Millstone Drive is nearly complete. Additional applications for Old Mill Business Park and home construction in **Waterstone** are expected later this fall.



## Homeowner Announcements



- **Looking for childcare** for my 2 children, ages 3 1/2 and almost 2, in my Beckett's Ridge home. The days I need are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. -4:30 or 5:00 p.m. starting in late August. Looking for fun, energetic, person, non-smoker with own transportation-your house also fine if you have child on New Hope Bus Route (my 6-year old gets off bus at 3:00). Offering \$500/month. Please call BR residents Sharon or Scott Wallace at 644-0437 if interested.
- **The First Annual Firefighter Fashion Show and Date Auction** to benefit the Hillsborough Firefighters' Association will be held at the Big Barn Convention Center on Saturday, September 17 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Ticket price includes dinner and fire-safety activities for kids. Money will be used to provide equipment and training. Tickets will be available at Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber and Hillsborough Fire Department. Contact BR resident Emilee Heinze at <emilee\_heinze@yahoo.com>, 643-7519 or 599-8116 for more information.
- **Group Insurance Rates** - Did you know that all Beckett's Ridge homeowners are eligible for discounted home and auto insurance rates? Colonial Insurance Agency on Millstone Drive has an agreement with the Beckett's Ridge HOA to offer group discounts through Kemper Auto & Home Insurance Company. Some of your neighbors have already saved hundreds of dollars on their annual premiums and we invite you to do the same. For a quote, please contact BR residents Scott or Gretchen Lanier at Colonial Insurance Agency, 732-2191.
- **Could You Foster a Dog?** - Earlier this year, 300+ wonderful dogs were rescued from horrible living conditions at a puppy mill in Sanford ([www.aldf.org/sanford.asp](http://www.aldf.org/sanford.asp)). Their owner was found guilty of animal cruelty, but she has appealed the ruling. Because of legal issues, fostering is the only means we have of getting these dogs into homes until the court case is over. About 200 dogs have found foster homes, but there are another 100 waiting for a family to call their own. Please consider fostering one of these deserving dogs. For more information and to see pictures of the available dogs, check out the above website. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact BR resident Jacky Rosati at 732-4916.
- **Website Forums** – Post your questions, needs, interests, and opinions on the HOA community discussion board at <http://www.beckettsridge.com/cgi-bin/ikonboard/ikonboard.cgi>

### “Hey Neighbor!”

Residents: Send us brief information and announcements of that are of interest to the Beckett's Ridge community to [brbuzznewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:brbuzznewsletter@yahoo.com).

## Beckett's Ridge HOA Board Meeting Schedule

HOA board meetings will be held the **third Wednesday of every month** at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to all members of the HOA. A management representative will attend quarterly (noted by an \*). Location: Colonial Insurance (corner of Millstone and Old 86), unless otherwise noted. **Remaining 2005 Meetings:** September 21, October 19\*, November 16, December 21.

## Municipal Election — November 8, 2005

On **November 8, Beckett's Ridge residents have the opportunity to cast votes for Hillsborough's mayor and two Hillsborough town commissioners.** Hillsborough has three voting precincts: Hillsborough (Downtown), West Hillsborough (West Hillsborough and Fairview) and Grady Brown (Beckett's Ridge, Granview, Cornwallis Hills & everything south of the Eno River). In the 2003 Municipal Elections, 946 Hillsborough citizens voted (2000 census pop. 5,446). The Hillsborough precinct reported 369 voters, West Hillsborough precinct reported 286 voters, and Grady Brown Precinct report 291 voters. In Beckett's Ridge, only 93 individuals voted for Mayor and Town Board. By voting in the upcoming municipal election, BR residents can get more involved with town governance and help shape the quality of life in Hillsborough.

**Beckett's Ridge Voting Precinct:** GRADY BROWN - Grady Brown Elementary School, 1100 New Grady Brown School Rd., Hillsborough.

**Voter registration deadline:** Oct. 14

**One-stop voting:** Begins Oct. 20th and runs through Nov. 4

For more information about dates and candidates, visit <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/> or call the Board of Elections at 245-2350.

## New Beckett's Ridge Homeowners

The Beckett's Ridge HOA board welcomes new homeowners. You should have received the Beckett's Ridge covenants and architectural guidelines at your closing. Please take time to become familiar with these documents (see <http://www.beckettsridge.com>) **If you did not receive a copy or if you have questions, contact Laura Erskine at Charleston Management.**

**Beckett's Ridge Drive:** Charles & Shawnn Green, Gates & Nancy Vrooman **Baycourt Trail:** Michael & Michelle Castro, Carolyn Hinton **Oakhurst Trail:** Renee & Stephen Sorrell **Woodbury Drive:** Christian I. Cristobal, Samuel Sawyer, John & Maureen Scavuzzo, Richard & Jennifer Whittington



## Neighborly Reminders

**Architectural Guidelines:** Architectural guidelines contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the architectural integrity and appearance of the Beckett's Ridge community. Review the Guidelines to Architectural Change documentation for details and submit an architectural request for approval before work begins (form available online). If you have any questions about the guidelines at any point in the process, contact Laura Erskine at Charleston Management. Don't rely on your contractor to know the details of the guidelines.

## Property Management

Contact Charleston Management Corporation if you have any questions or concerns about the neighborhood, HOA covenants & by-laws, or architectural guidelines. Laura Erskine or a Charleston Management staff member will respond to you as soon as possible. Call (919)847-3003 or fax (919) 848-1548

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TOWN BOARD



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Most growth in Hillsborough is happening on our side of town. Shouldn't we have a vote on our Town Board?  
I am your neighbor at 2406 Becketts Ridge Drive.  
Working together, we can do great things in Hillsborough.

One-Stop Early Voting Begins on October 20th at the Orange County Board of Elections Office in downtown Hillsborough.  
On November 8th, our voting poll is at Grady Brown Elementary School.  
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## Newsletter Publication and Submissions

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