



Belews News

Belews Landing Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Calendar

Community Christmas Event
December 15
3:00 pm
Clubhouse

Budget Ratification Meeting
December 17
6:30 pm
Clubhouse

Holiday Cookie Exchange
December 17
7:00 pm
150 Widows
Walk Ct

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Budget Ratification Meeting

A meeting of HOA members to ratify the proposed budget will be held at 6:30 pm on December 17 at the clubhouse. The

proposed budget will be sent to the membership before the meeting.

Board Officer Positions

Unfortunately, **Sherrie McBride** has had to resign from the HOA president position. Increases in both work and personal responsibilities made it impossible for her to devote the time that is required. The board is very appreciative of Sherrie's substantial contributions to the HOA during her time

as president. The position of president will be taken over by **Richard Verner**, and **Steve Black** will take on the secretary's tasks on a temporary basis. The board will be seeking nominations to fill the open position and will discuss the next steps during the meeting on December 17.

New Committee Appointments

The HOA board of directors has appointed two new committees to assist with community business and activities. The committees and the members are:
Crows Nest Roads and Gate: David Keeney (Chair), **Rick Craig**, **David Rush**, and **Ben Yorks**.

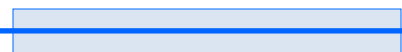
Social: Jeannie Renken (Chair), **Michele Browning**, **Carol Lentz**, **Patty Wise**, and **Bonnie Wrisley**.

Please thank these people who are willing to volunteer their time on behalf of us all.

Sale to Benefit the American Cancer Society

A special event to benefit the American Cancer Society was held on Saturday, October 26. The event consisted of a yard sale, a baked goods sale, and an opportunity for direct gifts. The event raised a total of \$1,842.00. In addition to the money raised it was an excellent opportunity for members of the community to work together toward a

special cause and also to clean some unwanted items from storage areas. The event was led by **Sarah Bailey** and **Cari Pfister**. Others who contributed in various ways included **Al** and **DeDe Trandem**, **Richard Verner**, **Kari Pedersen**, **Alice Yorks**, **Brian Siemon**, and **Sean Long**.



Halloween Boo Trail

The Haunted Boo Trail held Saturday, October 26 was well attended; thanks to all who helped and participated. There was plenty of great food before dark and approximately 30-40 brave kids and some adults ventured down the trail to the treat-filled cabana. Everyone seemed to have a great time (some screams/a few tears) and lots of fun. Everyone is

looking forward to making next year's event bigger and better. Special thanks to those who helped organize this event (**Carol and Mike Lentz, Patti and Bob Hefner, Erin and Todd Ryan, Lori and Tim Ratcliffe, and Amy and Jimmy Rider**) and everyone else who participated.

Hot-Air Balloon Event

The 1st Annual Balloon at Belews event was held on Sunday, November 17th. Organized by **Nicole Gillespie**, it was a success for community recognition and exposure at Belews Landing as well as the opportunity to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. While the weather wasn't cooperative for the Re/Max hot-air balloon to take flight, the pilot was able to inflate a 14-ft cold-air balloon at the front entrance and a 25-ft cold-air balloon near the clubhouse, where he fielded numerous balloon questions and showcased the hot-air balloon basket for picture taking. In addition to the balloons, there was a 40-ft

inflatable obstacle course and face painting for the kids; a live radio remote from Jared at 107.5 WKZL; 15 pizzas donated by Papa John's; and raffles donated by Blue Naples, NC Zoo, CFL Mortgage, Serenity Spa, El Puente, and **Mike and Sherrie McBride**. Hot Dogs and drinks were sponsored by Michelle Martin at PNC Mortgage. A total of \$421.00 was raised for the Children's Miracle Network. Thank you to all who attended, volunteered, and donated. Plans are to hold the 2nd Annual Balloon at Belews event next spring.

Holiday Open House Tour

The weather was perfect for the tour of decorated houses during the evening of December 6. About 40 residents assembled at the clubhouse parking lot and headed in a convoy to the circle at the end of Windward Drive. The first stop on the tour was the home of **Jeannie and Tom Renken** (hosted by **Sarah Renken and Bonnie Wisley**). From there the group progressed to the Keel Court circle, where there were two stops; first at the home of **Amy and Jimmy Rider** and then the home of **Sarah and Michael Bailey**. Next stop was the recently completed home of **Lisa Poulos and Keshavpal Reddy**. The final trip was to the Leeward Drive circle for two more stops; the home of

Rachel and Keith Morrow and the home of **Sherrie and Michael McBride**. At each stop, residents were invited to tour the house and view the decorations and wonderful hors d'oeuvres/appetizers and beverages were served. At the final stop, there was an excellent selection of desserts, contributed by various residents. The balmy weather allowed people to spill outside and enjoy the patios and porches at several stops. Thank you to everyone who opened up their homes, to those who contributed food, and to everyone else who participated and made it such an enjoyable occasion. A special thanks to **Sherrie McBride**, who not only hosted the final stop but also organized the event.

New Contact Person at AMG

Our new contact person at Association Management Group (the company that manages business affairs for the HOA) is MacKenzie Ruickoldt. You can reach

MacKenzie by phone at 336-273-8600 x1174 or by email at mruickoldt@amgworld.com.

HOA Website

A major upgrade to the HOA website was launched on November 2. Previously, the website was created and updated using Google Sites software. Although this software made it relatively easy to create the site and it served well for almost a year, there were restrictions that limited elements that could be incorporated. The upgrade consisted of a conversion from Google Sites

to direct coding in HTML5/CSS3. The new version is easier to maintain and will permit numerous features that were not possible before. Your comments and suggestions about the upgrade are important. Please send feedback to belewslandingnewsletter@gmail.com.

Update from the Development Company

Expanding on the trend established last year, new home construction in Belews Landing continues at a brisk pace. At this time, eight homes are under construction at various locations throughout the

development (lots 11, 12, 23, 52, 71, 89, 103, and 120). Additionally, at least five new homes are expected to be built next year.



The Board of Directors Wishes Everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2014

About Our Association

Board Members

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