



BILTMORE FOREST CHRONICLE

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On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Mayor, please join us in welcoming our new Police Chief T.J. Bates to Biltmore Forest. Chief Bates comes to the Town after serving twelve years as the Assistant Police Chief in Granite Falls, North Carolina. A native of Caldwell County, Chief Bates earned his Bachelor's Degree from Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C. and his Master's Degree in Justice Administration from Methodist University.

Chief Bates takes the reins of the Biltmore Forest Police Department on June 1st and was officially appointed by the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9. He is eager to begin his tenure in Biltmore Forest, and his first priority is getting to know the Department members, residents, and new community.

Chief Bates replaces Chief Eric Tinsley who announced his retirement in February. Chief Tinsley served the Town for over 27 years and has left a lasting and profound legacy on the Department and the Town. Chief Bates is "proud to follow in the steps Chief Tinsley has set forth and hopes to continue building upon the relationships the Police Department has with the Biltmore Forest community". The Town is indebted to the work performed by Chief Tinsley, and looks forward to a new era in Biltmore Forest with Police Chief Bates at the helm.

The Town will host two separate opportunities for citizens to drop by and meet Chief Bates during the summer. Those dates and times are listed below and refreshments will be provided. These meetings will provide an opportunity for Chief Bates to meet the citizens of Biltmore Forest.

Introductory Meetings with Chief T.J. Bates at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall
Wednesday, July 12 – 10:00-11 a.m.
Tuesday, July 25 – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sincerely,
Your Mayor and
Commissioners
George Goosmann, Fran Cogburn, Glenn Kelly, and Doris Loomis



PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, 2017 FOR THE 4TH OF JULY CHILDREN'S PARADE AND PICNIC

Help us celebrate by joining in on the 4th of July festivities. Registration for the parade begins at 9:00am in front of the Town Hall.

Awards will be presented at 9:45. Dress in your best patriotic attire.

Children should decorate their bikes and trikes in celebration style. Prizes will be awarded for: Best costume, best dressed pet, best wheels (Tricycles, bicycles, strollers, wagons) Fun will continue at 10:00 am, following the Parade at Rosebank Park, (between Vanderbilt Road and Park Road), with inflatables, balloon twisting, water fun, cotton candy and Sno-cones, and ice cream. Don't forget Save some room for a Hot Dog and watermelon!

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.....



Please welcome Bryan Godleski to the Town. He is a new employee of Public Works and is doing an outstanding job. As a reminder, brush is to be placed out no sooner than 7 days before your collection date and please place the brush in front of your property. Do not place it across the street, in front of fire hydrants, or on top of water meters. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. You can visit our website at www.biltmoreforest.org for more details. The 2017 paving program will begin in July or August. This year we will be paving Brookside road from Brooklawn Chase to Greenwood Road and some repairs in the Ramble. Garbage and recycling collection will be on schedule for the week of July 4th.

The Public Works crews are currently in the process of converting our water meters to the new AMI Cellular reading system. This technology upgrade will eliminate the need to manually read the meters, and allow Public Works the ability to read meters and monitor the system in real time from the department.

The Town's home recycling program is working very well and we appreciate the participation of all our citizens. However, please take care by not overloading the recycling bin with magazines or other heavy materials. The weight limit for the containers is 300 pounds. When the container is overcapacity, our Public Works employees must empty the materials by hand, which can result in potential injuries and delays in pickup throughout the Town. Please assist us by being mindful of this when cleaning out your home or disposing of magazines or other recyclable materials in bulk.

The Public Works will be collecting white goods on August 3rd 2017. White goods include washers and dryers, refrigerators and freezers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, and dishwashers. Contact us at 274-3919 to let us know if you have a white good, you may place the item on your driveway and we will collect it for you.

If you have any concerns or questions about trash, recycling, white goods collection, brush collection, or leaf pickup please feel free to contact us at 274-3919. In the event that you have a sewer problem or see a manhole overflowing please contact MSD at 255-0061.

From the Community Committee

Save the Date

Sunday, October 1st Noon- 6PM

Our Biltmore Forest Story continues: The 30's including the Depression and the Annexation years. Presented by Diane Zimmeman, Biltmore Forest resident, researcher and historian extraordinaire! If you have interesting memorabilia pertaining to Biltmore Forest or wish to be part of the Community Committee, please contact Millie Elmore (274-5435).

Tree Removal

Prior to removing a tree, it is the obligation of the property owner to contact the Town Administrator. You may request this via our website at www.biltmoreforest.org by going under "online services" or call us at (828) 274-0824.

From the Skyland Fire Department

Water activities can be fun but it is important to be aware of electrical hazard while enjoying the water. Know how to be safe around swimming pools and hot tubs. Here are some tips from the National Fire Protection Association: Do not swim during a thunderstorm, avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet, electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water. When possible, use battery powered appliances and equipment. If you are putting in a new pool or hot tub, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirements for these types of installations. FACT: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reports of 14 deaths related to electrocutions in swimming pools from 2003-2014. Hot tubs present the same hazard as swimming pools. If you think you are being shocked while in the water, move away from the source of the shock and get out of the water. Have someone call 9-1-1 if necessary.



While it is easy to blame drivers, the winding roads and dappled light in Biltmore Forest make it very difficult for drivers to see bicyclists and pedestrians especially in the early morning and early evenings, which are popular times to walk. Do what you can to be seen clearly - Wear light reflective clothing. Always walk on the left side of the road and carefully observe oncoming vehicles.

From the Police Department

HOW TO AVOID THEFT OF ITEMS INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE:

- Don't leave valuables such as electronics, money, and keys out.
- Get a car alarm, this will help attract attention to anyone who is trying to break in your vehicle
- If possible, store your vehicle in the garage
- Always park in a well lighted and high traffic area and be aware of your surroundings
- Don't leave belongings in the car overnight. A lot of burglaries occur at night when a vehicle is parked outside of the home.
- Keep your car clean, even items that are not valuable can be mistaken as valuable (like an empty shipping bag, boxes, etc.)

Summer is prime time for home improvements and many of us hire people to help. Please take precautions when you let strangers into your home. Bob Rusbuldt, the President and CEO of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, said the No. 1 way to reduce crime in these cases is to never leave a contractor alone in your home. In other words, the wrong worker could not only take your money but your sense of safety. "You form a bond with these people, and you trust them, but sometimes it's a false trust," he said. "Sometimes these people are in your house for weeks, maybe months. But these are not family members. They are contractors."

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Hyatt 32 years
 Laura Jacobs 8 years
 Charles Tesner 2 years
 Jonathan Kanipe 3 years
 Keith Bowman 25 years
 Terry Crouch 34 years

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

Recycling or trash pickup questions?

Please call Public Works at 274-3919



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

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2017 PROPERTY TAXES

If you have an address change for your property tax bill, please make sure you update this information with the Buncombe County Tax Office prior to August 31st. The phone number to the Tax Office is 828-250-4920.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH, 2017

10am-Noon

At the Town Hall Complex

- 9:00am Registration will begin
(Everyone in the Parade must register)
- 9:30am Judging will take place
- 9:45am Awards presented ~ Invocation
- 9:50am Parade travels to Rosebank Park

Awards will be presented for
**Best costume, Best dressed pet
& Best on Wheels**

(Trikes, Bikes, Strollers/wagons)

Please no golf carts or other electric vehicles in the Parade

** Fun for the Whole Family **

Please visit our website at www.biltmoreforest.org