



# BILTMORE FOREST CHRONICLE

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## Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Approved by the Board of Commissioners December 13, 2011

### Permitted Uses

As a result of the increasing number of requests to hold fund raising events within the Town, the Zoning Ordinance, Permitted Use Table has been amended to include **Fund Raising Events for non-profits or political campaigns.**

Only four fund raising events may be held per year at each dwelling. No event shall last longer than five (5) hours in a single day and any such event must end by 11:00 PM.

There shall be no sales of goods or services at any such event. Parking for such an event must not impede the normal flow of traffic and must not be upon any other property without permission from the other property owners.

### New Application Process

There is a new application process for all Special Events. These are events that could impact neighboring property owners. The completed application must be reviewed by the Town Administrator to determine if the request is within the Ordinances of Biltmore Forest and whether or not the request also needs the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

### Definitions

Sections relating to Estate/Auction Sales (401.24) and Garage/Yard Sales (401.26) have also been expanded to offer clearer guidelines.

The complete current Zoning Ordinance and application forms are always available on the Town web site [www.townofbiltmoreforest.com](http://www.townofbiltmoreforest.com)

## ENEWS directly to your COMPUTER

Would you like this Newsletter, Neighborhood Social Events and other relevant alerts from the Police Department & Public Works sent directly to your computer? Then please sign up by emailing [biltmoreforest@charter.net](mailto:biltmoreforest@charter.net) and ask to be included on the **Biltmore Forest Enews List serve.**

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## A Safety Reminder for you and your residence especially during the upcoming Holiday Season.



- Keep your doors locked and alarm activated
- Do not leave valuables in your car, if you must, lock them in the trunk
- If you are having guests, advise them of the same.
- Watch for suspicious vehicles and persons in your neighborhood.
- If you call the Police Department to report suspicious activity, note tag number, color and make of the car. Do not let any strangers in your house claiming to have car trouble, etc. and needing to use your phone. Call the Police.
- Call and inform the Police Department if you are having a party. **274-0822**

## FROM THE POLICE CHIEF'S DESK .....

Winter weather preparedness is very important in this mountainous area. Here are some tips to make you more prepared for a surprise winter storm:

### Home Disaster Planning

- Fire Extinguisher Type A-B-C
- First Aid Kit and Handbook
- 1/2-inch pipe wrench to turn off gas and water valves if necessary.
- Flashlight and extra batteries (Batteries will last longer if you keep them in the refrigerator.)
- Water and disinfectant (bleach)
- Eyedropper for adding bleach to water for drinking.
- Radio and extra batteries to receive emergency broadcasts and current disaster information.
- Dry or canned food for one week's supply. It is preferable to store food that does not require cooking.
- Can Opener
- Alternate cooking source -

Store a camp-stove and fuel for cooking if your utilities are out of service. For safety sake use your camp stove outdoors.

- NEVER use a charcoal barbecue indoors for cooking or heating purposes.
- Extra blankets and clothing may be required to keep warm. Have shoes suitable for walking through debris.
- Rain gear and tarps to keep dry or cover roof damage
- Small plastic trash bags for toilet use if your toilets are not working
- Toilet paper
- Extra eyeglasses
- Prescription medication

### Auto Preparedness

- Have at least half a tank of gas in your vehicle.
- Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle, including a blanket, a hat, clothing, gloves, boots, an emergency flashlight, medication and nonperishable foods like crackers.

### Police Report July-December 2011

<b>Arrests</b>	
Total Arrests	22
<b>Citations</b>	
Total Citations	64
Accidents	12
Alarm	175
Ambulance needed	44
Assist FD	5
Assist Other Officer or Agency	68
Breaking & Entering	7
Disturbance	6
Dog Complaint	51
Domestic	4
Investigation	30
Suspicious Person	69
Suspicious Vehicle	217
Vandalism	2
Vehicle Stop	472
<b>Total Number Of Calls 1,648</b>	

- When stuck in the snow try using your floor mats for extra traction under your tires.
- Keep an extra hat, pair of gloves and ice scraper in your car for unexpected weather changes.
- Do not drive until snow and or ice is completely cleared off your windows, side view mirrors, headlights, taillights and license plates.

