

# The Biltmore Forest Chronicle

June 2016

***PLEASE CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH US ON  
MONDAY, JULY 4, 2016 FROM 10AM-NOON***

Registration for the parade begins at 9:00am at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall. Children can decorate their bicycles and dress in patriotic attire. Prizes awarded for best costume, best dressed pet, and best wheels (bicycles, tricycles, strollers, wagons). Judging takes place at 9:15 am. Awards presented at 9:30. The parade travels to Rosebank Park (located between Vanderbilt & Park Road) after awards are presented.

Kids of all ages can enjoy face painting, balloon twisting, and the fun inflatable slide and obstacle course! Bring your appetite because there will be hot dogs, chips, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, and sno-cones. Sing along and have fun listening to, "The Caribbean Cow-boys." They have been entertaining audiences for 25 years. They provide a wide variety of music and complete their shows in a respectable professional manner. They are highly respected in the entertainment industry in WNC. The fun ends at 12:00 so please make sure to join us for good quality time with family and friends.



## THE COMMISSIONERS CORNER

As we enter the summer and come to the conclusion of another fiscal year in the Town, we are happy to continue providing a high level of services to our citizens. The Commissioners, Mayor, and I are pleased by the success of the new home recycling program. Town staff continues to work the kinks out to improve this service, and we anticipate purchasing a dedicated recycling truck in the new fiscal year to enhance this service. Recycling within the town remains at a high level, and we believe that this increased service will help eliminate some landfill usage in future years.

We also look forward to the raising the bar higher on the services we provide. One such enhancement is the introduction of new smart water meter technology. This new AMI (advanced metering infrastructure) technology allows the Town the ability to monitor water usage throughout the Town, and at individualized meters, in real time. In addition to saving manpower and time on reading meters bimonthly, this capital investment should result in a significant decrease in our water loss and identify leaks, even on the homeowner's side, much earlier. We will provide more detailed information as this program is rolled out in the fall with an anticipated final implementation date by the end of December. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve and please contact us if you have any issues or concerns.

Commissioner Doris Loomis

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Caution Motorists!

The police department has been, and are planning to increase, speed enforcement during rush hour. This is from around 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at Carolina Day School's rear gate, and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The majority of our uniformed officers are RADAR certified, and the ones who are not will be certified soon.

Hendersonville Road rush hour traffic is progressively getting worse. In past years, when this happens, more people cut through Vanderbilt Road and Stuyvesant Road to ease their commute.

## Did You Know?

- o The overall crime rate in Biltmore Forest is 76% lower than the national average.
- o For every 100,000 people, there are 1.92 daily crimes that occur in Biltmore Forest.
- o Biltmore Forest is safer than 93% of the cities in the United States.
- o In Biltmore Forest you have a 1 in 143 chance of becoming a victim of any crime.
- o The number of total year over year crimes in Biltmore Forest has decreased by 25%.

# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

The new recycling program is going well. The current recycling levels remain high, and are even exceeding our prior rate. Please be reminded that your recycling is scheduled for every other week. We have had some infrastructure upgrades in Town. New culverts have been installed on Forest Road and Hemlock Road. 10 Gabion baskets were also installed on Cedar Hill Drive to re-stabilize and protect the headwall of the bridge. All of these additions should help with some past flooding issues. The temporary asphalt patches will be overlayed during the regular asphalt season this summer.

Tumble Safe mulch has been added to the playgrounds. Garbage and Recycling collections will be on regular schedule the week of May 30<sup>th</sup> and the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.



Brush is collected on the 15th for the North side of Town and on the 30th for the South side of Town. Brush may be set out no sooner than 7 days before the collection date. Visit our website at [www.biltmoreforest.org](http://www.biltmoreforest.org) for details.

Please welcome our new Public Works employee, Chad Gantt.

He is the proud father of two children and resides in Candler.

## “Focusing on The Forest”

### A Quiz & Special Event

On what street were the first houses built in Biltmore Forest?

