

Bluff Creek Neighborhood

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Mark your calendars for May 7th.

We are going to have our Spring Fling Cook Out starting at 6:00 in front of 5800 NW 109th Street. This is a good way to meet your neighbors and talk to the Neighborhood Association Board members about any questions or concerns. We are trying to keep our property values up and make this a great place to live.

Neighborhood Annual Garage Sale.

May 14th and 15th.

Please call me @ 603-2334 and let me know your name and address so we can get a yard sign delivered to you. We have large banners to put up at the endurances to better advertise our sale. We will also be placing an ad in the paper. Please call me no later than May 10th, so I can deliver the signs.



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Neighborhood Services' **Code Enforcement Division** is responsible for keeping neighborhoods free of dilapidated buildings, tall grass and weeds and other neighborhood eyesores and nuisances.

Code Inspectors follow up complaints from the Action Center.

For your convenience, we have included the related ordinance number for each code violation. Our City ordinances are made available online through [Municode](#). Enter the chapter number or violation description in the "Search" box to access the chapter.

Dead or Diseased Tree

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain trees, shrubs, etc, along sidewalks and streets. If dead, it must be removed. Also must not obstruct free travel along sidewalks and streets.

Ordinance - Chapter 53-Section 21

Tall Grass and Weeds

Grass and weeds become a violation when they reach 12 inches in height. Property owners are also responsible for maintaining alleyways and right of ways adjacent to their property.

Ordinance - Chapter 35-Section 63

Dilapidated Structure/Unsecured Structure

It is against City Ordinance to allow a structure to remain in a dilapidated state. Examples: holes in the roof, foundation decayed, sagging roof, danger of collapse.

It is against City Ordinance to allow an unoccupied structure to remain unsecured. Examples: no broken window panes, unlocked or open doors, holes in walls.

Inoperable Vehicle

This covers vehicles anywhere on the property, including driveways. Examples include, but are not limited to: wrecked cars, vehicles that are all or partially dismantled and even vehicles with flat (or no) tires.

Ordinance - Chapter 35-Section 37

View Obstruction

Anything obstructing a person's view in the 25 foot site triangle, on a corner lot, is a violation.

Ordinance - Chapter 59-Section 6300.2.G.2

Graffiti

It is against City Ordinance to allow Graffiti to remain on the premises. Property owners are responsible for removing graffiti.

Ordinance - Chapter 35-Section 147

Property

Property owners are required to keep their property in good maintenance. Examples, but not limited to: roof, paint, fence.

Junk and Debris

Anything that is not designed for outdoor use, for a residential area, can not be stored outside.

Ordinance - Chapter 35-Section 103

How do I report a code violation?

Report violations to the [Action Center](#) at 405 297-2535 or use the [on-line service request form](#).

What if I have a code violation?

The violation notice tells you which ordinance was violated. If you have any questions, there is a phone number on the notice or sticker to call to get more information.

Vice Pres. Insights / Kaci

For those of you who will be participating in the Neighborhood Garage Sale, here are the guidelines from the

CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Garage Sale Permits

Each household can have two **garage sales** a year with proper permits. (Previously, garage sales had to be spaced at least six months apart, but you may now hold them on consecutive weekends.)

Garage sale permits are \$7 and are available from the License Division, 420 West Main Street from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Download a permit application or call the License Division at 405 297-2606 for a "paperless permit." Instead of a paper form, you get a permit number over the phone to post at your sale.

You can also get a permit by mail. Request an application at least two weeks before your sale. We'll mail you an application to fill out. Return it with a check or money order for \$7.

If your City utility account is in good standing, the City will just add the charge to your next bill.

Garage sale rules

Garage sale signs and other service signs are not allowed on utility poles, traffic sign poles, medians or any public right-of-way. You can put one sign in front of your house. The sign itself can't be larger than 12 square feet.

You can sell any personal property, but not motor vehicles. You cannot sell new merchandise, consignment items, or resale items.

A single permit is good for **three consecutive days**.

The sale must be held at the address listed on it, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The maximum fine for conducting a sale without a license is \$200 plus costs.

Security / Tony

Look for more security tips from Tony in future issues of the Bluff Creek Newsletter

Please be aware of what's going on in your neck of the neighborhood, if we all watch out for each other we can make our neighborhood a safer place for everyone.

