



# The Biltmore Forest Chronicle

## December 2015

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The Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24th & Friday, December 25th.

We will also be closed on Friday, January 1st.

Dear Residents:

Your Mayor and Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to thank all who voted in our Town election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The trust you put in us is very appreciated, and is not taken for granted. We look forward to continuing our service to the Town of Biltmore Forest.

Home recycling is almost here. The new solid waste truck is at the vendor being outfitted for delivery to the Town, and the older solid waste truck is being retrofitted for recycling. We will keep you informed as we move toward implementing the new program.

The Town website has been redesigned. Please visit [www.biltmoreforest.org](http://www.biltmoreforest.org) to view the improvements to functionality and presentation of the Town's information. Our office staff has worked hard developing the new site, and they welcome your feedback.

On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, please join your neighbors for a fun and festive Tree Lighting at the Town Hall. There will be caroling with parents and children, and refreshments of hot cider and cookies. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there! We wish to thank the Biltmore Forest Decorating Committee for dressing our Town so beautifully for the holidays.

We would like to thank The Community Committee of Biltmore Forest for organizing the lecture on November 10<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall. Rusty Rhea, Entomologist/Forest Health Specialist, gave a splendid talk on tree health and tree preservation. It was well attended, and those who came gained knowledge of our trees and their history in our Town. The next lecture is tentatively scheduled for early 2016 and the topic will be historical homes in Biltmore Forest. Information on this lecture will be forthcoming.

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Lieutenant Robin Davenport will retire from the Biltmore Forest Police Department. Lieutenant Davenport has served with excellence in the Town's police department since 1987. The Town and Department will miss Lieutenant Davenport, and wish her the very best during her retirement.

Sincerely yours,

George Goosmann, Fran Cogburn, Glenn Kelly, & Doris Loomis

Your Mayor and Commissioners

**REMINDER:**

The last day to pay your 2015 property taxes without a penalty is Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Interest will start accruing on Wednesday, January 6th, 2016.

**F R O M   T H E   P U B L I C   W O R K S  
D E P A R T M E N T**

The garbage collection will be on regular schedule the week of November 23rd, and the week of December 21st, and also the week of December 28th for New Years. During inclement weather, garbage collection may be delayed 1 day depending on the severity of the storm. You may contact the Public Works Department to see what the schedule will be or look on the Town website for more information.

The Public Works department accepts all electronics for recycling Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Leaf collection began at the end of October. Please do not place any brush or foreign materials 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 brush out during leaf collection it will not be collected until regular brush schedule beginning in January 2016.

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 and salt and sand the roadways. It will also prevent salt and sand from being thrown onto your vehicle.

Remember to help protect your trash collector! Please place all of your trash in garbage bags. This will help with loading of the garbage and reduce litter at the same time. Mike Sparks and Gabriel Crespo, our two trash collectors pick up on average 560 tons of garbage per year. Please be considerate and help them out by making each bag as light as possible. Thank You!

For those of you that have an irrigation system, be sure to have your RPZ device removed and have the system drained to prevent it from freezing.

The new recycling program is scheduled to begin around the beginning of February 2016. As we get closer to this date, more information will be provided on our website at [www.biltmoreforest.org](http://www.biltmoreforest.org)

*The Public Works Department will pick-up and dispose of Christmas trees that are placed on the road shoulder in front of your house.*

**Cold Weather, Take Preventative Action Against Frozen Pipes**

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.
- Call Town Hall as soon as possible to let us know you have a water leak or pipe burst. You are allowed one adjustment per year on your water bill for leaks.

*\*\*Information provided by the American Red Cross\*\**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



After 28 years of dedicated service with the Town of Biltmore Forest, Lieutenant Robin Davenport, Assistant Police Chief announced her retirement. In 1979, Robin began her career at Western Carolina University. She was also a student there from 1980-1984. Robin has been a dedicated employee with the Town of Biltmore Forest since 1987. Her last day will be December 31, 2015.

Chief Tinsley mentioned, "Robin is not one to sit on her laurels, her first "retirement plan" is to hike the entire Appalachian Trail, all 2000 plus miles of it. Robin and I have been good friends since day one. For a few years, she was my Sergeant, and I acquired a wealth of knowledge from her.

When Robin and I first started working together in 1991, the Police Department was very different. We were the two youngest officers on the force, I was 28 and Robin was 29. Part of our regular duties included picking up trash from the road on Friday and Saturday nights. Robin and I patrolled diligently, made some arrests, and called a lot of parents. It wasn't long until we were no longer required to pick up trash because there wasn't any. We made a great team, and in 2005, Sgt. Davenport was promoted to Lieutenant when I was appointed Chief of Police." She has been a great addition to our team and has accomplished a great deal over the years.

We wish Lt. Davenport the best in her future endeavors and she will be greatly missed by many of us here at the Town of Biltmore Forest. Please come by and wish her well as her last day will be December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Preventing Problems With Black Bears

To prevent problems with bears, do not unintentionally feed them:

**Secure bags of trash** inside cans stored in a garage, basement or secure area.

**Place trash outside, as late as possible**, on trash pick-up days-not the night before. Keep all garbage sites clean.

**Bird feeders attract bears**, remove bird feeders even if they are advertised as "bear proof."

**Clean all food and grease from your outside bbq grill**, bears are attracted to food odors.

#### If you already have a problem with a bear:

**Frighten the bear** by shouting, clapping, blasting a horn may scare it off temporarily.

**Leave it alone.** Crowds of people can unnerve a bear, causing it to act unpredictably.

**Talk to your neighbors.** Make sure your neighbors are aware of ways to prevent bear conflicts.

**\*\*Information provided by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission\*\***

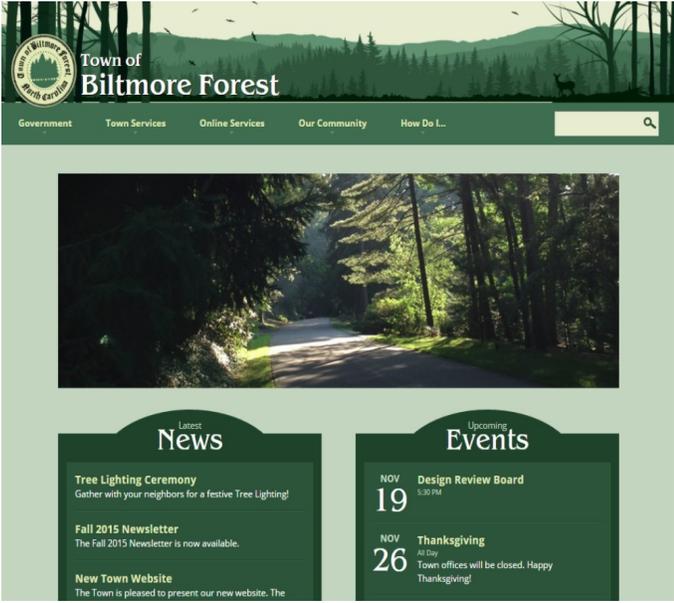
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PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW  
WEBSITE AT:  
[WWW.BILTMOREFOREST.ORG](http://WWW.BILTMOREFOREST.ORG)

The Town uses 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.



**Tree Removal**

Prior to removing a tree, it is the obligation of the property owner to contact the Town Administrator at 274-0824. You may also fill out the “request for tree removal” form on our website at