How many houses were built in Biltmore Forest in its first two years?

Which three houses in the Forest are on the National Register of Historic Places?

What architectural feature identifies a house even if it has had an addition, or major makeover?

The answers to these questions and many others will be addressed in a special presentation on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the Town Hall of Biltmore Forest. Jack Thomson, director of the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County, will be discussing the architecture of Biltmore Forest, and displays throughout town hall will focus on homes built during the 1920's. Although the exact number of homes built during that first decade has not been determined, we do know that a building boom began in 1923 when Biltmore Forest was chartered. According to an ad from the Biltmore Company published on August 24, 1924 in Asheville's *Sunday Citizen*, more than 30 houses had been built, half a dozen more were under construction, and 104 additional lots had already been sold.

The Community Committee is seeking your help in providing photos and research materials on any homes built before the Great Depression of 1929. Whether you grew up in, attended a party at, or recently purchased any one of these homes, you may have something to contribute to this exciting event celebrating Biltmore Forest. Please dig into your scrapbooks, your attics and your files for information that may illuminate the architectural beginnings of our special neighborhood. If possible, in addition to the address, please try to identify any person or pet in the photos you submit. Available to help you decide which items might work best in the displays or if you would like to help prepare materials for the event, please call any of the Community Committee members:

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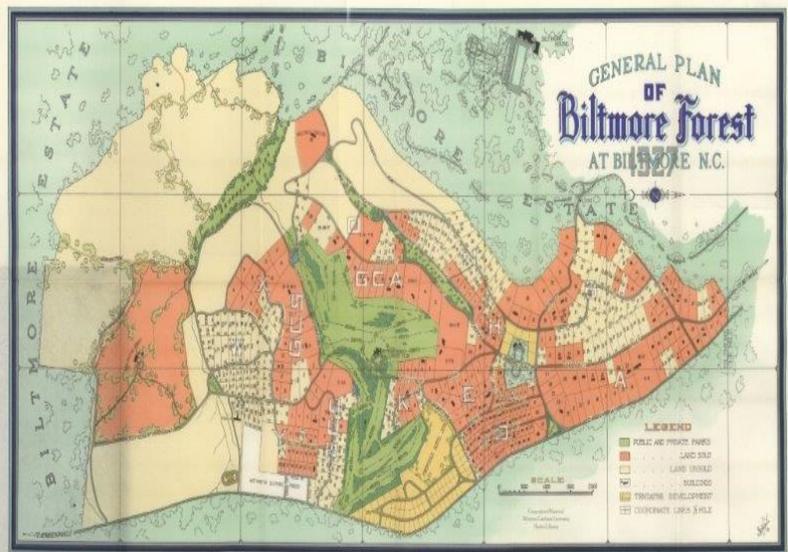
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Sally Pearlman– 277-8050

Roba Whiteley– 505-3742 and Diane Zimmerman– 774-5006



The committee anticipates this event will be the first in a series of events focusing on the homes, events, and people that have made our community unique and special. If you have suggestions for future topics, please share them with the committee.

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Prior to removing any tree, even if dead, it is the obligation of the property owner to contact the Town Administrator, Jonathan Kanipe at 274-0824. You may also visit our website at [www.biltmoreforest.org](http://www.biltmoreforest.org) and “request a tree removal.”

**Don't Recognize The Number? Don't Return The Call!**

Phone-based crooks are always on the lookout for a new way to take your money. In their latest scam, they use computers to place calls to thousands of phones, including to numbers in North Carolina. After your phone rings one time, the computer ends the call but your phone captures the number of that incoming “missed” call.

Even though the number is unfamiliar, some people call back to see who called them. However, calling the number may connect you to an unsolicited line overseas and trigger charges of \$19.95 plus \$9 for each minute of the call. These calls usually come from area codes in the Caribbean including 473, 809, 284, 649, or 876. Remember, if the call you missed was legitimate and important, the caller would leave a voicemail message or will call you back.