

The Biltmore Forest Chronicle

2022

100th

ANNIVERSARY



The Town of Biltmore Forest will begin celebrating its centennial year January 1, 2023! On the following pages, you will find multiple articles, detailed information regarding upcoming events, and schedules. We hope everyone in town can join, and you can start by checking out the events upcoming in January and February!

Centennial Kickoff 5k Fun Run and Walk

Rosebank Park—January 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm

History of Biltmore Forest Lecture Presentation by Diane Zimmerman

Biltmore Forest Town Hall—January 8, 2023 at 2 & 4pm

Founders Day Commemoration and Art Show Opening

*Biltmore Forest Town Hall—February 14, 2023
Special Commemoration and Proclamation—4:15 pm
Art Show Opening—6:00 pm*

Biltmore Forest Trolley Tour

*Tours Begin at the Town Hall—March 19, 2023
Two Tour Opportunities—2 and 4pm*

More details regarding each event may be found throughout this newsletter! Additional events are planned for the remainder of the centennial year, including:

*4th of July Celebration with exciting new additions
Outdoor family fun fitness activities
Children's art activities
Events and Information about the Town's history
Music in the park — and many more!*

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Biltmore Forest Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Adam Cabe has joined our department. He brings numerous certifications and experience to our agency. Adam served with Asheville Police Department from February 2012-September of 2022. In 2015 Cabe was assigned to APD's Traffic Safety Unit where he investigated fatal collisions, departmental collisions, and delivered safe driving education to teen drivers. Cabe was appointed as the Law Enforcement County Coordinator for Buncombe County with the Governor's Highway Safety program and continues to serve that role at Biltmore Forest Police Department. In December 2015, Cabe was awarded the Traffic Enforcement and Investigation Certificate from the North Carolina Justice Academy. Cabe attended Police Motorcycle Operator Training in 2017 and became a Bike Safe NC Assessor in 2018. Cabe became a General Instructor in 2017, a RADAR instructor in 2019, and a LIDAR instructor in 2020. Cabe was promoted to the rank of Sergeant with the Asheville Police Department in September of 2020 and was reassigned to a patrol district until February 2021. In February 2021, Cabe was reassigned as the Sgt of the Traffic Safety Unit. Cabe was instrumental in developing the Unmanned Aerial System (drone) program at APD and is an FAA Part 107 certified pilot. Cabe is also a prior member of the NC Army National Guard. In the National Guard, Cabe rose to the rank of Sergeant and served as a military police officer and combat medic. As a combat medic, Cabe deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn from 2010-2011. Please join us in welcoming Adam to our Biltmore Forest family.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The Police Department has a few holiday safety tips for everyone listed below. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. You can also reach us with the Biltmore Forest Police Department smartphone application at your app store.

- *Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or under doormats.*
- *Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside*
- *Lock your vehicles and remove all valuables, even in your driveway.*
- *Park in a well-lighted parking space, lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags.*
- *Be careful with purses and wallets. Do not leave in car.*

GREENWOOD PARK REOPENED

The Town is pleased to announce Greenwood Park is re-opened to the public. Town staff participated in a final inspection with representatives from the project contractor, engineer, and the North Carolina Division of Water Quality on November 3rd. Additional installation of bare root trees and live stakes along the stream bank will occur in early January. Part of the purpose of the project was to improve the overall environmental impact, function, and stability of this small urban stream. As such, we will be performing less intensive maintenance along the stream banks and near the water's edges. These more natural buffer zones closest to the water are critical for providing aquatic habitat, cooling the water, and stabilizing the stream banks.

The conclusion of this project sets the stage for additional improvements throughout the park. Stay tuned as we develop additional improvements in this beautiful Town space.

Employee Anniversaries

Chris Beddingfield-5 years

Michael Anton-3 years

Patrick Ridgeway-3 years

Matt Kelly-13 years

Lucius Riley-4 years

Aslyne Tate-4 years

Shelby Tate-Frady-4 years

Mike Dale-2 years

Daniel Rice-2 years

Centennial Kickoff Party Centennial 5k Fun Run & Walk

Who: You, your family and pets who like to walk, run or celebrate with friends!

