



# The Biltmore Forest Chronicle

## June 2015

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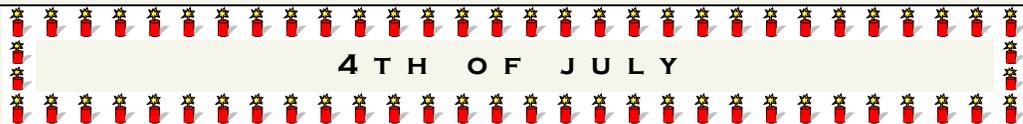
Since you received the letter from your elected officials about Senate Bill 369, we have nothing further to report at this time. The bill has not come to the floor as of the date of this newsletter. We will keep you posted if we have any news on the status of the bill.

We, your Commissioners and I, have been researching how to better serve you, the residents, with your recycling. The storage bins at the Town Hall are being used by individuals other than the residents of the Town. From late Friday to Monday morning, we note that the bins are full and the area around the storage bins has trash all around on the ground. This has given us cause to take a look at other options. We note that the City of Asheville and most other municipalities in the county pick up recycling from residences. We have been able to obtain, if we go forward with this project, a grant to pay for 75% of the cost of 700, 95 gallon, recycling containers. These containers would be given to you, the residents, who could then place all of your recycling in the container, not needing to separate plastic from cardboard, etc. The Town could pick up your recycling twice a month, the same day we get your garbage at your home, and at the same location where your garbage is presently being placed today. We will let you know more later when we have been able to examine each and every aspect of this project to see if this is feasible and in your best interest and the town's.

On another note, our Public Works Department will be taking on a project of clearing the underbrush, dead and fallen trees in and around our Town's parks. We actually have five parks in the town. Our five parks are: between Stuyvesant/Greenwood Roads, Park/Vanderbilt Road, Hemlock/Brookside/Brooklawn Chase Road, Busbee Road entrance and Vanderbilt/East Forest Road. We are making every effort to improve these areas in order to keep our town as safe, inviting, neat, and clean as possible.

Please feel free to contact your Town Administrator, Jonathan Kanipe, if you have any questions or suggestions that would lead to positive improvement to our Town.

Regards,  
George Goosmann, Mayor



4 T H O F J U L Y

Please celebrate with us on Saturday, July 4th. Registration for the parade begins at 9:15 am outside the Town Hall. Children can decorate their bicycles and dress in patriotic attire. Winners will be announced at 9:40 am. The parade marches to Rosebank Park at 10:05 am. The fun continues at 10:15 am following the parade (between Vanderbilt and Park Road). Kids of all ages may enjoy face painting, balloon figurines, and inflatables. Bring your appetite, hot dogs and many treats will be served! Sing along and dance to the Caribbean Cowboys who were a hit at last years event. Please call us if you would like to help out!

**FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT**

The Public Works Department will be making a white goods collection on August 6, 2015. Be sure to contact the Public Works Department if you have a item that you want picked up. If you have an item that you want collected, please be sure that it is placed in your driveway or at your garage where we can get to it with our loader. **White Goods Include:** Washers, Dryers, Freezers and Refrigerators

The Town does not pick up grass clippings so please do not place them on the road shoulders or mix it with brush piles. Also brush will not be collected if it is placed outside of the Town's right-of-way. Please do not place brush in front of fire hydrants, traffic signs, on top of storm drains, or against a wall or under low hanging power lines or on your neighbors property. This will make it easier for Public Works to collect the brush.

**During the months of July & August, there will be two brush pickup collections for each side of Town. North pickup will be July 6th and 13th. South pickup is July 20th and 27th. North pickup August 10th and 17th. South pickup August 24th and 31st. You may put out brush 5 days prior to pickup.**

Please contact the Public Works Department if your street number sign needs touching up. Public Works accepts all electronics for recycling Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

**THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF  
BILTMORE FOREST**

The Community Committee of Biltmore Forest has been formed to encourage residents to participate in keeping our community a beautiful place to reside. This committee will engage in some beautification projects with the assistance of our excellent Public Works Department.

Projects that have been completed or are underway include removing brush from Town parks and right-of-ways. Flowers and shrubs have been planted at four of our bus stop shelters which are located at the entrance to Biltmore Forest on Busbee at the corner of Lone Pine & Vanderbilt, Southwood & Stuyvesant, and Hilltop & Stuyvesant. Future plans for the coming year include lectures on some of the original historic homes and properties of the Town of Biltmore Forest. Also, a comprehensive lecture series on our trees will be offered.

