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100th anniversary events



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100th Anniversary Celebration Events

March 19 Trolley Tour

Join us on a 45- to 60-minute nonstop tour of a route through Biltmore Forest on a classic Gray Line Trolley. Members of the 100th Anniversary History Committee will be 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, and everyone stays warm and dry throughout the tour. This will be both informative and entertaining. Tidbits you will hear will include fun blasts from the past, as well as surprises and informative tidbits. Each tour is limited to 30 riders, first come first served, due to the number of seats on the bus. The tours start at 2 pm and 3:30p.m on Sunday, March 19. *(Please note the change from earlier newsletters about the second tour's start time).*

Please **sign up** by emailing bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org with "tour" in subject line. State the names of Biltmore Forest residents whom you are enrolling, the start time you prefer, 2 or 3:30, and whether you are willing to be assigned to either of the times.

We invite you to add fun content for our tour. Contact us at the same email address with your own 1-2 minute anecdotes for mention on the tour. 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 you're thinking of, especially any special architectural detail[s] of it, would be great to submit as well, if you are willing to share. Get your information to us via email, specifying "anecdote" in the subject line, to: bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org. Thank you!

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Please remember to contact the Town Hall prior to beginning ANY exterior project. This includes, but is not limited to, landscape design changes, additions to your home, installation of accessory structures, and many other property improvements. Town staff is eager to help you navigate the permitting process. Please allow us to work with you to ensure compliance with the Town's ordinances before beginning a project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Springtime in Biltmore Forest is one of our most beautiful times of the year. We spend much of our time outdoors enjoying the weather and starting the process of spring cleaning. It is very easy to become complacent and unaware of situations around us as we are so focused on our tasks at hand. Always remember that our situational awareness is our number one crime prevention tool. Pay attention to what happens around you. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. If you see something, say something. Please report suspicious activity to us no matter how trivial you think it might be. Here are some spring crime prevention tips that we all need to practice:

- Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
- During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.
- Consider some version of a camera system. There are a wide range of inexpensive doorbell cameras and similar devices available.
- Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home. Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.
- In warm weather months personal property thefts increase; there is a tendency to leave items, such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, weed eaters, and other yard tools lying around in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property in your garage or yard shed; it doesn't take long for someone to ride by and quickly take your property. An open garage door or yard shed can also be inviting, keep them closed even when you're at home.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Please call us at 828-274-0822 or 911 with emergencies or suspicious activity. As always feel free to contact me or the department with any questions at all. Make sure and download the BFPD app!!

Thanks,
Chief Chris Beddingfield
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Download our app today!

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Family Sports and Fitness Committee March 5, April 2 and May 7 First Sunday Stretch Classes

Increase your Flexibility and Balance! Grab your yoga mat, straps and blocks, and head to the Social Room of Town Hall at 5 pm on the first Sunday of each month this year for a flexibility and balance fitness class. There is no charge to attend the class, and all ages are welcome! Please bring your own mat and any stretching aids you regularly use (blocks, bands, etc.).

The classes will be held at Town Hall from 5-6 pm. Upcoming dates are March 5, April 2 and May 7. To be notified about these classes, with reminders about them close to the event dates, update your contact information with the Town by clicking on the Town's contact update page:

<https://www.biltmoreforest.org/citizen-contact-information-update-form>

Family Sports and Fitness Committee

April 15

Bird Watching

Join us for a bird watching expedition in Biltmore Forest! Our town is a haven for a huge number of amazing species of birds. On April 15 at 8:15 a.m., meet us to start the tour with renowned birding guide, Aaron Sneed. Aaron's bio is below. The tour is limited to 20 people, so that each can reap the benefits from the guide and the experience. Sign up by Emailing bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org, with "Bird" in the subject line. Give names and best forms of contact, for each person in your party. We will provide meet-up location and other details closer to the date.

About our guide, Aaron Sneed: Aaron has been interested in birds and natural history his entire life. Originally from Wilmington, NC, Aaron holds a B.S. in General Biology from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and has worked numerous ornithological field positions in North Carolina, Texas, Kansas, California and Arizona, focusing primarily on endangered or imperiled species (such as the Black-capped Vireo and Lesser Prairie-Chicken).

Instead of going to grad school in 2013, Aaron decided to take the opportunity to become a professional bird guide and began working for Ventures Birding, leading local day trips in the Western NC region. In the years since, he has taken groups to Panama, Trinidad & Tobago, Honduras, Belize, Peru, Cuba, and Spain as well as a multitude of destinations across the US. Aaron likes to have fun with his groups, bringing a low-key professionalism and relaxed atmosphere to his tours.

When he's not guiding, he's hard at work in the Ventures office, answering phones, writing itineraries, & researching new destinations. He's currently working on expanding Ventures' operations in Europe and has planned upcoming trips to Spain, Romania, and Belarus to name a few. As much as he loves traveling and birding new places, he'll always be drawn back to the incredible biodiversity of the Southern Appalachians (specifically Asheville), where he lives with his wife and menagerie of pets (2 cats, 1 dog, 15 chickens, and a beta fish).



Join the CodeRed notification system which keeps citizens informed in the event of emergency situations and community alerts. You may visit the Town's website at biltmoreforest.org to sign up for notifications via email, text, and phone call.



