



SEPTEMBER 2015

THE BILTMORE FOREST REPORT

Dear Residents:

As we reported in past newsletters, we are waiting for the General Assembly to vote on the sales tax issue. They have not voted on the budget that was to have been finalized by June 30th. We will keep you posted on what is finally passed when the vote takes place. In the meantime, we continue to advocate for the interests of the residents of Biltmore Forest as we communicate with our Legislators.

We reported earlier that we would be changing our recycling program to one where Public Works would pick up recyclables at your back door twice a month on the same day as your trash collection. We hoped that we would be able to start that program in October, however, it will not commence until January. We have ordered a new garbage truck that was supposed to be delivered in time for us to start the new program in October. We have been notified that the new truck will not be delivered in time for us to start the program and it will most likely start in January.

A few of our residents have stated they did not have a garage to store the 95 gallon container. They expressed a concern as to how they can still be involved in the new program. A 95 gallon container will be given to each household if you so choose. Those of you who cannot use the container will be supplied with a sufficient starter of blue recycling bags in which you can place all of your recycling materials. We will pick the bag up the same time as the 95 gallon container. The containers are the property of the Town and should remain at each residence should anyone sell his/her home and move to another location outside of the Town of Biltmore Forest.

Best regards,

George Goosmann, Fran Cogburn, Glenn Kelly, & Doris Loomis

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Please note: The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day holiday.



Halloween is Saturday, October 31st. Trick-or-treaters of all ages will be running around in all directions collecting goodies. PLEASE drive cautiously and obey police officers. Road closures will be at Buena Vista & White Oak for the trick-or-treaters.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Vehicle break-ins are on the rise in the surrounding area in the City of Asheville. Keep your eyes open and report anything suspicious, and never leave anything of value in your vehicle.

Also watch out for copperhead snakes who like to warm themselves on asphalt surfaces at night this time of year.

Congratulations to Officer Samantha Bom-bace! She was honored at Biltmore Forest's "Officer Of The Year" by the Asheville Optimist Club. Officers from 20 different law enforcement agencies were honored July 30th as a part of Respect for Law Enforcement Week.

Officers were treated to lunch at the Country Club of Asheville. Each one of the departments nominates an officer they feel is deserving of the honor to give them the recognition they deserve.

Optimist Club of Asheville President Bernie

Shulimson said we've been doing this for 10 years because there are very few organizations who actually go out of their way to show appreciation to first responders.

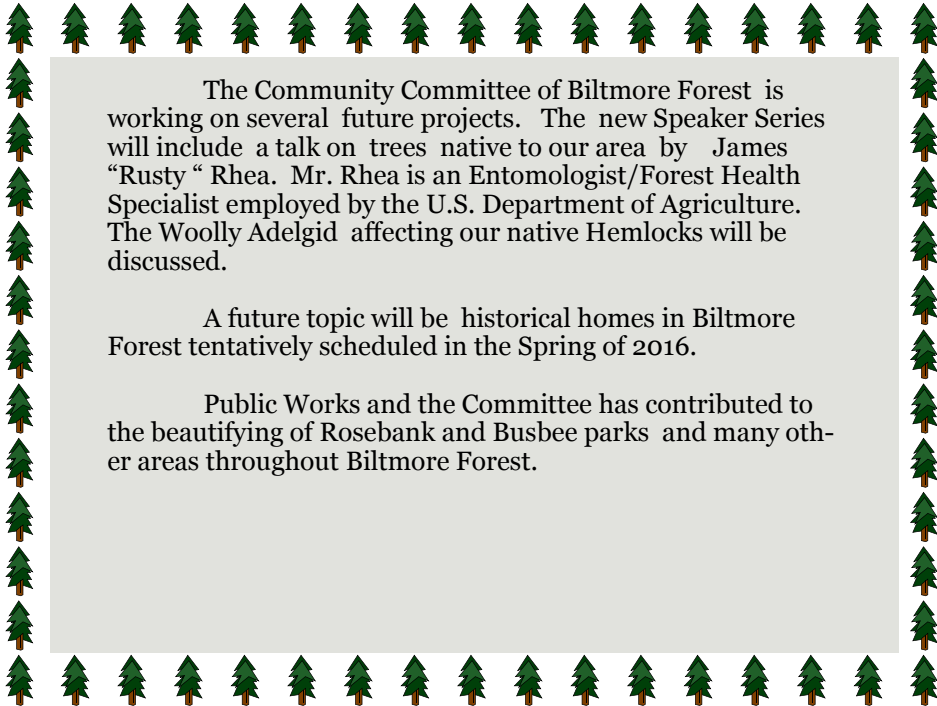
Congratulations to Sergeant Keith Mackey who earned an Advanced Certificate in Law Enforcement.

