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## HUGS FROM GRANNY

Last fall Bentwater resident, Marlene Summers, decided she wanted to do something special for our soldiers in Iraq. Marlene has a little company she runs called "Chocolate Chips by George". For every cookie someone purchases, she sends one overseas. She wants to send 1 million cookies!! To date she has sent over 40,000. This has turned into more than a 1 person effort. Marlene has a business underwriting shipping, Sam's has allowed her to sell the cookies in their stores, her friends have helped sell cookies there doing holiday weekends and some have gathered at Sam's

when needed to pack thousands of cookies(see photo). Marlene constantly receives emails from soldiers thanking her for doing this special project for them...

Marlene, This is Kraig Foyteck, I am writing you to let you know I received two boxes of cookies today. The cookies are great, even after making it all the way to Iraq. They were all moist and in one piece. Thank you very much for the time and effort of sending us these cookies. I am sure you will receive a few thank

you emails from the guys, as we all really appreciate the thought. Enclosed are a few pictures of the cookies and some of the guys. 172nd Stryker Brigade, A Co. 2-1 IN, 4th Platoon says Thank You.



Marlene, We the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 502 Infantry Regiment, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) would like to express to you our sincere thanks and gratitude for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Your support means the world to our soldiers and Marlene trust these incredible soldiers are the best America has. We are over 1089 strong just in my Battalion, and over 4500 strong in our 2d Brigade Combat Team so your cookies are bringing many smiles to many soldiers Marlene. May God Bless you and again thanks so much for your incredible thoughtfulness and kindness.



If you would like to help Marlene in this effort, please call her at 449-4053 or email at [chocchip@chocolatechipbygeorge.com](mailto:chocchip@chocolatechipbygeorge.com)

## BCA WEB SITE ([WWW.BWCIVIC.ORG](http://WWW.BWCIVIC.ORG)) - A COMMUNICATION TOOL

The Bentwater Civic Association web site is a great communication vehicle for the people of Bentwater. It contains news, announcements, classified ads, discussion forums, and links to other sites of interest. [Bwclvic.org](http://Bwclvic.org) is easy to use and with a little effort you can post your own announcements, sales items and want ads.

Here are some steps to get started:

- Log on to [www.bwclvic.org](http://www.bwclvic.org) and look around. You can't hurt anything. Click on Favorites: You'll find links to county and state offices including the Montgomery County Appraisal District. There is a link to a list of government officials. There are links to the Courier Bentwater Sales, Houston traffic information and scores of others.

- Click on Forums and that will take you to the Forums Index: Discussion Forums, Home and Garden, Recipes, Current Events, Announcements and Classifieds (including For Sale and Wanted Items). These areas are available for you to post information as well to see what others have posted.

In order to post information on the site you must register. Following are simple instructions for registering

1. Go to [www.bwclvic.org](http://www.bwclvic.org) and click on "Forums".

2. In the upper portion of the Forums page click on "Register" and follow the instructions — you will need to select a user name and password to register.

To post For Sale classified ad:

1. After successfully registering, click on Forums. (The first time you "log on" you should click on the block that says, "Log me on automatically each visit:" This will eliminate the "log on" step each time you go to the Forums.)

2. Find the "For Sale" category and click on it.

3. Click on the "New Topic" icon at the top or bottom of the sales items to open a new sales item template. Use the template to prepare your ad.

4. When you are satisfied with your ad, click on "Submit" at the bottom of the page.

5. As long as you "log on", you can go back and edit your ad.

6. After the item is sold or when you are ready to remove it for any reason, sign on, click on your item and then click on the "X" at the upper right to delete it.

To post other Forum topics the process is very similar to the "For Sale" item. For instance, click on "Forums", "Announcements" and "New Topic" to open a template for an announcement you want to post. After composing your announcement, click on "Submit" to post the announcement to the web site. Don't forget to delete your announcement at the appropriate time.

If there are ever questions in use of the web site e-mail them to [bca@bwclvic.org](mailto:bca@bwclvic.org).

The more people we get using [bwclvic.org](http://bwclvic.org) the more valuable it will be as a communication tool for the community. Try it!