Employee Anniversaries

Kenny Merritt-12 years
Kim Rhinehart-22 years
Samantha Bombace-26 years
Chris Beddingfield-5 years
Harry Buckner-3 years

Biltmore Forest Apparel/Drinkware

We have apparel/merchandise options available for purchase with the town's centennial logos! Check out our online storefront at <https://www.bonfire.com/store/to-wn-of-biltmore-forest> to see the shirts, sweatshirts, and drinkware available for purchase. (The link can also be found on the town website.) Samples of the merchandise can be viewed at Town Hall. The purchase period for these items ends on March 3, so place your order today!"

Lyme Disease Presentation **Sunday, March 12th, 2023 at 2:00pm**

Speaking Engagement on Lyme disease by resident Angela Newnam.

When enjoying our beautiful outdoor setting, we and our pets encounter ticks almost year-round. Lyme disease is the fastest growing vector-borne illness (ticks, mosquitoes, etc.) in the US. Buncombe County is categorized by the CDC as “Endemic” for Lyme disease. Our Town is proactively addressing this issue.

Join Angela Newnam and several other Biltmore Forest residents who have first-hand experience with Lyme Disease to hear their real and varying stories as part of this program to increase awareness of the disease, its symptoms, myths and misconceptions and most importantly prevention. Learn the steps that you can take to protect yourself, your pets, and your yard as well as the measures planned by the Town of Biltmore Forest.

Join us at 2 pm in the Social Room of Town Hall for this fascinating presentation.

Arts Committee **Late Spring Garden Tour**

Gardens are works of art. In light of that fact, we will have tours of some of our beautiful Biltmore Forest gardens as spring arrives. Watch for more information about that opportunity. Because there will not be another quarterly newsletter before the likely date of the garden tour, please consider this: To be personally notified about the date and time of the Garden Tour, with reminders about it close to the event date, update your contact information with the Town by clicking on the Town’s contact update page: <https://www.biltmoreforest.org/citizen-contact-information-update-form>

Also, Thank you to all who attended, submitted art, and volunteered for the Biltmore Forest Residents’ Art Show, which ran from February 14 – 16, 2023. The abundant creativity of our residents was fully on display. The special Chardonnay and Merlot that guests enjoyed were co-labeled with both the Vanderbilt Insignia and the Town’s centennial logo, created by the 100th Anniversary Committee’s Business Committee.

Party Committee

Fourth of July Party Planning is well underway! One of the special treats presented in this year’s Fourth of July celebration is the Biltmore Forest Jam. Resident Tim Gillespie and his band, The SophistiCats, will play a concert during the picnic, featuring Classic Rock, funk, and blues. We invite some of our talented musician residents to join the band onstage for a song or two.

If you are interested in participating, please contact us at bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org to learn more. Put “Jam” in the Subject line of your email, and tell us what instrument you play.





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Brush Collection Begins – Policy Reminders and Helpful Tips

Greetings from the Town of Biltmore Forest Public Works department. With the mild February temperatures, many residents are taking advantage of the nice weather to begin spring yard cleanup. Our department has begun monthly brush pick-up and has a few reminders and minor changes to our process we want to bring to your attention:

- We have two routes for brush collection – North and South. Our North route begins on the 15th of each month, and the South route begins on the 30th of the month. It typically takes about 4 to 5 days to run the entire route for each side.
- Placement of brush more than 5 days before the start of the route is prohibited, so please do not place brush curbside before the 10th if you live North of the golf course, or the 25th if you live South of the golf course. A calendar showing the relevant dates was distributed to each home with the Recycling calendar.
- Please do not place more than 15 cubic yards (1/2 of a truck load) of brush per month.
- Brush collected by hired lawn services must be removed by those services.
- Please place all brush in a single, orderly pile, parallel to the road edge, to expedite collection.
- Do not block fire hydrants, water meters, or storm drains with your brush pile.
- We do not take grass clippings or other debris such as pallets or trash.
- **NEW FOR THIS SEASON** – we are no longer able to take bamboo cuttings. The company that takes our brush requires that any bamboo be segregated and disposed of separately since this material is highly invasive and readily spreads from cuttings. It cannot be comingled with other brush material.

We appreciate your help with these rules, and please call Public Works at 828-274-3919 if you have any questions at all.

Skyland Fire Department

Skyland Firefighters have been busy training and responding to calls for service. As of this writing we have responded to 426 emergency calls for service throughout our district since January 1st. Skyland Fire along with Biltmore Forest PD responded to a notable incident in Biltmore Forest this month. On February 3, a large tree fell on a residence causing major damage to the home and injuring a couple of residents. Biltmore Forest is full of large mature trees, which add to the appeal and general aesthetics of the neighborhood. They do however present specific hazards including property damage and potential for severe injury. Take a look around your property and look for potentially dangerous trees. Any trees that are leaning, have rotten or broken limbs, or have loose roots should be evaluated by the Town Arborist.

Our crews also responded to a fire in a home in Biltmore Forest last month. In this incident the homeowner used a home fire extinguisher to knock down the flames before exiting the residence. This quick thinking kept the fire from spreading and prevented major damage to the home. Having working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are vital parts to home fire safety. We are available to teach you how to use a fire extinguisher if you are unfamiliar.