As the seasons change and the weather warms up, the residents of Bluff Creek need to remember that we are a community with families. The children are outside playing ball, riding their bicycles and enjoying the nice weather, not to mention the adults who are out walking their pets and welcoming the warmth. Please remember to obey the traffic rules when traveling through the neighborhood. The posted speed limits must be adhered to as you never know when a stray ball might cross your path followed by a child. Let's also remember the posted stop signs throughout the area. They are there for a reason. Numerous vehicles have been observed disobeying several stop signs in the neighborhood. We must all be aware of our surroundings...what if a child on a bicycle was unable to stop at that intersection at the very moment you decided not to stop. Let's remember to keep Bluff Creek a safe neighborhood for ALL residents. Thank you. ...Tony

The Yard ...by gary

Gardening Tips

In order to have a successful garden, the gardener must follow a few rules. The following tips may help to prevent some common garden problems from occurring, or help overcome those that do arise:

- Sample soil and have it tested every three to four years.
- Apply fertilizers in the recommended manner and amount.
- Make use of organic materials such as compost where available.
- Use recommended varieties.
- Thin plants when small.
- Use mulches to conserve moisture, control weeds, and reduce fruit rots.
- Avoid excessive walking and working in the garden when foliage and soil are wet.
- Examine the garden often to keep ahead of potential problems.
- Keep the garden free of weeds, insects, and diseases.
- Wash and clean tools and sprayers after use.
- Rotate specific crop family locations each year to avoid insect and disease buildup.

More Oklahoma ...Gardening Tips & Tricks

Dental floss makes a good plant tie!

It's very sturdy, with a small container that fits easily in your pocket. It even has its own 'cutter'. Some of the Mint flavored floss even comes in green so it practically disappears in the plant.

Mulch, mulch, mulch. Can't stress enough how mulch can help a garden or flower bed in this Oklahoma heat by conserving moisture. Also keeps my weeds down. I hate to weed!

When sowing tiny seeds it is so easy to plant them too thick. The trick is to mix them with a little sugar as you sow the seeds. This way, you can control how many seeds you are dropping. The sugar will dissolve when you water the planted seeds.

To protect young fruit trees from weed eaters and mowers, cut a piece of PVC pipe down the center, enclose the bottom of the tree, and tape it back together with duct tape. You can also use these in place of those expensive 'tree wraps' for winter protection from sun scald.

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A Concerned Neighbor

Every day when I walk my dogs through our neighborhood, the amount of trash I see in the streets and in people's yards is unbelievable. It gets worse and worse every day. Broken bottles, newspapers, fast food containers, you name it, I see it. I know the trash men spill a lot of the recycled items when they empty the bins and probably a lot of trash blows in from other areas. What I don't understand is why people don't pick up around their homes. If trash is in the street in front of my house or even in front of a neighbor's house, I pick it up. If it's in my yard or on my driveway, I pick it up. When people retrieve their trash containers and recycle bins on Monday evening, it would be so simple if they would pick up any spilled trash they see. Just a once a week quick survey around their property and immediate cleanup would help tremendously to improve the looks of our neighborhood.

Cole's Tree Service

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773-0400

WE GO OUT ON A LIMB FOR YOU



Call Mike Morris to place an add in the Newsletter 721-1582

Starting in May and continuing every month through October. The Bluff Creek Neighborhood Association will have a "Yard of the Month". There will be \$25.00 cash prize to go along with a sign to be placed in the winning yard each month. We are going to play this by ear the first year and set no guide lines and just let the eyes of the judges pick what appears best to their them. The only requirement is that you must have paid your Bluff Creek Neighborhood Association dues for 2010 . Good luck to all gardeners.

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All the articles and responses are being reprinted in the email version of the Newsletter and posted on the Bluff Creek Web Page.

The BCNA Newsletter is looking for participants in the neighborhood who would like to contribute any articles of human interest stories.. Tell your neighbors what's happening on your block. If you have pictures of neighbors working in their yard or gathering around talking... please share them with the rest of us... Let's get to know each other. Send your stories or comments or pictures to andy.zguris@gmail.com

I would like to thank all those who have and WILL pay their dues. It is because of you we can have cookouts, update landscaping, Christmas sleigh rides, and of course our monthly obligations for lawn care and utilities. I would ask those who have not yet sent in your dues, please consider doing so now. We want to continue updating our neighborhood in order that property values increase and those who visit homes for sale will want to move to Bluff Creek. Thank You
....andy

Send your email address to andy.zguris@gmail.com

Dec 08 ...Jan -Feb 09

That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, where Mary just gave birth to her first child, a son. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them. They were terribly frightened, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior--yes, the Messiah, the Lord--has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David!

