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Betsie Creek Crossings 2017 Winter Newsletter

Also included are BCC annual dues invoice, bank statements, and Insurance information.

New this year will be the option of an Absentee Ballot for the annual meeting that will be on Wednesday, September 13. As stated in our by-laws, we need to meet at the Interlochen Library's Fellowship Hall, and it has to be on that specific date. We do not control the Fellowship Hall and may not be able to book that space each year, so this is a rule we are looking to change. The new mail-in ballot will make it possible to get the votes needed to make changes like the meeting date, and make it possible to elect our volunteer board. You can cast your vote by absentee ballot and still change your mind and attend the meeting voting as you will on any new action proposed from the floor.

Now for some fun stuff! We couldn't pick out just one, so we have two winners for the holiday decoration contest. Congrats to Richard and Amylee Howe on Woodwind and also Chase and Mikayla Bates on Pinebreeze! We hope you enjoy your gift certificates for A. Papano's Pizza! Thanks to everyone who participated, our neighborhood looked so nice and festive.

Here is a quick recap of what we were able to accomplish last year.

- *Refurbished the US-31 entrance sign with mounted lighting and relocated it to a more visible spot and combined the two flower beds into one.

- *Installed a swing set, bike rack, seating bench, signage and fencing to our common area.

- *Updated web site.

- *Refurbished the entrance sign at Riley Road.

Looking ahead to this year 2017, we are inquiring about Cherryland Electric Cooperative installing a street light at the BCC's entrance at Riley Road. In our commons area we are hoping to add more items, so please feel free to submit suggestions. We are also considering getting a load of dirt to provide more level space for kids to play. Our vision is to make use of the lot and create a family destination for BCC residents walking or bike riding. FYI, BCC Phase 1 common area is less than an acre of usable land, but the common area of BCC Phase 2 is approximately 53 acres and is comprised mostly of the Betsie Creek Watershed.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind coming up for 2017.

MAY: If you would like to participate in the Green Lake Township Annual Clean Up, Green Up day, it will be Saturday, May 13th.

JUNE: Betsie Creek Crossings Annual Yard Sale Weekend. Mark your calendar, to be held starting on Thursday, June 8, and running through Sunday, June 11th. Also, the Green Lake Township Annual Family Fun Day is June 17th at the Field of Dreams Park.

SEPTEMBER: Our annual meeting will be Wednesday, September 13th, held at the Fellowship Hall in the Interlochen library (if we can book the date). Look for an announcement with the new Absentee Ballot option later in August.