
THE BILTMORE FOREST CHRONICLE

JUNE 2019

4TH OF JULY CHILDREN'S PARADE AND PICNIC THURSDAY, JULY 4TH 2019



- 9:00am Parade Registration begins
- 9:30am Parade Registration ends and Judging begins**
- 9:45am Awards presented ~ Invocation
- 9:50am Parade travels to Rosebank Park



****Please remember the cut off time to register for the parade is 9:30am. We will not accept entries after this time.**

Dress in your best patriotic attire. Children can decorate their bikes and tricycles. Trophies will be awarded with categories to be posted on our website soon. The fun continues with the children's parade to Rosebank Park, (between Vanderbilt Road and Park Road). The Town will provide inflatables, balloon twisting, water fun, cotton candy and Sno-cones, and ice cream. Don't forget to save room for a hot dog!

We will once again host a small car show. There were many positive comments from last year's show. If you have a collector car, motorcycle or scooter (like a Vespa), and would like to exhibit it in the show, please contact Tom Young (232-7080) or Paul Zimmerman (774-5006) - the sooner the better. We want to proudly display cars owned by Biltmore Forest residents and prefer cars that are over 20 years old.

The Commissioners Corner

Speed Limit and Traffic Pattern Changes Coming to Vanderbilt Road

This summer, the Town will make several traffic safety improvements to Vanderbilt Road north of the intersection with Busbee Road. The first change is a speed limit reduction to 25 mph from this intersection to just before the bridge over Interstate 40. After significant study, outreach, and review, the Board of Commissioners elected to reduce the speed in this area. This speed limit change will be effective July 1, 2019.

The second change is the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Cedarcliff and Vanderbilt Roads. This intersection provides limited line of sight to vehicles traveling on Cedarcliff Road (from either direction) and the Police Department has responded to accidents and many "near-misses" in this location. The all-way stop is a dramatic change in the traffic pattern along Vanderbilt Road. As such, the Town engaged an engineering firm to prepare a detailed schedule for the implementation of this change. Significant signage, including electronic message boards, will be placed along Vanderbilt Road before the full implementation to alert motorists to the change. The Town wants to ensure everyone is aware of the upcoming change to this intersection—this means lots of temporary signage. The majority of the signage, and certainly the electronic message boards and orange warning signs, will be removed after full implementation.

The Town will be mailing a separate flyer to all residents detailing the full schedule for this all-way stop implementation once dates are finalized. The Mayor and Board of Commissioners understand that these two changes may result in a small increase in the time it takes along this section of Vanderbilt Road, but the safety of residents in this area and to all motorists utilizing the road is paramount. We appreciate your assistance for the betterment of all.

From the Chief of Police

As summertime reaches its peak so does household property crime. The Biltmore Forest Police Department would like to provide you with some important safety tips to make your summer safe and enjoyable. Summer time is great for vacations and family time, but criminals don't take summer breaks. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Household property crimes exhibited a pattern of seasonal fluctuations from 1993 to 2010. The most common pattern for household property crimes was that victimization occurred at higher rates during the summer than during other seasons."

Here are some summer time safety tips:

- ⇒ As always be aware of your surroundings. Our situational awareness should always be our number one safety priority. Pay attention to what is happening around you. Be aware of what's happening in the neighborhood. Communicate and partner with neighbors about any suspicious activity in the neighborhood and always call or notify the police department with any concerns.
- ⇒ Lock your doors, unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders. If you vacation, have your mail held at the local post office until your return.
- ⇒ Don't post on social media that you are leaving town, and wait to post photos after you return from your trip.
- ⇒ Always lock your car doors and roll up your windows when you leave your car. Even when it is in your driveway. Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching for vehicles coming toward them. Drive safely and slowly around parks and playgrounds. More children are out playing during the summer.