Art Garst, a resident of our Town, has graciously agreed to help the committee by identifying trees and plants native to our area and making suggestions for a landscape plan. A memorial or dedication tree program is being discussed to allow our residents to plant trees in Rosebank and other parks in Biltmore Forest as a way to honor someone important to them.

The steering committee consists of Sally Pearlman ([zlady@gmail.com](mailto:zlady@gmail.com)), Millie Elmore ([melmor2@me.com](mailto:melmor2@me.com)), Roba Whiteley ([robajwhiteley@gmail.com](mailto:robajwhiteley@gmail.com)), Amy Fleming ([amyfleming321@charter.net](mailto:amyfleming321@charter.net)), Elaine Goosmann ([laneytg@yahoo.com](mailto:laneytg@yahoo.com)), Mary Alice Bailey ([dbailey4unc@aol.com](mailto:dbailey4unc@aol.com)), Natalie Hyler ([nathyler@gmail.com](mailto:nathyler@gmail.com)), and Fran Cogburn ([fgcogburn@charter.net](mailto:fgcogburn@charter.net)).

We are hoping to have many additional ideas generated from our residents and those wishing to participate should contact a member of the steering committee. Please look for further updates and activities in the next newsletter.



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## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Please welcome Keith Kutchman as our new Town employee! He recently started working as a Desk Officer for the Police Department In May.**

**Keith has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and also attended Western Carolina University. Keith has been a reserve Deputy since 2000 with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department. Keith spent his previous six years working for the Biltmore Estate Company Police.**

**He has an extensive background in loss prevention and used to work for various department stores including Montgomery Ward. Keith enjoys spending time with his family. He is married to his wife Lorisa and has two beautiful children. Please stop by the Police Department and give Keith a warm welcome to Biltmore Forest!**



### **Spring In Biltmore Forest!**

Every Spring I get a little giddy, always have, I hope I always will. I have been a Police Officer for almost 26 years, all in this wonderful town. I don't live here, my son didn't go to school at CDS, neither do my two grandchildren, but this is my town! I remember well the day I was sworn in as a police officer here. Chief Rickman walked with me to Town Hall, which was between Town Administrators then. He told the assistant Tanya (a sweeter person I have yet to meet) that I needed to be sworn in. She handed me a piece of paper and told me to read and sign it. It was the Oath of Office, once it was signed and sealed I became a sworn NC Law Enforcement Officer. That is a very, very, big deal. To everyone but me, it was just another form. I was profoundly moved by what I read, to serve and protect the people of Biltmore Forest, North Carolina, and the United States of America.

I have been Chief for almost ten years. I have personally sworn in every new officer during my tenure, reading the oath and having them repeat it back to me. Like these new officers, I swore to protect these laws with my life, and I will until the day I die. The reason I climbed up on this horse is because of how much has changed for a sworn officer to follow these basic guidelines, to serve and protect. For 15 years I did the same job our 11 full time patrol officers do.

There are now cameras everywhere; over 90% of the people police encounter have a video camera called a cell phone. I tell my guys to treat everyone with respect and 99% of the cops I have met (and it has been thousands) are very good people wanting to make their section of the USA safe. Unfortunately, the 1%, the very few "bad cops", get 99% of the press. George Orwell wrote about a future of "omnipresent government surveillance." Well, old George was close, but no cigar! It's true that police watch public areas much more than when Orwell wrote about the future in 1949, but it is with the intent to uphold our sworn oath, to serve and protect. I hope and pray that law enforcement officers will continue to be like the 99% I know and love. If so, you will be safer. We will not hesitate to give our lives to protect yours, and we will hopefully retire one day full of pride and accomplishment. **-Chief Eric Tinsley**

### **Legislative Update**

In addition to bills that would change the sales tax distribution to Biltmore Forest, Town staff is also monitoring other bills that have the potential to negatively impact the Town. One such bill would remove some zoning and design controls that the Town uses to ensure conformity of new construction within the existing neighborhoods of the Town. The bill has already passed the State Senate by a 45-7 margin, with Senator Van Duyn voting in favor of the bill. The Town's hope is that the N.C. House will defeat the measure or it will not make it out of committee in this session. Please contact the Town Administrator if you have questions about this bill.

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**We're on Facebook!**  
Please "like" us at  
"Town of Biltmore  
Forest."

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**North Carolina Guide to  
Pedestrian Laws:**

Pedestrians walking along or on the highway should, when practicable, walk on the extreme left of the roadway or shoulder facing traffic and must yield the right-of-way to traffic. [§20-174(d)]

**Request a new Town directory at  
[townhall@biltmoreforest.org](mailto:townhall@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



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

**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.