The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission established the Law Enforcement Officers' Professional Certificate Program. In order to recognize the level of competence of law enforcement officers serving governmental agencies within the State, to foster interest in college education and professional law enforcement training programs, and to attract highly qualified people into a law enforcement career.

Under this program dedicated officers may receive state/nationwide recognition for education, professional training, and on-the-job experience.

Congratulations to William Hyatt who has recently achieved 30 years of service with the Police Department and Lt. Robin Davenport who has completed 28 years of service.

BILTMORE FOREST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE



The Community Committee of Biltmore Forest is working on several future projects. The new Speaker Series will include a talk on trees native to our area by James "Rusty" Rhea. Mr. Rhea is an Entomologist/Forest Health Specialist employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Woolly Adelgid affecting our native Hemlocks will be discussed.

A future topic will be historical homes in Biltmore Forest tentatively scheduled in the Spring of 2016.

Public Works and the Committee has contributed to the beautifying of Rosebank and Busbee parks and many other areas throughout Biltmore Forest.



It "bears" repeating to be bear aware. There have been several sightings of new born bear cubs in the area and mother bears will be particularly protective.

Check out the page from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission website for information about coexisting with bears:

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/o/Learning/documents/Species/CoexistWithBears.pdf>

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The garbage collection will be on regular schedule on Monday, September 7, 2015 which is Labor day.

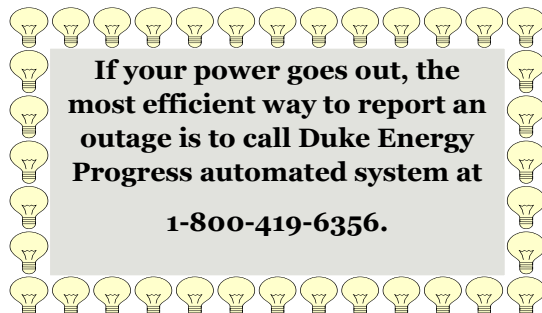
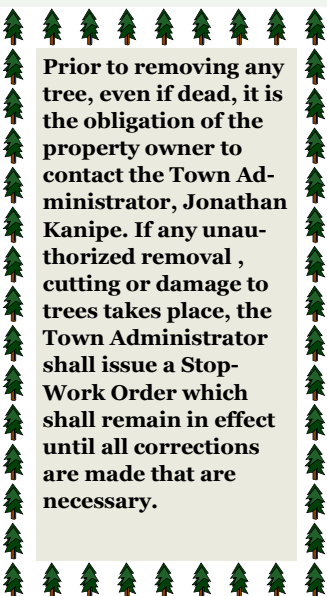
The Town does not pick up grass clippings so please do not place them on the road shoulders or mix it with brush piles. Also brush will not be collected if it is placed outside of the Town's right-of-way. Please do not place brush in front of fire hydrants, traffic signs, on top of storm drains, or against a wall or under low hanging power lines or on your neighbors property. This will make it easier for Public Works to collect the brush.

Public Works accepts all electronics for recycling Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Leaf collection will begin for the year starting at the end of October. Please do not place any brush or foreign material with your leaves because our leaf vacuum is not designed to collect brush. Please place your leaves as close to the road as possible in a continuous straight line.

Congratulations to Terry Crouch who has recently completed 32 years of service with the Public Works Department, Keith Bowman, 23 years of service, Michael Sparks, 15 years of service, and Gabriel Crespo, 10 years of service.

Please do not place your leaves on top of water meters, storm drains, or out in to the roadway.

Be aware that there will be no brush collection during the fall leaf collection period except for one brush collection for the entire Town the last week of October. Please have your brush out by that time frame. Please do not place brush out during leaf collection as it will not be collected until the regular brush schedule beginning in January 2016.



The Town has hired two new employees for the Public Works Department. Please say hello and welcome them to the Town.



Charles Tesner lives in Candler. He is married to his wife, Amy and they have a 19 month old daughter named Olivia. Charles previously worked for the Biltmore Estate as a gardener and crop production specialist. He enjoys gardening and farming. As a hobby he raises goats and works in their orchard.



Christopher King lives in the Reynolds community, he is married to his wife Megan. They have two sons Xavier who is 8 years old, and Phoenix who is 4 years old.

Community Awareness

Nixle is a state of the art messaging service to share information with residents.

<http://www.nixle.com/>

You can sign up for free by email or text your zip code to 888777 to get notifications via text message of activity in Biltmore Forest.

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

2015 PROPERTY TAXES

2015 Town of Biltmore Forest property taxes have been mailed. Please call the Town Hall if you have not received your tax bill. Please remember, you will receive a separate bill from the Buncombe County tax office.

2015 Town of Biltmore Forest property taxes are due January 5th, 2016 . Beginning January 6th, interest begins at 2% and then interest is 0.75% the first day of each month thereafter until the balance is paid.

Payment plans may be set up to ensure payment of taxes before interest begins. Please call the Town Hall if you need to set up a payment plan.

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