



November 2007

# BGCA NEWS

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## Letter from the President

It seems hard to believe that the end of another year is upon us already. Just yesterday we were getting folks together for the opening of the pool, and here we are looking at it closed again. I am pleased to report that the pool had another successful season, thanks to a handful of dedicated neighbors willing to donate their time and talent to make our Community Center something to be proud of.

While there were a lot of things accomplished this year, some of the highlights are –

- Replacement of the commodes in the restrooms (no more pesky smells)
- Repainting of the bottom of the baby pool
- Stripping and repainting of the pool wall and pump house
- Patching and striping of the parking lot
- Negotiation of a new sign on Pinetta (coming soon)
- Continued improvement of the landscaping
- Installation of message sign at Community Center

I realize that none of these items are earth – shattering, but each one helps to improve our Community Center. With every item that we cross off on our 'To Do Wish List', we add one or two. We need your help. We need you to come down and take a project – small or large and go forward with it. Imagine if each household took one small project per year – oh, the things we could accomplish!

John Benedict

## Open Positions

The BGCA board consists of neighbors who volunteer their time and talents to improve our neighborhood and property values. Several positions will be available on next year's board. Become active in your community and consider one of the following positions:

**President** – oversee the responsibilities of the board

**Grounds** - insure the grounds and landscaping are maintained

**Building Rental** – coordinate the rental of the community center

**Communications** – responsible for the newsletters and other mass communication

**Pool** - oversee pool operations

**Snack Bar** - manage the snack bar during pool operations

Compensation for all positions – the knowledge that you make a difference.

## Town Hall Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, November 27, 2007  
7:00pm

**Where:** Brighton Green Community Center

Come join your neighbors as we vote on the 2008 budget and elect the board members for next year.

## SANTA IS ON HIS WAY...

Mark Your Calendars For This Special Day!

**WHO:** All Brighton Green residents  
**WHAT:** Santa pancake dinner (holiday crafts will be provided for children)  
**WHERE:** Brighton Green Community Center  
**WHEN:** Friday, December 14th  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

SANTA will make his GRANDE 'DEBUE' around 6:45 pm. Bring your cameras and REMEMBER if you have been NICE this year Santa may have a goody in his bag for you!!

COST: \$5.00 per person

\*\*\* Volunteers are needed to help with this night. So if you have experience as a waitress/waiter, pancake/bacon chef, decorator, cashier.. (or not:) please call April Mann @330-9007 or Jennifer LaRuffa @560-0963.\*\*\*

## ADOPT AN EVENT

**PROPOSAL:** Adopt an event/social per year with your neighbors

As we all know, we live in a very unique, family-oriented neighborhood that is very well established in providing a wonderful community life for its residents. BGCA provides many wonderful events each year that many participate in and value.

We have all heard this over and over again... we are BUSY and we all have work and projects that are never ending and we never get to slow down. This is all very true...BUT it does not change the fact that our Community Association needs more families to volunteer to keep our traditions going.

What is proposed is SIMPLE. If a few neighbors would get together and adopt just one event, we can continue to be that unique, strong community that has so much to offer its residents and children.

Reality Check...IF we don't get more volunteers and new faces to commit their time to helping with these events then we will see many of these traditions and events fade away. I think I am safe to speak for many of you that we don't want to see that happen.

I encourage all of our members of BGCA and residents to really consider how you may help serve in your community and serve your neighbors.

Yes, we are all insanely busy, overextended...but the fact remains that we see a lot of the same neighbors/people serving us and our community on their busy schedules and it just may be your turn to step up to the plate and help our neighborhood to grow and prosper.

Talk to your neighbors and consider helping to sponsor an event during 2008 from the list below. Keep in mind many of these community events are traditional and already have written agendas and true success stories, so it really is a matter of history repeating itself. By doing this you would have fun and fellowship with your neighbors and family experiencing the fulfillment of purpose in serving your community. Please keep in mind that new ideas/events are welcome as well.

- Jan. New Year's Party (adults only)
- Feb. Valentine's Party for Parents (volunteers to babysit the children)
- Feb/March Fish Fry
- March St. Patty's Dinner/Bon Fire Night
- May: Cinco De Mayo Party
- July: Annual 4th of July Party/Parade
- Sept. Labor Day Luau Pool Party
- Oct./Nov. Chili Cook-off
- Dec. Santa Pancake Dinner

Contact April Mann @ 330-9007 to VOLUNTEER and ADOPT AN EVENT. Thanks for your consideration!!!

## BABY NEWS

Please welcome James Whitt Mann to our neighborhood. Chris and April Mann are the proud parents of this little bundle of joy who was born on October 11th and weighed a 'whopping' 7 lb. 1oz. The family and baby are doing well and wish to send a BIG THANK YOU to all of their friends and neighbors who welcomed Baby James home with lots of yummy dinners and gifts. GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. YOU ARE AMAZING!!!!

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President: John Benedict  
Secretary: Anne Cejka  
Treasurer: Open  
Membership: Claudia Marshel  
Grounds: Joanne and Frank Einsmann  
Building Rental: Mel Valenti  
Building Maintenance: Open  
Community Life: Jennifer LaRuffa  
April Mann  
Communications: Beth Maguire  
Swim Team Rep: Nanette Smith  
Angela Burroughs  
Pool Manager: Fred Mistr  
Web Master: Michael Prior

**BGCA Calendar**

**November 27 7:00 Town Hall Meeting**  
**December 14 6:00 Santa Pancake Dinner**

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