And this is how you will recognize him: You will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped in strips of cloth. Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven--praising God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors.

Apr-May 09

What in the world is going on? If you're paying attention you can't help but see the problems the country and the world are facing. Listen folks, 33% of the people say we are going to hell in a hand basket, 33% of the people say things are getting better and 33% of the people don't have a clue. There is nothing new today that hasn't happened sometime in the history of creation. Here is what really counts, enjoy your life whatever it holds for you, love your family, work hard, pray for others. These are things that will really make you happy. As spring is about to bring new life to our gardens, we too can bring new life to family and friends. Here's a start, next time you see your neighbor in the yard, wave and say hi.

May-Jun 09

Oklahoma City is an emerging destination - and for residents, that means there is always something going on! From concerts, to special exhibitions to national and world class sports competitions, there is always something to see and do. Oklahoma City is full of opportunity. What is it that really makes OKC a great place to live; I think it's the people. Regardless of what is being said in the media. The majority of people still have a good sense of morality, and that's what governs our behavior. There are many new people from different backgrounds and cultures moving to OKC, so we must continue to stand firm in what we believe that we may be the influence for good. All the great things will never compare to knowing the difference between right and wrong. Our steadfastness on traditional principles will keep Oklahoma City a great place to live, work and play. andy

Jul -Aug 09

In a time, when for some reason the leadership of this country feels that apologizing for America's behavior at every opportunity, is somehow making America a more likeable country in the world's eyes.

America doesn't need to beg for acceptance, America has been and is the only country where the world shows its acceptance every time someone escapes from somewhere and comes to her. America is the defender of Liberty (Freedom) at home and abroad, America has given everyone who is associated with her the equal opportunity to succeed or fail, but even in failure you can try, and try again until you do succeed. America has championed capitalism and worldwide prosperity. America has been and is the greatest liberator of billions of people who lived in oppression. America is a country oriented toward the good of humanity, a super power that has never sought to conquer. The foundation of America is based on the philosophy and traditions of the Judeo-Christian morals, ethics, and principles. America is a country of individuals energized by their liberty and strengthened by their character. There is nothing to apologize for, there is a lot to be proud of in this country. On this July 4th let us remember the greatness of America. Our founding fathers recognized the providential blessing upon this nation. It is now up to us, parents and grandparents to teach our children the history and traditions and pass on to them the knowledge that without the hand of God America will end up in the trash heap of old memories. The world is not looking for a new leader the world wants and expects the US to be there when the world needs help. We must remain FREE and offer that freedom to all who seek it. We have inherited a great responsibility. May God bless you and May God bless The United States of America. Andy

Sep -Oct 09

What Say You ...

A town hall meeting is an informal public meeting derived from the traditional town meetings of New England. Everybody in a community is invited to attend, voice their opinions, and hear the responses from public figures and elected officials. In today's diverse communities with large populations, more often, town hall meetings are held so that people can influence elected officials in their decision making or to give them a chance to feel that their voices are being heard. I'm not sure our elected officials are listening to us. Town Hall Meetings is democracy at work.

There are several varieties of democracy, some of which provide better representation and more freedoms for their citizens than others. However, if any democracy is not carefully legislated to avoid an uneven distribution of political power with balances, such as the separation of powers; then a branch of the system of rule could accumulate power and become harmful to the democracy itself, freedom of political expression, freedom of speech and freedom of the press are essential so that citizens are informed and able to vote in their personal interests. When one party has the impudence to say "We Will Go It Alone" the entire democratic system is at dire risk of becoming something other than what the American people know and expect to continue for their children... God help us...andy

Nov -Dec 09

The first signs of Christmas arrive in October when sales and decorations follow fast on the heels of summer. But by Thanksgiving, we already see Christmas's true messenger: twinkling lights line the streets, the smell of balsam and spice cookies hover through the house and visits from friends and relatives. The season's spirit drives people to the mall, to the kitchen, to midnight mass and to festive gatherings. -But how did people celebrate Christmas before the advent of shopping malls and electric lights? What's the history behind the tradition? At its core, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus. The holiday's connection to Christ is obvious through its Old English root of "Cristes maesse" or Christ's Mass. For Christians, it is the time to renew one's faith, give generously and consider the past. But Christmas is also a secular celebration of family--one that many non-practicing Christians and people of other religions are comfortable accepting as their own. The secular nature of Christmas was officially acknowledged in 1870 when the United States Congress made it a federal holiday. Federal and state employees and most private businesses observe Dec. 25 by not working.