As always do not hesitate to contact the police department with any concerns. Just a reminder of our first National Night Out event scheduled for August 6th from 5pm-8pm. The event is still in the planning phase and should be fun and informational for everyone. More details will be published as the event date gets closer.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

- Charles Tesner 4 years**
- Jonathan Kanipe 5 years**
- Laura Jacobs 10 years**
- Gabriel Crespo 14 years**
- Helen Stephens 15 years**
- Keith Bowman 27 years**
- Terry Crouch 36 years**

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!



The Biltmore Forest Preservation & Community Committee

Save The Date! Sunday, October 6th

We've all enjoyed the azaleas in Town and at the Biltmore Estate this Spring. Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of **Sunday, October 6th** for another fabulous history lesson from Diane Zimmerman! Mrs. Zimmerman will discuss the Azalea Hunters - William Knight, Chauncey Beadle, and Sylvester Owens. The lecture will be presented at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall. The time will be announced as the event gets closer. Be prepared to be surprised!

From the Public Works Department



In January 2019, Charles Tesner became the Town’s first certified arborist after working in the Town’s Public Works Department since 2015. Tesner passed the ISA Arborist test and has performed enough arboriculture field work to achieve this certification. Tesner is now using this expertise to conduct tree inspections for the Town. These inspections generally occur on Thursdays. Tesner enjoys meeting residents and inspecting the health of their trees.

As a reminder, any tree 6 inches or greater in diameter (measured at 4 1/2 feet off the ground) is considered a protected tree and removal must be approved by the Town. To request permission to remove a tree(s), please complete the Request for Tree Removal form on the Town’s website or call the Town Hall at 274-0824. Flagging or marking the trees in question expedite the process.

Please remember to place your trash in garbage bags. This helps with the loading of garbage and reduces injuries. The Town collects over 500 tons of trash per year.

The Town provides two dumpsters for residential use. Please remember only bagged household trash is allowed in the dumpsters. An unauthorized materials list is posted on a sign next to the dumpsters should you have any questions.

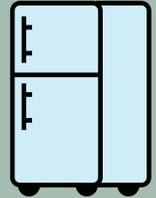
If you have any concerns or questions about trash, recycling, white goods collection, brush collection, or leaf pickup please call us at 274-3919.



Public Works Building Nearing Completion

The Town’s Public Works Building project is nearing completion. Construction began in late October 2018. The framing and foundation work weathered the storms of late winter, and work has turned to the interior finishes in the building. The exterior painting and stucco installation will be completed this month. The Town anticipates work finishing in late July or early August, and looks forward to holding an open house for citizens to check out the new building and improvements. We appreciate your patience and understanding as parking has been difficult and even locating Public Works employees has been a challenge, but we are proud of the result – a modern update allowing staff to continue the legacy of service in this nearly 100-year old building.

Special Collection Of White Goods



On Thursday, August 1st, Public Works will collect white good items that are accepted at the Buncombe County landfill. You may place the item in your driveway for PW to pick up. The items are as follows:

- Refrigerators
- Dishwashers
- Water heaters
- Stoves
- Freezers

Electronic goods for recycling are accepted year round.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Power Outages:
Duke Energy (800)419-6356

Gas Leaks:
Dominion Energy (formerly PSNC Energy) 1-877-776-2427

Water Service:
Public Works 274-3919
After Hours 274-0823

Sewer Blockages:
Metropolitan Sewerage District 255-0061

Garbage and Recycling Collection:
Public Works 274-3919

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Biltmore Forest Preservation and Community Committee is partnering with the Biltmore Forest Police Department for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th from 5pm-8pm.

With the help of our Town Planner, Adrienne Isenhower, we are working proactively on code enforcement actions. Please remember to keep your yard and property to neighborhood standards as required by the Town Code. Contact the Town before ANY construction, exterior work, or tree removal activity begins on your property.

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



KNOW YOUR ORDINANCES



Please be considerate 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 .

Real estate signs shall be set back at least 30 feet from the nearest edge of the pavement of the public road in which the house fronts or faces.