



The Biltmore Forest Chronicle

The Commissioners' Corner

September 2019

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Public Works Building Open House

Please join us Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a drop-in Open House at the renovated Public Works Building! Construction on the building began in October 2018 and finished in July 2019. The Town is currently putting the final touches on the interior and installing new furniture. We are excited to show off this renovated and rebuilt space and celebrate this project with everyone in town. Light refreshments will be available – please plan to drop by and see the new building!

CodeRED Text to Enroll

In July 2017, the Town began utilizing the CodeRED notification system to communicate with residents regarding service interruptions, impending weather, events, and schedule changes. The CodeRED system provides the Town with publically available data such as landline phone numbers. The true benefit of CodeRED accrues when residents enroll with the CodeRED system and provide a text or email communication. While the Town will continue to utilize the telephone voice mail feature, the text and email features are often more effective at providing real time information.

CodeRED introduced a new feature that makes this enrollment process significantly easier. Residents in Biltmore Forest can now enroll from their mobile phone by simply following the steps below:

1.)TEXT BiltmoreForestNC to phone number 99411, then follow the link

2.) This will take you to the CodeRED website where you can choose to create a managed account (allowing you to edit existing settings for your notifications), create a new account, or just review your existing information.

If you do not like getting landline calls and would prefer using text or email to stay in touch with the Town, creating these accounts will allow you to do just that.

Fall Potluck in the Park

Mark your calendar now for this fall's Neighborhood Potluck in the Park! The picnic will be held Sunday, October 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Rosebank Park (at the intersection of Vanderbilt and Park Roads). Please bring a dish to share, along with serving utensils. The Town will provide fried chicken and drinks. Make sure to invite your neighbors to join the fun.

In the event of rain, the picnic will be cancelled and notices sent out via Nixle and CodeRED.

For more information, please call or text Katie Valeika at (706) 410-6293. Email is valeikak@gmail.com



There will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, September 2nd for Labor day. Collection during that week will be one day behind schedule. Garbage and Recycling pickup for the week of Thanksgiving will be on regular schedule.

We would like to welcome Eric Anderson as the newest addition to the Public Works Department. Eric has been employed with the Town since August 1, 2019. Please welcome Eric when you see him around Town!

Please place all garbage in garbage bags. This will help with loading of the garbage, reduce injuries and litter at the same time. Between the two sanitation personnel, they collect over 500 tons of garbage per year.

Please do not place garbage or any other material in the recycling container other than recyclable materials.

The Town provides two dumpsters for use. Please remember that only bagged household garbage is allowed in the dumpsters. Please do not place any items outside the dumpsters or any long items in the dumpster because it makes it very difficult for the collector. There is an unauthorized materials list posted on a sign next to the dumpsters.

Brush collection will stop at the end of October 2019 and will resume on January 15th 2020.

Leaf season is almost here, please place your leaves on the road shoulder in front of your property and do not mix brush with your leaves as the leaf machine is not designed to collect brush. Brush collection will begin on November 1st 2019 and will end on January 15th 2020.



The Biltmore Forest Preservation & Community Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

Town Resident Diane Zimmerman will present:

“Chauncey Beadle, The Azalea Hunters, & Sylvester Owens”

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Lectures will be presented at 1:00pm & 4:00 pm



The lectures will be lively and informative presenting the influence of Chauncey Beadle, Biltmore Forest’s contribution to the Azalea Hunters, and a long overdue appreciation of Sylvester Owens’s role in the Biltmore Estate azalea gardens.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Biltmore Forest Police staff recently attended some of the highest quality and prestigious training offered anywhere in the country. Sergeant Shane Burrell was accepted and has started an extremely challenging program at North Carolina State University. The Administrative Officers Management Program (AOMP) is a unique education program for law enforcement professionals from across the United State. This intensive, 12 week course occurs during one academic year and provides 30 seasoned law enforcement professionals the opportunity to place theory into practice and make meaningful changes within their organization and community.

Telecommunicators Aslyne Tate and Shelby Tate attended the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) international conference the week of August 11, 2019 in Baltimore Md. This is the highest training for communications professionals, and helps ensure the Town's goal to provide high quality and professional services to our citizens.

I would also like to thank everyone who came out for our first ever National Night Out at Rosebank Park. The members of the Police Department felt the event was a success and a good time was had by all. We intend for this to be an annual event and already have plans in the works for next year! A special thank you to several people who were instrumental in the success of the event. Celeste Sandridge coordinated the music from the fantastic band, Just Below Average. They did a terrific job! Thank you also to the Biltmore Forest Community Preservation Committee who offered time, ideas, and support, the Mayor and Town Commissioners, and the employees of both the police department and public works.

Lastly, we would like to remind residents to always lock your house and car doors and secure your valuables. We have had several internal thefts lately so always use reputable service providers and make sure you know who is allowed access to your home and valuables. As always, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Police Department if you have any questions or concerns.

Chief Chris Beddingfield

SKYLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The new school year is in full swing and Skyland Fire & Rescue would like to wish everyone a safe and exciting school year. We would like to ask parents to go over some basic safety tips with your children:

If your kids walk to school, they should always walk with an adult or responsible older child. Whenever possible, walk in groups.

Always use sidewalks when available and always cross streets at crosswalks. If your children ride a bike to school, they should always wear a helmet. Always ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic laws and signals.

If you drive your kids to school, ensure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt or is in the proper car seat/booster seat.

Please do not text and drive and stress the importance of not using a cell phone while driving.

Make sure you and your kids know what to do in the event of an emergency. Safety is everyone's responsibility! Stay safe!

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Employee Anniversaries

Officer Harry Luck
7 years

Lt. Mark Allen
20 years

Thank you for your
dedication and
service to the Town!



Please remember to be a considerate neighbor and keep your dog on a leash and pick up waste after your dog while walking in the streets and parks throughout Town. Waste bags are available in the parks for your convenience. Throw bags away in the trash after cleaning up after your dog.

In the event of a sewer problem or you see a manhole cover overflowing, please call the Metropolitan Sewerage District at 828-254-9646.

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North Carolina

Law:

- Wear a bicycle helmet on public roads if under 16 years old.
- Use hand signals to communicate intended movements.
- Ride on the right in the same direction as other traffic. Stop at all stop signs.
- Please make sure to wear light colored or reflective clothing to increase visibility so others can see you.
- According to NC Pedestrian Laws, pedestrians should walk facing traffic when practicable.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

2019 Biltmore Forest property tax bills were mailed on Friday 8/23/2019.

CodeRED

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emergency alert program

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