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HOA NEWSLETTER

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"A Caring Community"

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GENERAL HOA & NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, October 16th — 6:30 pm for Dinner . . .

General Meeting Begins @ 7:00 pm

WHERE: Ben Lippen School Cafeteria — 500 St. Andrews Road

PROGRAM: A brief report from our **Resident Deputy & Fire Marshall**; also, an informative and entertaining history of our neighborhood presented by **Lloyd Higbe** .

Don't have time to prepare dinner and attend the HOA meeting?? We hope you like our solution . . .

Treat your family to a meal prepared by **Chef Sid Stanciu** – Simply go online to www.vipfruitart.com to select an item from his menu. Then e-mail him at www.chefsid@vipfruitart.com or call him at **803-318-0793**. Chef Sid will prepare your meal and deliver it to Ben Lippen **by 6:30 pm** and you can pay at that time (the price includes tax). **Desserts will be compliments of your HOA Board.**

COULD FIRST RESPONDERS FIND YOUR HOME AT NIGHT? While walking in the neighborhood, I noticed some homes don't have any visible house numbers on their mailbox or home. Those extra minutes taken to locate your home could put your life or someone else's at risk. The best option is to have **reflective numbers** attached on/near your mailbox post. Our local **Fire Department** will make these for you at a very reasonable fee. If you are interested, just drop by their office behind **Bi-Lo** and complete a simple form.

IF YOU DON'T SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LOCAL GARBAGE SERVICE: There are two free dump sites located just a few miles from our area – One is located **off I-20 @ 378 behind John Deere**; the other is located off **Old Bush River Road near the intersection of Hwy 60**. Please don't leave bags of litter in your yard hoping someone will pick them up. The Code Enforcement Deputy can fine you for doing so.

IS YOUR HOME AN INVITATION TO CRIMINALS? Check out what attracts them . . .

- Shrubbery that is above window height obscuring view; unlocked windows
- Accumulation of newspapers in driveway when out of town
- Valuables left in your vehicle; unsecured trailers and keys left in your vehicle
- Lack of a security light or interior lights on a timer
- Mailbox flag in upright position when checks are enclosed for pick up; missing mailbox door

Let's keep crime out of our neighborhood by reporting any suspicious activity to our **Resident Deputy, Dan Rusinyak**: (Cell) 803-518-7795; (Office) 803-772-3336; (Voice Mail) 803-785-0882, or call 911.

WHAT BRINGS THE MOST VALUE TO YOUR HOME AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Keeping the exterior paint of your home in good condition
- Replacing/repairing garage doors
- Replacing or removing damaged or missing shutters
- Power washing home when needed
- Maintaining your lawn, keeping beds free of weeds, trimming shrubbery
- Updating kitchen and bathrooms
- Replacing or repairing damaged mailboxes

HAVE YOU NOTICED? Thanks to many volunteers that care about our neighborhood, we have accomplished the following:

- Added new pine straw to all of our entrances
- Cleaned up the Grenadier entrance
- Added new summer plantings
- Planted a variety of grasses on the St. Andrews bank
- Created a dry stream bed on the bank at the St. Andrews entrance

FUTURE NEEDS:

- Further cleaning of the St. Andrews bank and adding more grasses to the bank
- Fall plantings at all entrances
- Replacing the Grenadier fence, which would be extremely costly
- Painting the brick wall at the main entrance
- Replacing the lettering at the main entrance
- Revise our community covenants, which would require attorney involvement

Please help us achieve these goals by paying your annual \$25 dues. It's a minimal amount. Unfortunately, only about 25% of the residents pay their dues. Please mail your payment to:

Gardendale HOA, PO Box 1232, Irmo SC 29063 - Or pay online through your bank

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION FOR BEN LIPPEN

Ben Lippen School has been gracious by allowing our HOA to use their facilities at no cost for our general meetings and annual spring/fall indoor sale events. We can assist them in a small way that will yield new equipment/supplies for their school. They collect **Box Top Labels for Education** that you see on cereals and other products. Let's begin collecting them on a routine basis. You can drop them by the school, or simply bring your collection to each HOA meeting.

We want to hear from you – What do you think devalues our neighborhood the most? This information will be invaluable to our Covenant Revision Committee.

THANKS TO OUR ROSTER REVISION HELPERS!! Over 25 residents assisted with this task.