Organized by your 100th Anniversary Sports and Party Committees

When: New Year's Day January 1, 2023

5K begins at 2:00 pm

Kickoff party begins at 2:30 pm

Where: Rosebank Park will be the site for the Centennial Kickoff, and is also the start and end points for the 5K. Race route and sign-up information available at biltmoreforest.org

To participate in the free 5K, where participants receive fun swag and qualify for prizes,

- (1) Sign up to participate, on the Town's website or by emailing bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org the names and email addresses for participants you are enrolling, with "race" in the subject line.
- (2) Bring new/gently used running shoes and socks for our charity drive.

Centennial History Lecture *History of Biltmore Forest*

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, please come to a free lecture at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall for a free lecture by Diane Zimmerman titled the *History of Biltmore Forest*. Join your neighbors at Town Hall on Sunday, January 8th to hear the engaging, informative, and entertaining presentation by Diane Zimmerman on the Town's rich and varied history.

Diane's impeccably researched articles have been featured for several years in *The Forest Companion* (now *Stroll*). Refreshments will be provided!

When: Sunday, Jan 8, 2023

2:00pm & 4:00 pm

Where: Biltmore Forest Town Hall Social Room

Do you love living in Biltmore Forest? Do you have ideas on how to foster community in our Town? Would you like to be a part of a team that plans neighborhood events? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, then serving on the Friends of Biltmore Forest committee might be for you!

Please email

townhall@biltmoreforest.org for more information.

Annual Tree Lighting Returns!

The Town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event returns this year on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of the season and mingle with your friends and neighbors at the Town Hall!

Founders' Day Commemoration and Art Show Opening!

The Town of Biltmore Forest was chartered on February 14, 1923—come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Town at the Town Hall with free events listed below!

4:15 pm— Anniversary Proclamation and Children's Refreshments

6:00 pm—Art show opening & toast

Want to enter your art? The Town is looking for 2-dimensional arts, such as painting, drawing, photographs; 3-dimensional arts, like pottery and sculpture; and small-scale live music such as single-instrument or chamber group players for the February 14 opener. Contact Sara Lavelle directly or via Email to bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org specifying "Art Show" in the subject line, to contribute art.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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Greetings from the Town of Biltmore Forest Public Works Department! On behalf of everyone in the Department, we wish each of you a happy holiday season! As we prepare for winter, we want to share with you some tips and updates from your Public Works team. Remember, our Department is here to help and answer any questions you may have.

Irrigation Systems: Now is the time to winterize irrigation systems. This includes removing backflow preventers and safely storing them until next year.

Brush and Leaf Collection: We have already transitioned to dedicated leaf pick-ups of November 1st. Here are some reminders that help expedite pick up for our team:

Please do not mix brush in with leaves as it damages our collection equipment.

Long, narrow (3-4 feet wide), un-bagged rows of leaves at the edge of pavement are preferred, with plenty of clearance above the piles for our equipment to operate.

Please avoid large round piles that extend far from the edge of pavement. Our equipment has limited reach, and this increases the amount of raking required.

Do not block storm drain inlets, water meters, or fire hydrants with leaves.

Leaf pick-up runs continuously, following our established routes, through January 15th. We cannot make special pick-ups as we are working hard to serve everyone fairly.

Public Dumpster Usage: The Town provides two (2) dumpsters located at the Town Hall Complex free of charge for resident use. We continue to struggle with abuse of the dumpsters including overloading and disposal of illicit materials. To assist us with enforcement, we have installed dedicated video monitoring on the dumpster area. Before you use the dumpsters, please follow these rules:

The dumpsters are for HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY. Do not send your contractor here to dispose of construction or remodeling debris.

