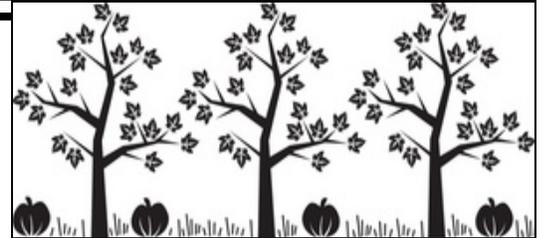
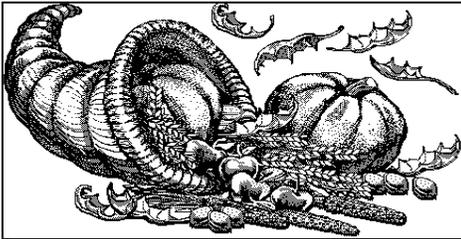




THE BILTMORE FOREST CHRONICLE

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The end of summer is approaching and the beautiful fall season will bring colorful fall foliage, cool crisp days, and the celebration of Thanksgiving. Each year on the fourth Thursday in November, Americans gather for a day of feasting, football, and family. While today's Thanksgiving celebrations would likely be unrecognizable to attendees of the original 1621 harvest meal, it continues to be a day for Americans to come together around the table.

HALLOWEEN! Friday, October 31st. Trick-or-treaters of all ages will be running around in all directions collecting goodies, **PLEASE** drive cautiously and obey police officers. Road closures will be at Buena Vista & White Oak for the trick-or-treaters.



POTLUCK IN THE PARK! Sunday, September 21st from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Park & Vanderbilt. Come meet your neighbors, bring the kids, and enjoy a casual Sunday afternoon of food & fun! Fried chicken, tables, chairs, lemonade, and water will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, blankets for sitting, and outdoor toys such as Frisbees, footballs, and hula hoops. The event will be cancelled if it rains. Please contact Ann Jennings for more information 404-840-1116.

Thank you to all who attended Nelson Smith's retirement party. It was a wonderful time and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors!



Town Ordinance

Section 15-2 Signs and Poster to read as follows:

Political signs are allowed on any residential lot prior to a primary election, general election or referendum provided the signs are erected as follows:

- a. Signs may be posted thirty (30) days prior to the day of an election, and removed within five (5) days after the day of the election.
- b. Four (4) signs are permitted per lot, with each sign representing one candidate, or one issue if a referendum.
- c. Each sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet in size, and not contain any electrical component or lighted in any way.
- d. Wording shall be the same on both sides of the sign if both sides are exposed to the roadway.
- e. The sign shall be set back at least twenty (20) feet from the nearest edge of the pavement of all public roads on which the house borders, and in no way shall signs be located within the public right-of-way.
- f. No portion of the sign is to extend more than four (4) feet above the ground.
- g. A sign located on private property requires the owner's approval.
- h. The property owner shall be fined if the signs are not removed within five (5) days of an election or referendum.

Section 17-20 Bicyclists to Ride in Single File

All persons operating a bicycle upon a road in Biltmore Forest shall ride in single file only, and as near to the cyclists right side of the road as is reasonably safe under the existing conditions, and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle, or being passed by a moving vehicle, or one proceeding in the same direction.

Section 4-33. Restraint of Dogs.

Every person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any dog shall keep such dog exclusively upon his or her premises. However, such dog may be off premises if it is under the physical control of a competent person and physically restrained by a chain, leash or harness, not to exceed eight feet in length and held in the hand of said person. At all times dogs shall be under sufficient control so as not to disturb neighbors by barking excessively, and more particularly after dark.

Zoning Ordinance

1104.01-02 Satellite Dishes

For all satellite dishes less than 24" in diameter, an application for a zoning compliance certificate shall be made directly to the Zoning Administrator; the Zoning Administrator shall issue a zoning compliance certificate. For satellite dishes greater than 24" in diameter, an application to the Board of Adjustment may be necessary.

A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR & OUR NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents:

Fran Cogburn, Doris Loomis, Glenn Kelly and I have been working diligently to try and improve the safety for all residents and visitors to the Town of Biltmore Forest. For example, the most automobile accidents that occur in the town happen at the intersection of Busbee and Vanderbilt Roads. Matter of fact, we have more accidents there than in the rest of the town added together. Your public works department has installed an extra sign, on Busbee, notifying drivers that they have to stop ahead. We will be having some warning strips placed on the road to get motorists' attention that they are coming to an intersection. The majority of the accidents are from persons residing outside of our town who run the stop sign.

For further safety measures, we will be installing raised crosswalks, just below the entrance to the Biltmore Club and at the crosswalk to Carolina Day School, both on Stuyvesant Road. These two areas presently are marked as pedestrian crosswalks, and we will have these raised at both areas to slow traffic in case there may be pedestrians crossing. We are working on the best design for both crosswalks, and we hope to have these in place soon. The goal is to protect children walking to Carolina Day School and protect golfers and others crossing by walking or riding in the area at the Biltmore Club. We have experienced some injuries in the past, and we have had numerous close encounters in these sections. Please remember that North Carolina law states that pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks.

