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Exploring the Nature Preserve

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With Bridget and the kids off in Florida over the end of the Christmas Holidays, I hiked all over our Bailiwyck Nature Preserve. After an evening ramble with my raucous dog and no sign of life, I planned a trip for the next morning, sans dog. The hike started off in the early dawn hours on a path up to the five points widely cleared by the trappings of four-wheelers. This was a good start on such a warm and sunny day.

At the five points I found the early sun very bright and the briar meadow high and opaque. On reviewing the terrain, I noticed that the eastern edge was lined with tall Cedars and at the end closest to the trail was an open and airy Pine with branches almost to the ground. A nice hide with an easy climb, good height, and enough branches to obscure my presence.

After my not-so-flexible frame settled down on a high and sturdy branch, I waited.

After some more time, I pulled out my trusty 10x50 binoculars and pre-focused them halfway across the meadow, and waited. A couple of cardinals flew across and dropped down into the briars. I waited some more. Now, the two inch branch started to hurt so I shifted from one cheek to the

other and waited some more.

After what seemed like a lifetime, and with nothing happening, I noticed a faint 'tit-tit-tit' sound right behind me. Looking around, I found a tiny bird sitting next to me on a branch of the nearest Cedar. Its chest faded from bright yellow up to an olive-green and its head was boldly striped all over. Figuring this was a Warbler, and I don't know them too well but do know they can all look the same, I concentrated on the details, setting them to memory.

Then it did an odd thing. It flew out to the ends of the branch and hovered like a poorly trained Hummingbird and started gleaning something off the ends of the branch. Maybe a seed or some small bugs or something, I couldn't tell. All of a sudden it bolted off across the meadow and disappeared.

On review of the Warblers, I found it closely resembled a Worm-Eating Warbler but its habits, sounds, and migration made this very unlikely. The hovering flight had me then ponder the Kinglets. There it was- a Golden Crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*). The first I'd ever seen and a tiny bird of the Boreal forests of Canada down here for our warm winters.

I guess warmth is a relative thing.

Clubhouse Committee

We regret to announce that Michelle Wilson has decided to resign from the Clubhouse Committee after many years of volunteer work with us. Although many of you may not know Michelle personally, she has worked tirelessly over the years for the Bailiwyck Community on every kind of Clubhouse matter, and most of you have seen the results of her activities.

Some major highlights of Michelle's contributions to the clubhouse over the years were:

- Managing multiple paintings of the clubhouse (as well as the bell tower and pool house)
- Managing the replacement of the rotted window with low maintenance vinyl.
- Supervising the replacement of the worn out carpet (in addition to scheduling regular cleanings.)

In addition to the activities relating directly to the Clubhouse, Michelle was also responsible for the following:

- Researched trash collection options and negotiated a special price with a single provider, saving each household

approximately \$72 per quarter.

- Organized, selected equipment, and supervised the installation of the Childrens Playground and the surrounding landscaping. (She has recently arranged for replacement hinges to be fitted to the swings, as the original ones were showing signs of wear, and negotiated with the original manufacturers to supply these without charge when the local supplier was not cooperative.)
- Organized and coordinated the rebuilding of the Pool/Pump house that was deteriorating badly due to water damage to the roof and walls
- Helped investigate the problem of water damage between the stonework and interior woodwork of the Bell Tower.

The Clubhouse Committee would like to give Michelle the recognition she deserves for her long-standing commitment to maintaining and improving our community. She has selflessly handled the innumerable estimates/quotations/contracts for work to be done, had a complete understanding of

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BHOA Quarterly Dues are due January 31

Board of Directors Meeting

Happy New Year Bailiwyck! I want to thank everyone who has been so helpful in making the first quarter of this Board tenure a positive experience. As for what lies ahead, we would like to invite more of those who have just moved into our community to become part of the various committees that truly run and manage the operations of Bailiwyck. Our committees include Grounds, Club House, Pool, Social, and Architectural. Your expertise or interest is appreciated and needed.

