

THE BILTMORE FOREST CHRONICLE

SEPTEMBER 2018

THE COMMISSIONERS CORNER

Town Open House Wednesday, September 12th 4:00pm-6:00pm

The Town is as busy as ever with many significant projects underway. The Mayor and Board of Commissioners want to share these projects, receive feedback and input, and provide opportunity for all Biltmore Forest citizens to view Town equipment and facilities. The Town will host a drop-in, open house on Wednesday, September 12th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall complex. The Town Hall, Police Department, and Public Works Department will be open with staff available to answer questions about ongoing projects. Several consultants and experts utilized by the Town will be available to discuss projects or other areas of concern among residents. Residents are encouraged to meet Police Chief Chris Beddingfield and view specialized police equipment and vehicles. Skyland Fire Department will also be available to showcase equipment and fire engines.

Light refreshments will be provided - Please plan to join us!

Property Taxes

**The 2018 Town
Property Tax
bills will be
mailed
September 1st.**

The below list below is a sample of the programs and projects the Town will have available for public review.

***Public Works Building** renovation plans will be available and the public is invited to review the existing building before renovation begins.

***Traffic mitigation, speed reduction, and pedestrian safety information** will be provided and residents asked for input regarding several proposed options to reduce traffic impacts and speeds in town.

*The **Greenwood Park Master Plan** will be available for review and the public is invited to comment upon the plan. The Town's consultant will be available to discuss the planned improvements and funding opportunities.

***Storm water master plan updates**, including planned improvement implementation stages.

*Chief Beddingfield will be available to meet citizens and the **Police Department and Skyland Fire Department** will have equipment, vehicles, and other public safety information available.

***North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission** officials will be present to discuss wildlife interactions and provide guidance on avoiding negative interactions with our abundant wildlife.

*The Town will have a **new guidebook** related to all things Biltmore Forest. This includes the Town's Zoning Ordinance and other Code of Ordinances, solid waste and recycling pickup information, water rates, brush and leaf schedules, and more. Information on **proposed zoning ordinance changes** will also be available for review.

*Information will be available on the **CodeRED** notification and alert system and new **Eye on Water** smart water meter technology, including educational information on signing up for these systems and alerts.

From the Chief of Police

On August 8th, 2018 Biltmore Forest police responded to a suspicious persons call and encountered an individual in the area of Busbee Road and White Oak Rd. This subject was arrested and officers recovered what we believe to be items that were taken from the Biltmore Forest area. These items are things that could easily have been taken from a vehicle. Or items that someone might not even realize were missing. Some examples are unopened cosmetics and lotions, watches, and specifically an authentic autographed collectable golf ball. If any of these items possibly belong to you please contact the police department. This may be an opportunity for you to check for small missing items and a reminder to always lock your vehicles and secure your residence. There is currently a program known as the 9pm routine that reminds residents to secure everything before going to bed each night. Many of these burglaries and larcenies are preventable crimes by just locking up for the night. As always feel free to contact the police department with any questions or concerns.

Biltmore Forest is fortunate to be one of the most scenic and beautiful areas in North Carolina, thus being conducive to walking and cycling by our residents and non-residents alike. The growth in southern Buncombe County has led to traffic increases inside our town as well. With that heavier traffic comes a need to remind pedestrians that there are applicable state laws to walking on our roadways, and signage has gone up reminding residents of these laws. Safety is our number one concern at the Police Department so we wanted to remind residents of the regulations of pedestrian usage of public streets.

§ 20-174. Crossing at other than crosswalks; walking along highway.

(d) Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the extreme left of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. Such pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to approaching traffic.

So, where there are no sidewalks pedestrians are required to walk facing traffic and to yield to traffic that is approaching. This is when practicable, there are obviously situations where the layout of the roadway could make it safer to switch to the other side of the road. You should return to facing traffic as soon as you clear the area that doesn't allow travel facing traffic. As always be alert to approaching vehicles and wear bright clothing that helps drivers see you. When possible, walk single file as walking two or more wide creates safety issues as well. Always use good judgement and make sure you are alert and not distracted.

THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE



The Community Preservation Committee Presents:

**Robert Griffin- Architect,
Preservationist and Historian
"THE CABINS OF THE FOREST"
Slide Presentation and Lecture
Sept. 30, 2018 3:30- 5:30pm
Biltmore Forest Country Club
Club Room**

**Due to renovations at the Town Hall and Public Works buildings,
this event is being held at the Biltmore Forest Country Club. Many
thanks to the Country Club for hosting this exciting lecture!**

From the Public Works Department

Brush Pick-Up Information

When placing brush out, please do not put out any material larger than 6 inches in diameter or 6 feet in length. Please remember, brush is to be placed out no sooner than 7 days before your collection date and should be placed in front of your property. Brush should not be placed across the street, in front of Fire hydrants, and not on top of water meters. It is a violation of the Town Code for grass clippings to be placed within the streets right of way. Violations may result in fines of \$150.00 per occurrence.

Leaf Pick-Up Information

Leaf season begins November 1st through the end of December. Place leaves on your road shoulder within the Town's Right of Way in a single row as close to the edge of the road as possible. Do not place leaves on top of water meters, in ditch lines, or in front of fire hydrants. All leaves are picked up loose and should not be placed in bags. There will be no brush pick up for the months of November or December so brush should not be placed on the road shoulders. Brush pickup will resume in January 2109.

Solid Waste and Recycling Pick-Up Information

Trash and recycling pick-up will be delayed by one day the week of 9/3-9/7 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Remember to help protect your sanitation personnel by placing all garbage in bags. This will help with loading of the garbage and reduce injuries and litter at the same time. Our sanitation personnel collect over 500 tons of garbage per year. Two additional dumpsters are available at Town Hall for residential use, but only bagged household garbage is allowed. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact us at 274-3919.

Water Department Information

Remember to remove irrigation backflow devices before freezing weather.

Skyland Fire Department

DRYER FIRES

Between 2010-2014, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 15,970 home fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines each year. These fires resulted in annual losses estimated at 13 deaths, 440 injuries, and \$238 million in property damage.

*Do not use the dryer without a lint filter

*Make sure you clean the lint filter after each load of laundry.

*Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is in operation and turn the dryer off when leaving home.



Please be considerate and keep your dog on a leash (TOWN ORDINANCE) and pick up waste after your dog while walking in the streets and parks throughout Town.

Employee Anniversaries

Officer Harry Luck
6 years



Lt. Mark Allen
19 years

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Mayor:
George F. Goosmann,
III

Commissioners:
Fran Cogburn
E. Glenn Kelly
Doris P. Loomis

Town Manager:
Jonathan Kanipe
Town Hall: 274-0824

Police Chief:
Chris Beddingfield
274-0822

**Public Works
Director:**
Terry Crouch
274-3919

Our new zoning enforcement officer is 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.

**HELP KEEP BEARS WILD,
AND YOUR PROPERTY**

SAFE!

Bears are readily attracted to back yards because of birdfeeders and birdseed. Please do not place bird feeders back outside if bears have discovered the location.



KNOW YOUR ORDINANCES

§ 130.01 of the Town Code covers firearms and other weapons. This ordinance specifies that it is a violation of Town ordinances for any weapon (including firearms, bows, and other spring-propelled devices) to be discharged within the Town limits, with the only exception being the defense of life. Any interaction with a wild animal that is threatening or aggressive should be directed to the Police Department immediately. Violations involving wildlife are turned over to North Carolina Wildlife officers for immediate review.