Christmas is also a fascinating assortment of traditions: one that combines pre-Christian rituals with modern traditions. Every family that celebrates Christmas has its own customs--some surprisingly universal, others entirely unique—However you and your family celebrate this time of the year, this season somehow brings us all together as one big family. Saying Merry Christmas is a way to tell others that I love being part of this great family we call America.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas ... everyone...andy

Jan -Feb 10

No one said that life would be easy. In a world that has gone wacky, even more so then I can recall in all my years, and I lived through the 60's. Well, hold on to your hat because it's going to get rough.

I was looking at some old photos the other day and it seemed as though there was a naive look to the way we thought and lived, as though everything was OK. Little did we know that underneath the surface deep in the hidden world of evil a plan was being constructed to change everything we knew to be normal, good and sane. The old saying, "there is coming a time" well that time is here. I find myself at a crossroads, I feel it is necessary to express my concerns for us as a neighborhood, and for our country, but it has been brought to my attention that my opinions should be kept to myself. That this newsletter is not a place for me to say what I think. For too long, this kind of thinking has been the way to get along; this is why we are facing a battle of unprecedented proportions for our very way of life of freedom and safety. We are under attack in every aspect of our political, economic, technical, educational, family and even spiritual way of life. There are people that desire to control and run the world, which when brought down to our level it means they want to control our neighborhood and our life.

Folks, I don't have any solutions and I don't want to lead any revolution, but it just really irritates me when somebody tells me to shut up and sit down, because my opinion doesn't appeal to them, oh and by the way they are going to tell me and us what to do and what to think. Well, I for one am tired of going along to get along.

I have opened the floor for you to express your views, I want to know what my neighbors are feeling and thinking. Keep it clean and precise ... andy

Mar - Apr 10

I have decided not to include my Andy's Opinion piece in the newsletter this issue, here is the reason.

"Dear Ms. Meek,

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Unfortunately, the only way I can express my disapproval of the opinion pieces would be by withholding my dues. I would not like to do that as it is clear the neighborhood needs the dues, but that is something I would consider doing if the opinions continue to be a regular part of the newsletter."

I am not inclined to give in to this kind of thought; however I also do not want to be accused of using BCNA monies for my own benefit.... Andy

May _Jun 10

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The following pages are the responses I received concerning Andy's Opinion ...

To Andy....

I suspect the cost of the newsletter is miniscule and more then likely paid for by the ads included, tell them to go picket the advertisers like good liberals, there are many more conservative residents in Oklahoma then not

Your position is voluntary, unpaid, under appreciated; you should be able to make the newsletter interesting to read, which would include your opinion under the ANDY'S OPINION heading.

We have allowed the liberal left to dictate far to much in our life, from PC speak to almost everything else.

Unfortunately the only way I have to express my support for the continued inclusion of your uncensored opinion piece would be to withhold my dues if it stops.

The dissenters obviously have never tried to find candidates to fill vacancies on a volunteer board, its very difficult; you should be allowed to continue.

You are appreciated and doing a great job.

Thanks

I read the recent individuals e-mail to you in the newsletter, I agree with this individual. The neighborhood newsletter should be about the neighborhood or things going in the City. As an employee of the City, I can tell you there are several exciting things occurring in OKC. First of all starting April 1st, the 1 cent MAP sales tax will be going towards MAPS 3 projects. I am sure you are aware, our ward will be receiving sidewalks as part of MAPS 3. I am sure Councilman Ryan can provide more information.

Something that does not necessarily impact our neighborhood directly (but does impact individuals who do work downtown), Project 180. Over the next four years, numerous changes will be made to improve downtown OKC. This is something, that could be spotlighted in the newsletter.

You and I briefly talked at the meeting about surveying the neighborhood. There is an electronic survey tool available for free www.surveymonkey.com. The free version allows you to setup 10 question surveys, which is probably plenty for what you would like to do.