## ZONING ORDINANCE

The Town Zoning Ordinance requires design review of all residential and commercial buildings and additions to buildings as well as accessory buildings. The redesign of driveways are also reviewed. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance, plans must be reviewed by the Design Review Board.

The construction of accessory structures such as sheds, fences, walls, curbs, wells, playground equipment, etc. require the approval of the Board of Adjustment. If you are not sure what constitutes an accessory structure, please call the Zoning Administrator, at 274-0824. Any land-disturbing activity such as grading

of a lot or removal of natural vegetation that involves twenty percent or more of the land areas of a lot must be done only after a plan has been submitted to, and approved by, the Board of Adjustment. The controls in our community are very tight in order to preserve and protect the natural beauty of the community.



## PEDESTRIANS & BICYCLISTS

### Please protect yourselves!

When taking advantage of bright sunny days during winter to get some fresh air and exercise, please make sure that you use common sense and follow North Carolina's pedestrian statutes, by:

- Always walking on the left side of the street facing oncoming traffic.

**Bicyclists** are not exempt from the need to follow North Carolina's traffic statutes. Bicyclists are required to observe all traffic laws the same as other motorists. That means:

- riding single file,
- stopping at all stop signs, and traffic lights
- not exceeding the posted speed limits.

Violators are subject to citation, just like motorists.

Visibility in Biltmore Forest is further complicated by lots of blind curves and dappled sunlight through the trees. Please do yourself a favor -

**ALWAYS WEAR LIGHT COLORED OR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING  
SO THAT YOU CAN BE SEEN**



## 2011 Property Taxes

Property Taxes must be paid or postmarked by January 5th, 2012 to avoid incurring a 2% interest charge for January.

Avoid further interest charges by paying your taxes promptly.

In February, delinquent notices will incur an additional 3/4% interest and notices will be mailed February 1, 2012

More info — call 274-0824

## Be a good neighbor

### Please pick up after your dog

Pooper-scooping is essential for both the health and beautification of the community. Canine diseases and parasites are often shed in feces, which puts other dogs and children at risk. No one enjoys maneuvering through unsightly piles of dog waste when out for a stroll or playing at the Park. Pick up feces using a plastic bag, and knot the top to control odor and flies before disposing of it in a waste receptacle. Train your dog to urinate in gutters or on nonliving vertical surfaces, such as lampposts or hydrants. Avoid trees and flowerbeds.

**Your neighbors will Thank You**

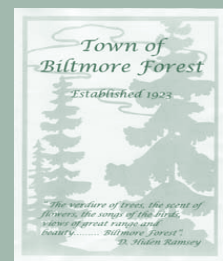
### Neighborhood Social Events

Would you like a head's up when social events are planned for Biltmore Forest Residents?

Then please sign up for **Enews**  
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Old Computers and Electronic Goods for recycling will be accepted at the Public Works Dept all year .  
Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm

Recycling questions  
274-3919



New Town Directory  
available by Email

Send your request to :  
BiltmoreForest@charter.net

With New directory & your address in the subject line and the most current version will be sent directly to your computer

Check out our website [www.TownofBiltmoreForest.com](http://www.TownofBiltmoreForest.com)

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**Season's  
Greetings**



## Tree Removal

Prior to removing a tree, it is the obligation of the property owner to contact the Town Administrator at 274-0824.



### REMINDER SNOW REMOVAL

In the event of inclement weather please do not park your vehicles on the road or road shoulders because it makes it difficult for the Snow Plow trucks to do their job of removing the snow and salting and sanding the roads.



### Garbage Collection

Garbage collection will be on regular schedule for the Christmas & New Year holidays.



### Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will continue until January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please do not mix brush and other foreign material with your leaves. Leaves should be placed on the shoulder of the road; do not place leaves in bags. Be careful not to pile leaves in the street, drainage ditches or over water meters



### Christmas Tree Recycling

The Town will be recycling Christmas trees again this year. The Public Works Department will pick-up and dispose of Christmas trees that are placed on the curbside by January 31st. Your participation last year was very beneficial since 212 trees were recycled and not taken to the County Landfill.



*Reminders from the Public Works Department*