



Newsletter

Message From Your BNA President, Wayman Stover

As I write this, workmen continue to work laying cable underground in our neighborhood for Fiber Optic internet. Based on what I've seen from their work, they have left our yards intact and the way they found them. Company officials informed me that this construction will allow them to provide the fastest internet service for neighborhood residents, possibly providing more convenient service and a future asset for all who live here. Once work is completed, you will likely hear from them marketing their product and encouraging you to sign on. The company's name is Lumos. If you have any issues with them regarding the construction or wish to contact them for further information, you may reach them at 855-453-0301 or visit their website at www.lumosfiber.com.

As you have heard me say during our meetings, I encourage everyone to get to know their neighbors. By doing so, you may learn that you and your neighbor(s) have more in common than differences. This action may help to avoid conflicts in the future. I have received several calls from residents regarding their neighbors. These calls relate to violations of their perceived personal rights or violations of County Ordinances that affect the serenity of our community. First, I encourage everyone to become familiar with County Ordinances that affect individual rights as well as Ordinances relating to the well being of our Neighborhood. In this way, we can better communicate with each other and counsel each other on the method we should go forward in making our community a harmonious place to live.

I thank all of you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at our National Night Out Celebration.

Wayman Stover, BNA President

Maintenance of Neighborhood Entrances and Decorations

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the Decoration Committee for keeping our neighborhood entrances decorated around holiday themes. Our kudos go to Susan Caskey and Debbo Lacklore for their service on the Decoration Committee. Additionally, we extend our appreciation to the Briarwood residents who have volunteered their time and services to maintain the grounds around our community signs and entrances: McArthur Day, Marion Woods, Dan Lacklore, Michael Layden, Desmond Perry, and Ray Owens.



National Night Out Celebration

National Night Out (NNO) is a national celebration held annually to allow communities to come together to meet their neighbors. The Briarwood Neighborhood Association (BNA) is sponsoring its 39th Annual NNO on August 6th. This celebration allows BNA residents' members to come together and have a delicious meal, get to know your neighbors and meet local law enforcement officials. It is another way we can build positive relationships in our community and we encourage everyone who possibly can attend to do so. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details regarding this event.

Clean Sweep

The annual Clean Sweep for Briarwood Neighborhood will begin Saturday, September 21. This is a special weekend when we give an all out effort to beautify our surroundings as the summer is winding down and we are gearing up for the holidays. Your Briarwood Neighborhood Association will team up with Richland County Special Services to provide trucks and workers to haul off extra trash and junk.

Here are a few basic rules:

On Friday evening, tires, bulk items, appliances and limbs less than 4 ft. in length should be placed in separate piles on the edge of the street so they can more easily be scooped up.

On Saturday, select items will be picked up and hopefully, drains cleaned. The following week, the remainder of the items will be picked up. The haulers have until Friday of the following week at 7:30 pm to collect.

Cans of paint will not be picked up unless the tops are off and the paint is dried. (This takes a long time, so begin now.) The cans may also be filled with dirt or cat litter to dry up the paint. Cement blocks, bricks, or broken tiles will not be picked up nor will anything that looks like a home contractor has left it behind. Those items have to be taken to the county dump. Call Richland County Ombudsman Office [803-929-6000](tel:803-929-6000) for the nearest location.

Mark your calendar for **the third weekend in September** (it's the beginning of Autumn) and clean out your storage sheds, garages, carports, and attics. Please be a good neighbor and keep your property and yards as neat as possible. This helps the value of your property and that of your neighbors.

For questions, prior to Clean Sweep, call Marilyn Summers at [803-788-1528](tel:803-788-1528) and leave a message. I will return your call. On Clean Sweep Saturday I will be surveying the neighborhood or serving lunch to the workers and can be reached at [803-206-2424](tel:803-206-2424).

Maintenance of Your Property and Surrounding Areas

Trash on our streets near our properties and surrounding areas can be an eye sore to our neighborhood and our property as well. We are fortunate to have a way of discarding and getting rid of yard trash and household garbage on a weekly basis and recyclables on a by-weekly basis that we don't want or need. This service is provided by the County through our tax dollars and can help us keep our neighborhood clean and free of trash along our streets. Here are a few of the things we can do to accomplish this -

CURBSIDE HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE COLLETION WEEKLY: 1) place your cart at the curb by 7:00am on the day of collection 2) to prevent litter, make sure your cart is closed and secured at all times 3) remove your cart by 7:00pm on the day of collection. **YARD WASTE COLLECTION WEEKLY:** 1) yard waste should be placed in one pile within 6 feet of the curbside and not in the traveled part of the roadway, storm drain or drainage ditch no later than 7:00am on the day of collection 2) grass clippings, leaves, pine straw (no mulch) placed in bags or other containers, if possible 3) sticks or small limbs (no longer than 4 ft. and no bigger than 4 inches in diameter) 4) brush or clippings generated from routine landscape maintenance of residential properties (no stumps, roots or tree removal debris will be collected) 5) weekly collection will be limited to a pile no larger than 6 ft. in length, 3 ft. in width and 2 ft. in height or roughly the amount of two loosely filled roll carts or six 30-gallon yard waste bags.