Dear Mr. Zguris,

As it was clear that at least part of your most recent "Andy's Opinion" column was directed at me because of my e-mail to Sherry, I would like to take this opportunity to respond. As a reminder, here is my e-mail to Sherry:

"Dear Ms. Meek,

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No where in that request did I say that your opinions should be kept to yourself. You are more than free to shout your opinions from your rooftop. However, it is necessary, I believe, that when you are stating your opinions, you should be using YOUR resources to do so, not those resources (dues) provided by other people. I, and every dues paying member of the subdivision, pay for that newsletter's ink and paper. I pay my dues to try to help keep Bluff Creek a nice, safe neighborhood to live in -not to help pay for someone to express his political/religious opinions. And I don't understand why you feel that a neighborhood association's newsletter is an appropriate venue. As I said, the funds belonging to BCNA are provided by all dues paying members, not just those of your political or religious persuasion. I expect political organizations, religious organizations to supply those opinions; I don't expect a neighborhood association to supply them.

Also, I found it somewhat baffling that you would imply that I want to tell you what to do and what to think: "...oh and by the way they are going to tell me and us what to do and what to think". As I stated very clearly in my e-mail to Ms. Meek: "It wouldn't be any more okay to put in more progressive/liberal opinions, either, as I don't imagine those people with views opposite mine would appreciate feeling like their dues are being used to express those opinions." I don't think that could have been stated any more clearly. I don't appreciate you stating in the newsletter something that clearly is not in any way accurate to the feelings I expressed to Ms. Meek. (Or perhaps, there were other people who also expressed their dissatisfaction with political opinions being expressed in a neighborhood newsletter to whom you were referring?)

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS, BUT EVERY-
THING TO DO WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD.

This is chilling

In
1952 President
Truman established one day a year as a

"National
Day of
Prayer."

In 1988,
President Reagan designated the
first Thursday in May of each year as the National Day of
Prayer.

In June 2007,
(then) Presidential
candidate Barack Obama declared that the
USA
was no longer a
Christian nation.

This year
President Obama, canceled the
21st annual National Day of Prayer ceremony at the White
House under the rouse
of "not wanting to offend anyone"

On September 25,
2009 from 4 am until 7
pm, a National Day of Prayer for the Muslim religion was
held on Capitol Hill,
beside the White House. There were over 50,000 Muslims that
day in DC.

I guess it
doesn't matter if "Christians"
are offended by this event -
we obviously
don't count as "anyone"
anymore.

The direction
this country is headed
should strike fear in the heart of every Christian.
Especially knowing that the
Muslim religion believes that if Christians cannot be
converted they should be
annihilated

This is not a
rumor - Go to the website
to confirm this info:
(<http://www.islamoncapitolhill.com/>)

Pay particular
attention to the very
bottom of the page:
"OUR TIME HAS
COME"

I hope that this
information will stir your spirit.

The words of 2
Chronicles 7:14

"If my people,
who are called by my
name,
will humble themselves
and pray,

and seek my face, and
turn from their
wicked ways,
then will I hear from
heaven

and will forgive their
sin and will heal
their land."

We must pray for
our nation, our communities,

our families, and
especially our children.

They are the ones
that are going to suffer the most

if we don't PRAY!

May God have
mercy...IN GOD WE TRUST.

Please
pass this on,
maybe someone, somehow can figure out a way to
put America
back on the map as it
was when we were growing up, a safe place to
live and by
the Ten Commandments
and Pledge of Allegiance,
etc!

Dear Sir,

I wish I knew the name of the person who sent the letter to "Dear Ms. Meek" about the "opinions" expressed in the newsletter so that I could send him/her a bouquet of flowers to thank him. It is quite heartwarming when one person actually stands up and speaks what is on the minds of many others.

I did look at the newsletter even though it wasn't addressed to me.

Sincerely,

P.S. Bet you won't be printing this letter!!

We must pray and stand against government takeover of our freedoms. A

Subject: Fw: Check out "Know the TRUTH about the Government Health Care Bill H.R.3200" U will be SHOCKED

Click on Video link below. Know the truth about government.....

On Mar 19, 2010, at 3:44 PM, DougMcCarter wrote:

I don't care WHAT POLITICAL PARTY you are in, I can't imagine ANYONE who knows these things are in this bill being for it.

It is terrifying.