We have also heard from many of you that you are experiencing increased deer problems. We will once again be working with the Wildlife Commission seeking a permit to reduce the herd during the winter months. Also, we have had an increase in bear sightings. Some of these sightings included a mother bear and two cubs. If you see any bears, please report them to the police department immediately, and stay as far away from them as you can for your own safety.

The town administration, police department, public works, and officials welcome any suggestions that you, the residents, would like to offer that will improve the quality of life in our town.

Regards,

George Goosmann, Mayor

Dear Residents:

My first two months as the Town's new Administrator have gone by quickly, and I am slowly but surely getting settled. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome extended to me and my family. We are ecstatic to join a community with such wonderful people in such a beautiful place. I am very thankful to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners for providing this opportunity to serve in Biltmore Forest.

These first two months would certainly not have been as successful without the assistance and guidance of Nelson Smith. I am profoundly grateful for his help in acclimating me to the Town, and I echo the appreciation and gratitude shown to him by many residents in the past few months. Nelson leaves large shoes to fill, but I hope I can replicate his twenty-four years of leadership and do just that.

Please feel free to drop by Town Hall or call me if there is ever anything with which I can help, or simply if you want to stop and talk. I hope you each have a terrific fall and enjoy the cooler temperatures!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Kanipe, Town Administrator

OUR HISTORY

In 1925, Hiden Ramsey eloquently described the prevailing vision for the Town of Biltmore Forest.

“They wished to create and abide in a community where persons of moderate means could build homes that would embody on a smaller scale the same ideals which actuated Mr. Vanderbilt in the creation of the Biltmore Estate.... Not a tree was felled nor a bush disturbed until the atmosphere of the community had been determined and the whole plan of development had been worked out in the minutest detail.” And so it began.

In 1920, four men, Junius Green Adams, Thomas Wadley Raoul, Burnham S. Cogburn and William A. Knight with the co-operation of Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, her daughter Cornelia, and the trustees of the estate of George Vanderbilt formed the Biltmore Estate Company, not to be confused with the Biltmore Company, which owned the Biltmore House. Their intent was to develop on almost 1,500 acres one of the finest residential parks in the country. The Town was officially chartered in 1923.



FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The leaf collection this year will begin on November 1 and continue through December 31. Please do not mix any brush or foreign material with your leaves. Place the leaves within 5 feet of the edge of the pavement in a continuous straight line. In order to get an accurate water meter reading, leaves should not be placed near or on your water meter.

Please be aware that there will be no brush collection during the fall leaf collection period. Do not put any brush out during this time. The garbage collection will be on regular schedule for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. If you are interested in a truck load of leaf mulch, please call us at 274-3919. The leaves will be dumped on the part of your property closest to the road. No leaf spreading will be done by the Town on your property.

Snowy weather will be here before you know it. Please do not park on the street during inclement weather.

Irrigation Remember to have your backflow device removed before it freezes.

The Town has purchased a knuckle boom truck to assist with brush collection. This method requires a little more area to operate in. Make sure to place your brush in an area that doesn't have any overhead wires or limbs. Please remember to only place bagged household garbage in the dumpster. If the dumpster is full, do not leave it around the outside of the dumpster. Thank you.

According to the North Carolina Guide to Pedestrian and Bicycle Laws:

Walking Along the Road

When a sidewalk is available, pedestrians must use the sidewalk instead of walking on the roadway, which is defined as the part of the highway that is paved, graveled, or otherwise improved for vehicle travel. [§20-174 (d) and §20-4.01 (38)]When sidewalks are not provided, 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)]

In North Carolina, the bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle. This means that bicyclists have full rights and responsibilities on the roadway and are subject to the regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle.

North Carolina traffic laws require bicyclists to:

- Ride on the right in the same direction as other traffic
- Obey all traffic signs and signals
- Use hand signals to communicate intended movements
- Equip their bicycles with a front lamp visible from 300 feet and a rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 200 feet when riding at night.
- Wear a bicycle helmet on public roads, public paths and public rights-of-way if the bicyclists is under 16 years old
- Secure child passengers in a child seat or bicycle trailer if under 40 pounds or 40 inches



This time of year we see an increase in bat activity. Particularly, bats getting into living areas of homes. In years past, the Police/Fire Department would assist residents with bat removal. However, with the risk of rabies infection and the liability associated with it, we now recommend licensed, professional wildlife damage control agents for bat related calls. The following list contains agents licensed by the North Carolina Wildlife Commission for bat removal:

Armor Pest Management

<http://www.armorpest.com>

828-670-9842 (Christina 707-7932, Larry 450-7649, and Michael Spears 712-3352)

Asheville Wildlife Removal

<http://www.ashevillewildlife.com>

828-333-2266 (Rusty Russell)

Terminix

<http://www.trustterminix.com/exterminators/nc/asheville/>

253-3816 (Thad Cota) Located off Swannanoa River Rd.

Tru-Tech (open 24 hours)

<http://www.trutechinc.com/asheville-animal-control.html>

828-215-1151 (Ryan Baker 919-883-6369) located off Sweeten Creek Rd.

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

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.

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

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

****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.