



Fort Mill • South Carolina

# Bailiwyck Gazette

Holiday 2004

## Happy Holidays in Bailiwyck



The Family Christmas Party was held December 12 at the clubhouse. In attendance were 30 adults, 40 children and 1 jolly man in a red suit.

There was hot chocolate and cake for everyone. Games were played and the little ones had a good time drawing pictures and blowing bubbles.

The winners of each game were: **Bingo**- TJ Tkacik and Christian Kamke. They won a \$10 Target Gift Card, a snowman and candies. Gold medals-

**Musical chairs**- Peter Kamke and Sam Thomas.

**Hot Stick**- Skyler Ingram.

**Surprise Package**- TJ Tkacik, Jacob Pollard, Mes Zarauz and Sophie Van Welsen.

**Simon Says**- Andrew Weaber & Peter Kamke.

Santa showed up with early presents for the children.

Phyllis Kamke was the winner of the poinsettia drawing.

Thanks to everyone who planned and participated in this event.

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All holiday photos are in color at [Bailiwyck.com](http://Bailiwyck.com)

# Board of Directors Meeting

As 2004 comes to an end I want to thank all the Board Members and Volunteers for all the things they do to make the Bailiwyck community a good place to live. We couldn't do it without you! This community is changing every month, just like the township around us. There are those of us who have had great success, good health, and happy times in 2004. There are also those who have felt the sting of failure, sickness, and struggle. I know that I, like many of you, take this time of year to reflect on our own successes and failures and learn from both. It's what we take from those experiences that will make Bailiwyck better for 2005.

The Board did meet this month to review a few items in process.

The Bell Tower has needed long overdue repairs and those repairs, for the most part, have been completed.

Our website has been getting spammed heavily. So you will note a different email address for the Gazette and the Board. Please note the changes if you use email to communicate.

BOD@Bailiwyck.com  
NEWS@Bailiwyck.com

Thank you Liz Ethridge and Sheila Crane for all your work on the adult Christmas Party. We have many new neighbors and it was nice to get an opportunity to meet and know them.

Marta did a great job planning the Family Party. I'm sure that this will become an annual event.

Thank you for your help in clearing the Clubhouse parking area of cars that had been there on extended stay.

It's cold outside, so if you're warming up your vehicle just keep an eye on it so that it isn't taken.

If you're leaving town for an extended stay let your neighbors know, get timers for your lights, have the paper stopped and don't let mail pile up.

Have a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year.

**Andy Bregman**  
*President-Bailiwyck Homeowners Association*

## Dates To Remember

**Grounds Committee Meeting**  
January 3; 7:30 P.M. (Monday)  
at the clubhouse.

**Book Club**  
January 4; 7:00 P.M. (Tuesday)  
at the clubhouse.

**Architectural Review Committee**  
January 13; 7:30 P.M. (Thursday)  
at the clubhouse.

**BHOA Board Meeting**  
January 10; 7:30 P.M. (Monday)  
at the clubhouse.

**Clubhouse Committee**  
January 17; 7:30 P.M. (Monday)  
at the clubhouse.

**Gazette Deadline**  
January 20; (Wednesday)  
email Cablekay@yahoo.com  
Delivered January 27-29

**Bailiwyck HOA Dues**  
January 31 (Tuesday)  
mail to:P.O. Box 785  
Fort Mill, SC 29716

**Wine & Cheese Party-**  
More information coming in Feb.

# Family Christmas Party



# Bailiwyck Adult Party

The Christmas Party for the Adults was held on December 11 at the clubhouse. The gathering was a wonderful evening to socialize and get into the spirit of the season.

It was enjoyed by new neighbors and longtime residents alike.



