



Quarterly Newsletter

THE BILTMORE FOREST CHRONICLE DECEMBER 2014

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” - Edith Sitwell -

THE MAYOR’S CORNER

Dear Residents:

During this holiday season, your public works department is working hard to collect all of the leaves that fall this time of the year. Your office staff is handling the financial year end paper work and the police department is preparing the work schedules for Christmas. We are all fortunate to live in a town where we have such dedicated employees, where their average years of employment by the town is 20 years, and who work hard to make our town a safe and special place to live. A town, when a great number of residents leave a key to their homes at the police department. Where, in case of an emergency, the police can enter your homes, if necessary, to handle any problems that may occur. I do not think that there is another town in the country where this type of service is offered.

A special thank you to a group of residents who have volunteered to help decorate the area around the town hall, the island, and the light posts around Vanderbilt, Stuyvesant, Lone Pine and Busbee for Christmas. This committee is chaired by Roba Whiteley, who helped organize the group. The committee is made up of Audie Bayer, Elaine Goosmann, Mary Owen, Lynn Kieffer, Yvonne Day, Telia Blackard, Betty Gayle Laughlin, the Town Administrator, Jonathan Kanipe and the head of the Public Works Department, Terry Crouch. I thank all of you for your time and efforts to improve the town’s Christmas decorations.

Are you aware that the town has ID stickers for your cars that assist the police department in identifying our residents’ vehicles? You can purchase them at the police department. Purchasing these stickers and putting them on your cars is your choice and is not mandated by the town.

Your town’s elected officials, Fran Cogburn, Doris Loomis, Glenn Kelly and I as your Mayor, George Goosmann, wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Regards,

George Goosmann, Mayor



WINTER
HOT CHOCOLATE
DECEMBER SLEIGH RIDES
HOLIDAYS
JANUARY BAKING COOKIES
catching snowflakes
FALLING SNOW
cozy blankets
snowball fights
RELAXING FIRESIDE
WOOLEN MITTENS
FEBRUARY
Snowbound

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Here are a few things you can do to help your self, your neighbors, and the Police Department: any time of year but especially during the holidays:

Make it difficult, time consuming, visible and noisy for an intruder to enter your house. Here are some prevention tips you can follow as a guide to reducing the risks of your home being the next target:

1. Make sure lighting to entranceways are adequate. (keep extra bulbs, flashlights and batteries).
2. Leave lights on when going out at night; use timer lights when away for an extended period.
3. Don't hide keys in mailboxes and planters or under doormats. Instead, leave an extra set of keys with a neighbor or friend.
4. Do not let strangers work inside your house if you are not home. This is a great way for your valuables to get stolen.
5. Chain locks are for privacy not security.
6. Keep doors/windows locked. Windows should have secure locks or pins for both closed and partially opened positions. Curtains and blinds should be used for privacy.
7. Keep garage doors shut and locked. Door from garage to interior of house should be locked also. Consider changing the code on your garage door remote or turning the power off on the garage door at night and when you are away.
8. Alarm systems are good deterrents. Use warning stickers/signs that come with the alarm. Consider a home alarm system that provides monitoring for burglary, fire, and medical emergencies. Over-the-counter alarms are good deterrents also. Research what is best for your home. Dogs are also considered good warning devices.
9. Always respond to doorbells/telephone. Don't open door until you know who is there - use the peephole.
10. Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
11. Keep updated list of valuables (photos or video tape), including serial (or owner applied) numbers, and keep in secure location.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know N.C. General Statute 20-67 requires that "a person whose address changes from the address stated on a certificate of title or registration card must notify the Division of Motor Vehicles of the change within 60 days after the change occurs." Failure to notify the DMV of an address change for a vehicle registration card within 60 days is an infraction under N.C. Gen. Stat. §20-176, the maximum penalty for which is a \$100 fine. N.C. General Statute 20-83 outlines the test of whether a car needs to be registered in North Carolina depends on whether "a vehicle [is] intended to be operated upon any highway of this State . . ." Please contact the Police Department if you have any questions about these regulations. (828) 274-0822



6 Policemen with Police Car

Vehicle Stickers are available at the police department for \$5 per vehicle. Methods of payment accepted are exact cash and check only.

KNOW YOUR TOWN ORDINANCES

Section 1120 Zoning Ordinance

Site lighting: low intensity security or decorative lighting, up to two street lamps front yards not to exceed eight feet in height and located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the edge of the road.

Section 4-35. Town Ordinance reclaiming impounded dogs.

(a) The owner of any dog impounded pursuant to Section 4-34 shall have the right to redeem said dog while said dog is in the custody of the police department by paying a fee of \$25.00 to the Town of Biltmore Forest

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling bins are located next to Town Hall

What CAN be recycled:

Metal cans

Plastic bottles, jars, and plastic food containers #1-7

Glass bottles and jars, clear, brown or green

Aluminum pie tins and food trays

Milk & juice cartons

Juice boxes

Newspapers

Corrugated cardboard

Mixed paper i.e. catalogs, egg cartons, envelopes,

paper towel rolls, shredded paper,, Cereal boxes, phone books, and brown paper bags.



FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Leaf collection has started and will continue through December 31st. Please do not place any brush or foreign material with your leaves because our leaf vacuum is not designed to collect brush. Please place your leaves as close to the road as possible in a continuous straight line. Please do not place your leaves on top of water meters, storm drains, or out in to the roadway.

Be aware that there will be no brush collection during the fall leaf collection period. Please do not place any brush out during this period. If brush is placed out during leaf collection it will not be collected until regular brush schedule beginning in January 2015. Please contact the Public Works Department at 274-3919 if you are interested in a truckload of leaves. The leaves will be dumped on the part of your property closest to the road. The Town will not be responsible for spreading the leaves.

Snowy weather will be here before you know it. In the event of inclement weather please do not park your vehicles on the road or the road shoulders. This makes it very difficult for the plow trucks to clear the roads of snow and ice to salt the roadways.

For those of you that have irrigation systems please remember to have your backflow devices removed before it freezes.

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****REMINDER SNOW REMOVAL****

In the event of inclement weather please do not park your vehicles on the road or road shoulders because it makes it difficult for the snow plow trucks to do their job of removing the snow and salting and sanding the roads.

Town directories are available by email.
Please send your request to:
townhall@biltmoreforest.org

Nixle: a state of the art messaging service to share information with residents.
<http://www.nixle.com/>
You can go to “sign up for free” by email or text your zip code to 888777 to get notifications via text message of activity in Biltmore Forest

Prior to removing any tree, even if dead, it is the obligation of the property owner to contact the Town Administrator. If any unauthorized removal, cutting or damage to trees takes place, the Town Administrator shall issue a Stop-Work Order which shall remain in effect until all corrections are made that are necessary.