Thank you Michelle Wilson for all the work you have done over the many years on the Club House committee. As a mainstay of the committee since inception, we were truly fortunate to have you as part of the solution in helping this community run smoothly. The Clubhouse is a jewel for Bailiwyck and is a gathering place for memories and good times. With

out your help, Michelle, it just wouldn't have been the same. Thanks.

I have a question that needs an answer. How much would you be willing to pay each day for security for this community? Since September, we have asked for ideas and bids to secure and patrol Bailiwyck. A recent proposal submitted to us quoted \$300 to \$504 per day depending on the level of security we wished to provide. Would you email the Board at BOD@Bailiwyck.com with your thoughts and ideas?

One last note, our Board meetings are the second Monday of each month. We meet at the Clubhouse and it is an open meeting to all homeowners in Bailiwyck. Please join us! Your input and ideas are welcome.

Andy Bregman
President, BHOA Board

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all the technical factors involved, and carried through with the necessary supervision. We will all miss her knowledge and capability.

Replacing Michelle will be difficult. We encourage and welcome one or two volunteers to join us on the committee – especially anyone with an interest in, and knowledge of, looking after property. If you feel you can help, please call Walt Lawson on 548-1012 or Sheila Reuille on 547-6559.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

- Nathan & Paulette Manis who moved into 324 Gringley Hill Rd
- Tracey & Mike Burnette who moved into 533 Wildbrook Walk
- Jo Vandiver who moved into 332 South Downs Way

Raising Money for Tsunami Victims

The Bailiwyck Bunco Group met on January 5 and played three tables for a worthy cause.

The funds raised were donated to victims of the Asian Tsunami. A matching contribution was given from ADP. Thank you to all who participated.

Bailiwyck Book Club

Plan to join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the clubhouse. The next meeting is February 1. Bring your suggestions for future selections.

Fountain on the Upper Wye

Several residents have inquired regarding the non-operational fountain in the upper lake. We have been advised that a circuit breaker problem exists and that an electrician has been called.

Dates To Remember

Association Dues

January 31; (Sunday)
mail to: P.O. Box 785
Fort Mill, SC 29716

Book Club

February 1; 7:00 P.M. (Tuesday)
at the clubhouse.

Grounds Committee Meeting

February 7; 7:30 P.M. (Monday)
at the clubhouse.

BHOA Board Meeting

February 14; 7:30 P.M. (Monday)
at the clubhouse.

Architectural Review Committee

February 10; 7:30 P.M. (Thursday)
at the clubhouse.

Gazette Deadline

February 20 (Wednesday)
email Cablekay@yahoo.com
Delivered February 27-28

Clubhouse Committee

February 21; 7:30 P.M. (Monday)
at the clubhouse.

Adopt a Highway

March 5; 9:00 A.M. (Saturday)

Bailiwyck Community Homeowners Association Comparison of Actual Cash Receipts & Disbursements to Budget 8/1/04-12/31/04

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Receipts			
Dues	\$29,227	\$30,000	(\$773)
Clubhouse rental	1,000	1,600	(600)
Late fees	850	0	850 1
Interest/other income	514	104	410
	<u>31,591</u>	<u>31,704</u>	<u>(113)</u>
Disbursements			
Admin & Professional	1,584	2,458	874
Clubhouse	2,935	5,085	2,150
Grounds	11,878	17,667	5,789 2
Recreation	13,255	16,205	2,950
Reparis	4,752	7,500	2,748 3
Social Committee	883	2,745	1,862 4
Utilities	3,856	3,910	54
	<u>39,143</u>	<u>55,570</u>	<u>16,427</u>
Net	<u>(\$7,552)</u>	<u>(\$23,866)</u>	<u>\$16,314</u>

Variance Explanations

- (1) Late fees are not budgeted
- (2) Grounds projects anticipated have not been completed
- (3) Anticipated repairs are partially complete/paid for.
- (4) Difference represents unspent budget and participant copayments

Sheliah Reuille
Treasurer