

**THE BILTMORE FOREST
CHRONICLE
SEPTEMBER 2016**

THE COMMISSIONERS CORNER

Dear Residents:

We have heard very good reports regarding our recycling program. The converted garbage truck that we outfitted to serve as our recycling truck had transmission problems which caused us some difficulties. It was determined the truck would not last much longer. We, therefore, have placed an order for a new recycling truck that will be delivered soon.

We had an unusual number of bear reports and issues the last few weeks. The North Carolina Wildlife Commission will not allow us to tranquilize and move the bears. They have told us the bears were here first and we will have to live with them. In order to reduce bear activity, we recommend that you either do not feed the birds, or bring your bird feeders in at night; although we had reports of bears going after bird feeders during the day. We ask that you continue to report to our police department of any bear sightings. You may call them at 274-0822.

Mayor George Goosmann

TRICK-OR-TREAT!! HALLOWEEN IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st!!

Trick-or-treaters of all ages will be running around in all directions collecting Halloween goodies! PLEASE drive cautiously and obey law enforcement. Road closures will be at Buena Vista & White Oak for the trick-or-treaters. Trick-or-treating begins at sundown.

Town Ordinance Reminders

The Town of Biltmore Forest is fortunate to have a strong zoning ordinance in place which promotes the heritage and history of the Town. We encourage anyone interested in improving your property to reach out to the Town Hall beforehand. Our staff will walk you through the proper permit process before you get started on your project.

An ongoing new feature in our newsletter will be "Know Your Ordinances". Each quarter we will devote space to a new Town ordinance or provide additional reminders and explanations about existing ordinances. For this quarter, we wanted to review a relatively new Town regulation regarding short term rentals in Biltmore Forest. This ordinance was approved by the Board of Commissioners in August 2015 after a public hearing and after receiving a recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission. Section 401 of the Town Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum rental time period of 90 days for houses within Biltmore Forest, thereby preventing short term rentals and vacation style rentals within the Town. Rentals are limited to a maximum of two rentals a year. This ordinance also prevents homestays – a vacation rental when the homeowner is present – for a short period of time as well. If you have questions about this ordinance or would like the full text, please visit the Town website at www.biltmoreforest.org.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

There will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, September 5th due to the Labor Day holiday. Your pickup day will be moved forward one day.

Brush pickup will end on October 30th. It will resume on January 15th for the north end and January 28 for the south end. Please remember, brush may be set out no sooner than 7 days before the collection date. Visit our website at www.biltmoreforest.org for details.

Leaf pickup will begin on November 1st. Place leaves in a single row next to the edge of the road. Please **do not** mix any brush with your leaves or put any leaves in bags.

The 2016 paving program will begin in late August or early September. Visit our website for details.

Remember to remove your irrigation backflow before freezing weather gets here. Also remember that all irrigation systems that are tied to the Town's water system require the installation of an approved backflow device.

Thank you and please call us at 274-3919 with any questions you may have about trash, recycling, brush, or leaf pickup.

In the event you have sewer problems or see a manhole overflowing please contact MSD at 255-0061.

Town Employee Anniversaries: Gabriel Crespo 6/20/2005, Charles Tesner 7/3/2015, Terry Crouch 7/5/1983, Keith Bowman 7/27/1992, and Chris King 8/10/2015.

Thank you all for your continued hard work!

From the Skyland Fire Department

Autumn is a reminder for us of the changing temperatures we will soon be facing. With the cooler temperatures of autumn comes the need to start up heating appliances in the home. With the start-up of heating appliances comes the concern for our safety and the need to ensure our appliances are working properly. In 2009-2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 56,000 structure fires per year in homes that involved heating equipment. Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved with one-third of those fires involving a fire place or chimney.

SAFETY TIPS FOR SPACE HEATERS: *Give space heaters their space – 3' Rule – keep the heater at least 3ft. away from combustible materials, including beds, sofas, curtains, papers, cloths, etc. *Inspect Cords – no damage or frayed cords. *Plug is Snug – securely plugged into the power outlet. *Keep it Stable – level surface, out of high traffic areas. *Safety Certified – look for sticker or logo on the back somewhere *Smoke Detectors – make sure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working.

If your home is equipped with a fireplace or wood burning stove the National Fire Protection Association recommends annual inspection of the components of the heating appliance before its use or when changing out the appliance. The inspections should be conducted by a Qualified Professional Chimney Sweep. There are three levels of inspections that are performed. those so you will have the understanding of what should be checked by the chimney sweep in the inspection. And always remember to have a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Recently two of our Veteran officers, Samantha Bombace and Joshua Jaramillo, brought a young man back to life. Late one evening, they were dispatched to assist Skyland Fire Department with a 41 year old male that was not breathing. Officer Bombace arrived first on scene, in less than one minute. After she



checked his pulse, she started CPR. Officer Jaramillo arrived less than a minute later, and connected an AED (automated external defibrillator). The AED advised to shock. The young man's heart started beating, and he was taken to the hospital by the ambulance that arrived a few minutes later.

Almost every day, the news reports on a questionable shooting by a police officer. In almost all cases, the media does not have all the facts. When an officer is involved in a shooting, another agency investigates, keeping the evidence and statements confidential until

the investigation is complete. A large portion of the public think officers are just trained gunmen who are tasked with enforcing the law. Firearms training is a small portion of all the training we do. These two officers were trained in life saving, issued equipment that few police are, and were extremely competent. I could not be more proud.

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

The Biltmore Forest Police Department has recently partnered with The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). We will soon be receiving equipment and training from the NC SBI Computer Crimes Division, and will work closely with them in the future. Our officers will be called to start investigations when there is a report of an internet crime that involves a child in our region.

Biltmore Forest residents interested in taking a CPR class, please call the Biltmore Forest Police Department for more information.

Town Employee Anniversaries: Dispatcher Billy Hyatt 8/1/1985, Officer Harry Luck 9/24/2012, Sgt. Keith Mackey 11/3/1994, and Det. Mark Allen 11/10/1999.

2016 Town of Biltmore Forest property taxes will be mailed at the end of August. Please call the Town Hall if you have not received your tax bill. Please remember, you will receive a separate bill from the Buncombe County tax office. The last day to pay taxes without penalty is January 5, 2017. Beginning January 6th, interest begins at 2% and then interest is 0.75% the first day of each month thereafter until the balance is paid. The 2016 tax rate is .395.

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Save the Date!! Oct 2nd 2016

Biltmore Forest Town Hall 12pm-6:00pm

“A retrospect of Historic Homes of Biltmore Forest during the 1920’s.”

Presented by: Jack Thomson

Director of The Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County

Lectures at 1:00pm and 4:00pm with time for Questions

Between Lectures the Town Hall will be open for viewing artifacts

Please join the Community Committee for this lecture, opportunity to share questions and information and view the photographs and artifacts.

Light Refreshments will be served.

We are looking for artifacts, photos and memorabilia relating to the history of Biltmore Forest. If you have anything to contribute, please contact Millie Elmore (274-5435) or Mary Alice Bailey (277-8606)



SAVE THE DATE: Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Hall Friday, December 2nd.

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