

Newsletter

Brought To You By Briarwood Neighborhood ASSOCIATION

Briarwood Quarterly Meeting

Thursday February 13th at 7pm at
Windsor United Methodist Church

Featuring:

Chris Keefer with county government and community services. She will be speaking on the use of and doing away with plastic bags.

2020 Census Seeks Workers in Richland

This is your chance to play a part in history. Temporary census positions offer the perfect opportunity to earn extra income, while at the same time, helping your community. Did you know: The results of the 2020 Census help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are spent locally for schools, hospitals, roads, and more. So, it's important that everyone is counted. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs



**Community Meeting for the construction of CFK & E.L. Wright Middle School
Feb. 5th 2020
6pm-7pm E.L. Wright Gym**

**Power Outage?
Dominion Energy:
1-888-333 4465**



Richland County Seeking Input on Bag Ordinance

Richland County is seeking input on a proposed ordinance that would affect the types of bags retailers provide to the public to carry out purchases.

The purpose of the proposed rule to phase out single-use plastic bags would be, among other things, to decrease plastic litter in area waterways and reduce hidden costs passed on to consumers. A growing number of U.S. counties and municipalities have implemented or are considering a ban on single-use plastic bags. In South Carolina, bag ordinances are in effect in Charleston and Beaufort counties, as well as Arcadia Lakes.

The County encourages residents and businesses owners to get involved in the process, beginning with surveys to gauge public opinion on the issue. Separate surveys are available for residents and business owners and are accessible through a new page on the County's website, www.richlandcountysc.gov/bagordinance. The page serves as a one-stop site for information on the proposed bag ordinance.

Paper copies of the surveys also are available at the Richland County Administration Building, 2020 Hampton St., in the information kiosk across from Council Chambers.

Richland County will hold a series of roundtable meetings in spring 2020 to provide information and collect public input. Feedback from the surveys and meetings will help shape the proposed ordinance before it goes back to County Council for consideration.

Organizations can also invite a speaker from the County to talk about the proposed ordinance by contacting the Department of Government and Community Services at gcs@richlandcountysc.gov or 803-1547

County Tax Bills Reflect Increase in Trash Collection Fees

Garbage and recycling collection fees increased for the FY 2020 calendar year as part of a two-year increase in trash collection fees. Phase one of the increase was included in property tax bills mailed during the Fall of 2019. For 2020, the annual rate increase for residential curbside is \$37.35, or about 15 percent for a total cost of \$286.35. The rate will rise by another 13 percent in FY 2021 to a total cost of \$323.70

Neighborhood Road Maintenance

The county roads and drainage people are to come out and edge the grass where it meets the curbing throughout the neighborhood. The state is also to come out to maintain roads they are responsible for, mainly Windsor Lake Blvd. They will work out maintenance of roads they share the responsibility for.

*Please remember to renew your annual
BNA Membership for 2020!*

Congrats Briarwood Yards of the Month!



Counter-clockwise L-R:
 December: Linda Russ - 9759 Windsor Lake Blvd.
 November: Joyce Sawyer - 9404 South Chelsea Rd.
 October: Doris Gardner - 9841 Dunbarton Dr.



Richland County One-Call Response Center

Telephone: 803 - 929 - 6000 or Website ombudsman/@rcgov.us

Richland County has a One-Call Response Center known as the Ombudsman Office. The Ombudsman Office's major function is to provide informal assistance to citizens and to assist citizens with county concerns and requests for service.

Residents who have a need for assistance in resolving any of the concerns and services listed below should contact the Ombudsman Office. for easy access to county services, officials and to register concerns or request for services, such as:

Animal Bite/Attack - Animal Trap Request - Barking Dog/Nuisance - 18 Wheelers in Residential Area - Damaged Herbie Curbie/Recycle Bin - Drainage/Flooding Problem - Sick/Dead Animal - Illegal Dumping - Road Paving/Resurfacing - No Garbage/Recycling/Yard Trash Pick Up - Pet License - Pothole - Overgrown Lot - Stray Cat/Dog - Street Sign/Stop Sign Down/Missing - Unlicensed Vehicles - Unsafe House

Briarwood Neighborhood Committee & Chairs

President » Jim O'Brien » 736-3765

Condolence Committee » Valerie Schulz »

Vice President » Wayman Stover » 788-1281

788-6708

Recording Secretary » Sue Lippincott » 788-7464

National Night Out » Patty Daso » 703-994-9223

Corresponding Secretary » Valerie Schulz »

Decorations Committee » Patty Daso »

788-6708

703-994-9223

Treasurer » Nichole Perkins » 402-800-0579

Website & Newsletter » Nichole Perkins » 402-800-0579

Yard of the Month » Mary Stover » 788-1281

Clean Sweep » Marilyn Summers » 788-1528

» Barbara Frierson » 661-6371

Block Captains » Frank Narville » 736-1993

Yard Sale » Sue Lippincott » 788-7464

Welcome Committee » Linda Stearns » 736-4589

What Does Briarwood Neighborhood Association Do For You?

The Briarwood Neighborhood Association (BNA) was created to give Briarwood residents greater awareness and an opportunity to provide input regarding issues such as security, regulations and responsibilities needed to ensure that our neighborhood is a safe, attractive and congenial place to live. We have established and maintain communication within the neighborhood and with state, county and local agencies such as the Richland County Sheriff Department. As a result of this liaison, we believe that all residents of Briarwood have a voice and an avenue to become involved in the affairs of our cherished neighborhood in order to contribute to its improvement. Countless hours behind the scenes are spent working to improve Briarwood - from Yard of the Month awards, the Newsletter, actively working with County Council Members to change laws, and working with law enforcement directly to keep us safe. Volunteers are always needed! Please visit www.briarwoodcolumbia.com



Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

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In order for our neighborhood to remain a safe, secure and pleasant community in which to live, we must all share in a commitment to maintain and improve its status. In order to continue to be an effective Neighborhood Association, we need the support of all residents and we encourage you to support BNA by joining if you are not a current member or renewing. Annual Dues are \$30 per calendar year. Please make checks payable to Briarwood Neighborhood Association and mail to PO Box 25275, Columbia, SC 29224.