Take the time to watch this 10 minute video. U will be SHOCKED at what is in this bill.

Patriotic Resistance

Darla, ADMIN / National Director Check out the video 'Know the TRUTH about the Government Health Care Bill H.R.3200' Must See to Understand the Bill...pass around,...this weekend is critical ...Vote on Sunday in House

Know the TRUTH about the Government Health Care Bill H.R.3200

KEY POINTS Also see these discussions for what is happening in DC and around the country this weekend.<http://www.resistnet.com/forum/topi...>

Video link:

Know the TRUTH about the Government Health Care Bill H.R.3200

About Patriotic Resistance

73587 members

30620 photos

5325 videos40237 discussions

1320 Events

34571 blog posts

Hello Andy,

You are more than welcome and I agree with you thoughts and your decision to refrain in the newsletter, even though you opened the newsletter to ALL opinions.

I thought PC meant personal computer!

My wife and I have not been very active in the neighborhood, but I plan on coming to the cook-out, if only to meet you, my neighbor.

Andy, I would like to have something put in the newsletter asking parents in Bluff Creek to talk to their children about getting into someone's mailbox and taking mail. Parents should tell their children this is a serious offense. I have had a letter stolen out of my mailbox, and whoever took it left part of an advertisement. My neighbor's mail was taken out of her mailbox and found in another resident's yard. This happened a few months ago, and I feel like it was done by some child.

Thanks Andy for all your dedication in furnishing all of us in the neighborhood a fantastic newsletter. We need this newsletter to inform us and bind us together as a better group of friends and neighbors. I sincerely say Thank You.

But please understand that I also agree with the homeowner that complained ... in a very intelligent and gentlemanly manner that he did not agree that political opinions should be published in our Bluff Creek newsletter. It is not a matter of which side I, you or any of us are on ... it is a matter that a community such as ours CAN bind together and accomplish many things for the whole without involving individual political opinions. The same goes for religion as I am sure there is a wide variety of faiths among us.

To me the reference about dues made in the pre-mentioned letter said ... YES we all need to pay our BCNA dues so they can be used to improve our community as a whole.

Andy,

I appreciate what you write in the newsletter. I'd like to see you continue to write your column and exercise your right to your freedom of speech. It's a shame that someone feels as though they have to resort to threats (not paying dues) to stifle someone else's rights that are granted by our government.

Thank you for the work you do for the neighborhood! And thank you to each of the officers on the Board!

Sincerely,

Andy, wanted to send you my email address per request in newsletter. I appreciate the work you and the other officers are doing for our neighborhood. Thank you.

Just wanted to say, we really enjoy the newsletter and appreciate all the contributions and efforts of the BC officers in making BC a much nicer place to live.

And by the way, "Criticism is something we can avoid by saying nothing, doing nothing, being nothing." Aristotle

You are making a difference.

Andy,

Email me the newsletter. Thanks. It is great!

I am very glad that there was a variety of responses to Andy's Opinion Articles... At least I know some of you are reading the Newsletter.

After all is said and done what has actually taken place is a healthy dialog of opinions. There were some who agreed and some who didn't. Now that didn't hurt did it. My opinion didn't change your mind, it didn't take anything from you. What did happen was an exchange of ideas, a learning about how people feel and what we are willing to do to express our selves. I think that's great. Listen folks, my purpose in writing my opinions was not intended to degrade or insult anyone, they were written with a great deal of thought to let you know that there is something going on that we should be concerned about. Everything that happens in our country will eventually reach us on a personal level. That means it will effect you and me, that's important to our neighborhood. If property values go down that effects all of us. If my neighbor loses his or her job that effects yours and my business. The list goes on and on, we should all be aware of as much as possible, how else can we help each other. Don't be upset because someone tells you your house is on fire, be thankful that you were warned and your neighbor called the fire department.

Quite frankly after going back and re-reading the articles I wrote I'm wondering what all the Hub-bub was all about. I'm sure I'm not going to please some of you, but I can not be silent. I will continue to write Andy's Opinion and will always include any articles anyone would send me. As always the newsletter will have information of what's going on in our neighborhood, city and state.

With the email version we can make the newsletter a pretty informative source. We can use color pictures and even videos for all of us to get to know each other. However the best way to do that is to get involved ... come to the Spring fling cookout, meet some of your neighbors... heck, come and meet me... I do all the cooking... Well, see you there...andy