



BILTMORE FOREST CHRONICLE

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BILTMORE FOREST

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From the Police Chief's Desk... Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather..
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com.)
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never ever look like a crook.
15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
16. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
17. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Face book page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
20. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

NEW!!!

ENEWS directly to your COMPUTER

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

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Cooling off at an earlier Biltmore Forest Independence Day Picnic

Join us for the 2010 Biltmore Forest Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 3rd!

This old-fashioned, home-town parade celebration begins at the Police Station where the Judges will make their selections before parading to the park for a morning of entertainment and a picnic with hot dogs, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones and more.

Dress in your best patriotic attire. Children should decorate their bikes and trikes in celebration style. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated bikes and costumes.



LOOK FOR CHANGES COMING IN JUNE 2010

A second recycling bin is being added that will be

dedicated solely for corrugated cardboard.

ALL CARDBOARD BOXES MUST BE COMPLETELY FLATTENED BEFORE DISPOSAL

The other recycling bin will be divided for mixed paper, plastics, cans and glass.

If the bins are full, please do not leave anything on the ground around the containers. This has to be moved to the garbage dumpster before the full containers can be emptied. For more information on recycling call: 274-3919



What Kind of an Impact Are We Making?

Have you ever wondered how much of difference recycling 1 aluminum can really makes?

The energy saved by recycling 1 aluminum can is about the equivalent of 1 cup of gasoline. Or to look at it another way the energy saved from recycling 1 aluminum can could power a standard sized television for about 3 hours. In fact it takes about 95% less energy to make a recycled aluminum can than it does to make a brand new one.



1. **NEVER FEED BEARS!!** Bears can become dangerous if they become accustomed to human foods and lose their fear of people. Bears that lose their fear of people sometimes lose their lives to vehicle collisions or frightened homeowners.

2. **STORE ALL GARBAGE** in secure areas such as closed garages, basements, secure sheds, or bear-proof garbage cans or dumpsters. Do not leave trash or food near open or screen windows or on screen porches. Do not leave trash or food in the passenger area of a car.

3. **TAKE DOWN ALL BIRD FEEDERS** at the first report of bear activity. Bears love bird seed and will tear down bird feeders (including hummingbird feeders). Do not store birdseed on porches or decks. Wash decks or porches under bird feeders with cleansers to remove the smell of seed that has fallen from the feeders. If there is continued bear activity in the neighborhood the feeders may have to be removed permanently.

Police Report February—May 2010

Incident\Investigations	
Total Offenses	19
Total Incidents	18
Arrests	
Total Charges	33
Total Arrests	31
Citations	
Total Charges	39
Total Citations	30
Accidents	7
Alarm	78
Ambulance needed	3
Assist FD	26
Assist Other Officer or Agency	26
Breaking & Entering	4
Disturbance	10
Dog Complaint	15
Domestic	3
Investigation	21
Suspicious Person	51
Suspicious Vehicle	133
Vandalism	2
Vehicle Stop	147
Total Number Of Calls 873	

4. **PET FOOD** should not be left outside for bears to find. Feed pets in the house or, if outside, only enough food for them to eat and clean up any leftovers. Do not store pet foods on porches or decks. More info on website: townofbiltmoreforest.com

REGULAR GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4TH

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.

FY 2010-2011 Budget Hearing

In compliance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 will be presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting on June 15, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. The proposed Budget is a sound fiscal planning document that provides for the high level of service that is expected.

The budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Finance Director in the Town Hall.

The proposed property tax rate for 2010 will increase 2 cents to 32 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Town water rates to residents are to increase 5% due to an over 30% increase in costs from the Asheville Water Authority over the past 4 years. Tap fees will be consistent with the Asheville Water Authority fees and will increase to \$1,770 for a 1" meter. Metropolitan Sewer District charges will increase 3.5%. Increases will take effect July 1, 2010.