Charlotte McKinley, Liz Etheredge, and Sheila Crane



Sheilah Reuille, Carol Taggart, and Ernestine Flood



Susan Longfield, Liz Etheredge, Jeff Crane, Mark and Charlotte McKinley



Paul Taggart, Walt Lawson and Ed Reuille

## Luminaries Light Up the Night

This was one of the most successful years for the luminaries with many homeowners participating. Whether you were walking or driving through Bailiwyck, it certainly was a beautiful sight.

The lights glowed brightly for many hours, despite some windy weather on the 23rd. As a special treat the lights were also lit on Christmas night.

Thank you goes out to the following people who helped with the luminary candles: Randy and Barbara Ivy, Paul and Carol Taggart, Mark, Gail, Andrea and Sophie VanWelsen, Shelia, Ed, Jenny and Christy Reuille, Walt Lawson, and Julie Tolerico.

## Adopt a Highway

A BIG thank you to Gwen and Jerry Berry, Joan, Katie and Sean Brady, Andy Bregman, Jack Moore, Beth Tasker and Scott Williams for picking up trash on Pleasant Road, Saturday, December 4th. ☐ We gathered 13 bags of trash and it took us about an hour. ☐ The next scheduled pick-up will be Saturday, May 5, 2005. ☐ See you next year!!!

☐

-Ann McCullough

## Bailiwyck Book Club

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 4 at 7pm. The current selection is *Sullivan's Island* by Dorothea Benton Frank. Come join the rroup for book discussion and fun.

## Email Address Change

Due to a high rate of Spam coming over our system, the web master has recommended that we change our email addresses at bailiwyck.com to the following:

- Board will now now be BOD@Bailiwyck.com
- Gazette will change to NEWS@Bailiwyck.com



## Christmas Decorations

Thank you to all who helped give our subdivision a festive appearance during the Holiday Season. Help is now needed in taking down the decorations. Contact Shelia Reuille with questions.

# Ladies Ornament Exchange

The evening of December 8 was a fun-filled occasion for the ladies of Bailiwyck.

The holiday decorations in the clubhouse added to the festive atmosphere of fun and excitement.

Everyone brought an appetizer or dessert to share and of course a wrapped ornament.

Anticipation was high as the 25 ladies took turns opening, swapping and "stealing" the gifts.

Thanks to everyone who worked on and participated in making this event one of the best in the neighborhood.



## Hiking Through the Briars

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I recently hiked the southern end of our Bailiwyck Nature Preserve and found it open as before and overgrown with high weeds and briars and, therefore, not very inviting.

My hope was that I might find some of the more old field species of plants, birds, snakes and spiders.

But the weeds have grown high and thick and full of briars and I had no chance of finding snakes and spiders as hoped. Forget them, they would have to bite me for me to stop and observe them (which is the impression you get as briars stick you time and again).

At the southern end it was clear that there have been no trespassers, or at least very

few as there were no visible trails and no trash anywhere. The return trip north was similarly dense (prickerful?) and uneventful and so I detoured into the clear forest along I-77. At some places the storm drains have made some sizeable canyons that seemed impassable, but my walking stick now helped me climb down and up with just a little knee mud.

Over towards the SC Welcome Center I discovered a deer stand, built on our preserve without permission and pointing in the direction of the houses. I wished for some 'No Hunting - No Trespassing' signs to hang but had to compromise by just kicking it down. This was with a little regret because when not deer hunting the small lookout might have made a nice 'hide' for birding or maybe a kids play fort.

In the same woods I found some leafless vines that looked suspiciously like Kudzu (*Pueraria lobata*) but probably are Cross Vine (*Bignonia capreolata*). I will have to return in the Spring when there are leaves to make sure we don't get Kudzu growing on the preserve. I also found an enormous Dogwood tree near where I had found an ancient one years before. The ancient one had since died, fallen and was now just a pile of rotting mushy wood; beautifully full of burl, but sadly only a wink away from topsoil.

So we should be happy for our nature preserve and be pleased that its main use is by local youth for adventure and discovery.

I have seen no sign of destructive efforts and continue to see nature in control of its destiny. Hurray!