BULK ITEM COLLECTION: Items that qualify for collection include but are not limited to furniture and mattresses, hot water heaters, push mowers (no gas or oil), metal grills (no propane tanks), large appliances (doors on appliances need to be removed). Bulk items collection is by appointment only through a Service Request by calling 803 576 2440 or contacting the County Ombudman at 803 929 6000. Do not place items curbside until you receive a confirmation call or email with your scheduled appointment date.

Briarwood Yards of the Month!

Yard of the Month is awarded to active Briarwood Neighborhood Association members who exemplify a standard for yard beautification. Each winner is awarded a Gift Card. All residents benefit from their dedication to yard maintenance, so a huge "Thank You" to these households!



April Yard of the Month
Shirley Constable
9733 Highgate Rd

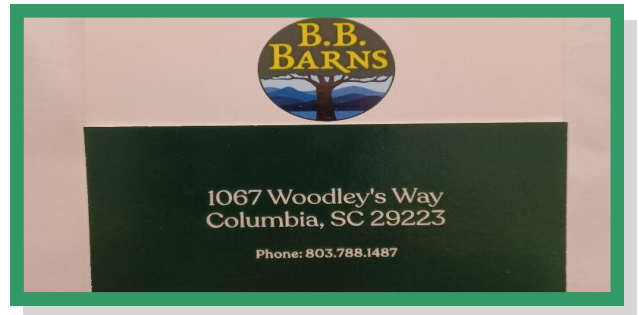


May Yard of the Month
Rosa Hopkins
9743 Windsor Lake Blvd



June Yard of the Month
Steve and Nancy King
2805 Vinewood Place

Yard of the Month Gift Certificates Donated By



BNA Membership

Your annual membership dues are used to support activities for the Briarwood Neighborhood. All of our activities are done by volunteers who do not receive any pay; however, all residents in the community benefit from these services. We encourage everyone in our community to be a member of the BNA by paying membership dues and staying current with your membership each year. The yard sign depicted in this article shows current status of a resident's membership. For additional information regarding how to become a member, see the membership application in this bulletin or visit briarwoodcolumbia.com

Briarwood Neighborhood Website
[-www.briarwoodcolumbia.com](http://www.briarwoodcolumbia.com)

The Briarwood Neighborhood Association has a new website manager, Christian Flynn-Hill, and she will be working to keep the site current regarding happenings in and around our community. There is a Current Events page on this site and we encourage everyone to visit it often to be apprised of present and future activities. If you have suggestions that you wish to share with Ms. Flynn-Hill, contact her at cmflynnhill@gmail.com

Briarwood Board of Directors & Committee Chairs



President » Wayman Stover › 788-1281

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Recording Secretary » Sue Lippincott › 788-7464

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Yard of the Month

» Mary Stover › 788-1281 » Constance Morgan ›

Yard Sale » Sandy Woods › 337-789-8192

Condolence Committee » Valerie Schulz › 315-3316

National Night Out » Jim O'Brien 803-479-5769

Decorations Committee » Susan Caskey › 463-6138

» Debbo Lacklore › 553-7644

Website » Clifton Ross

Clean Sweep » Marilyn Summers › 788-1528

Block Captains » Frank Norville › 736-1993

Welcome Committee » Linda Stearns › 736-4589



County Council Adopts \$1.24B Operating Budget for FY2025

The Richland County Council has adopted an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The budget is effective beginning July 1. The new budget includes a 6.3 percent raise over the FY 2024 Budget. Some highlights of the budget that maybe of interest to residents of our community include: - \$6.22M to complete capital projects, including the improvements to the County Judicial Center Administration Building and Health Department Facilities - \$1.81M toward community grants, which financially support organizations and agencies that implement community-based programs (Such as the BNA) and services - An 8 percent increase in Law Enforcement funding over FY 2024 - 4.75 percent curbside collection rate increase - 4.75 percent landfill rate increase. For further details regarding the Budget visit www.richlandcountysc.gov



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StreetAddress: _____

PhoneNumber(s): _____

EmailAddress: _____

Check Cash Own Rent Renewal

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 or pay online www.BriarwoodColumbia.com

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