COLLAPSE ALL BOXES FLAT; AND CUT OR FOLD CARDBOARD AS NEEDED TO FIT INSIDE. This allows the dumpsters to hold more and prevents overflows. If it does not fit through the door, it should not be left outside or otherwise forced into the dumpster.

DO NOT PLACE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS IN THE DUMPSTERS: wooden pallets, paint and other liquids, furniture, carpet, mattresses/box springs, appliances/electronics, and construction debris. A list of prohibited materials is posted near the dumpsters.

NEVER PLACE ANY TRASH OR OTHER MATERIALS ON THE GROUND OUTSIDE THE DUMPSTERS. THIS IS LITTERING. If the dumpsters are blocked or overloaded, the Town is charged a surcharge, and/or the pick-up is skipped until they can be safely accessed,

The dumpsters are emptied on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday morning each week.

A good rule of thumb is that if you cannot fit the item you want to dispose of in a trash bag that fits through the dumpster door, it doesn't belong in the dumpster. We appreciate your help in complying with these rules, and please share them with your neighbors and friends! The Public Works Department strives to provide the best service, and your cooperation and assistance helps with this goal!



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Lauren Karlsson will take on the role of Chair of Friends of Biltmore Forest (FOBF) on January 1, 2023. Lauren and her family have lived in Biltmore Forest since 2016. She has volunteered for many years in the Town, coordinating the installation of the Little Free Library in Rosebank Park, volunteering at Arbor Day, and more. Katie Valeika, outgoing chair of FOBF, commented, "Lauren is the perfect Chairperson for FOBF. She is an enthusiastic and experienced leader, with abundant creativity, kindness, and problem-solving skills. Friends of Biltmore Forest is in great hands with Lauren at its helm." Lauren is also a part of the Anniversary Planning committee and has been working with that team on many novel and meaningful ways for the Town to celebrate its 100th Birthday. Lauren adds, "I look forward to continuing and growing the community engagement between Biltmore Forest neighbors in 2023 and the years to come."

Biltmore Forest Centennial Trolley Tour

When: Sunday, March 19, 2023—2 and 3pm

Where: The trolley will depart and leave from the Town Hall

This tour is geared toward Biltmore Forest residents interested in tidbits about past notable places, people, and events around town. The trolley tour will be a 45- to 60-minute nonstop tour of a route through Biltmore Forest on a Grayline Trolley, with members of the 100th Anniversary History Committee giving brief descriptions of points of interest relating to people and events in our Town's history. Non-stop means no one is walking or parking near your property—this is just a driving tour! The History Committee is cataloging anecdotes on this tour, that will be fun blasts from the past, as well as surprises and informative tidbits.

In order to make this tour as fun and informative as possible, we need your help! Please share your stories, giving as much "who, what, when, where, why and how" information as needed to help us convey the uniqueness of your anecdote. Good-quality digital photos of the site and any special architectural detail(s) would be great to submit as well, if you are willing to share. Share your information with us via email, specifying "trolley" in the subject line, to: bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org. Thank you!

To register to attend the trolley tour at either time listed above, please emailing bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org with "tour" in subject line and names of Biltmore Forest residents who will be attending.

TAX PAYMENT REMINDER

The last day to pay your 2022 property taxes without a penalty is January, 5, 2023. 2% interest accrues on January 6th, 2023 plus additional interest of .75% on the first of each month thereafter until paid. In order to avoid penalties, please make sure the legal and memo amounts on checks are correct .

Please check with Town Hall prior to beginning any landscaping or construction project. This includes, but is not limited to, tree removals, hardscape design, fence, wall, and gate installations, additions to existing structures, and driveway realignments. While some projects do not require formal Town approval or review, it is much simpler for all residents and their contractors to ask the Town staff for assistance. We are happy to provide a simple review that ensures compliance with the Town's Zoning Ordinance. When a permit is required, we are happy to assist with this application process. Please contact us at any time with questions regarding your project ideas.