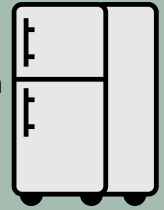
REVENUES:

General Fund	\$ 3,337,982
Water Fund	\$ 443,648
Total	\$3,781,630

EXPENDITURES:

Administration	\$ 222,170
General Government	\$ 901,900
Police	\$ 1,063,110
Public Works	\$ 607,040
Debt Service	\$ 30,230
Vehicles	
Police Dept Reno & Street Imp	\$ 45,578
Water Line Project	\$ 450,272
Powell Bill	\$ 119,640
Water	\$ 341,690
Total	\$3,781,630

Special Collection of White Goods

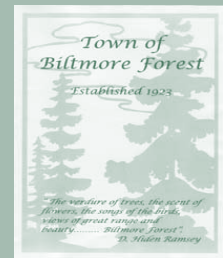


On Thursday, **August 5, 2010**, the Public Works Department will collect white good items that are accepted at the Buncombe County Landfill. The items are as follows:

- Dishwashers
- Water heaters
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Trash Compactors
- Freezers

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

~ COMPLETE LOSS OF WATER ? ~

Please Call 274-0822, 24hrs a day, 7 days a week
Someone from the water department will contact you to determine how you should best proceed.

Calling 811 before you dig keeps you and your neighbors safe

Digging in the dirt is a pleasure for some and work for others. But did you know that North Carolina law requires you to notify your area utilities at least 48 hours (two working days) in advance of an excavation project? By simply dialing "811," you can talk toll-free to the North Carolina One Call Center who will handle everything for you - except the digging part!

At no charge. North Carolina One Call will notify all your local utilities, including PSNC Energy. PSNC Energy will then locate and mark its company-owned underground natural gas facilities in the area of your dig. That way you or your contractor can be sure to avoid them when installing the new swimming pool, sprinkler system or even trees and shrubs. Remember calling before you dig doesn't cost a thing, but not calling could result in property damage or serious injury. North Carolina One Call Center, 811 For more information www.ncocc.org

Are vines that grow on trees good or bad?



Some varieties are native to western North Carolina, while others have been introduced from Europe or Asia. Some of the more common vines are listed below.

Ivy is very common in Biltmore Forest, having been introduced years ago for ground cover. While it grows and spreads aggressively once it is established, it can be contained in desired areas through pruning.

Bittersweet, like ivy, is an aggressively spreading vine. Bittersweet spreads more easily than ivy, because birds and animals eat the fruit and leave the seeds through their droppings. In spite of its use by wildlife, **Bittersweet can completely overgrow large trees, ultimately resulting in their death.**

Virginia creeper looks like poison ivy but has five leaves instead of three; like poison ivy, it is a native vine with multiple benefits to wildlife. Unlike poison ivy, it does not cause skin rashes in most people, and it often has brilliant red autumn foliage, making it a good choice for areas where climbing vines are desired. Virginia creeper does not typically harm trees on which it grows.

Grape vines like most vines, can easily be controlled by clipping in any areas where they are not desired.

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Tree Removal

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



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATIONS
SATURDAY,
JULY 3RD, 2010
10am-Noon**

**NEW TIMES
FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS
At the Town Hall Complex:**

9:30am Registration will begin
9:45am Judging will take place
10:00am Awards presented -Invocation
10:05am Parade travels to Rosebank Park

**Awards will be presented for:
Most Colorful Costume, Most Creative &
Most Historic / Patriotic Costume**

*Please no golf carts or
other electric vehicles in the Parade*

Fun and Games for the Whole Family

Brush Pick Up

Brush should not be put out earlier than the:
1st for the **NORTH** **16th** for the **SOUTH**,

NORTH Pick up dates:
8th & 15th of each month

SOUTH Pickup dates:
23rd & 30th of each month

Amherst
Arboretum
Browntown
Buena Vista
Busbee
Cedarcliff
Deerfield
East Forest
Fairway Place
Forest
Hendersonville Rd -Browntown N
Lone Pine
Park Rd
Stuyvesant Road -Country Club N)
Vanderbilt Road
White Oak Road

Brookside
Brooklawn Chase
Cedar Chine
Cedar Hill Drive
Chauncey Circle
Eastwood
Fir Tree Lane
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