

The Biltmore Forest Chronicle

Traffic Pattern Changes Coming to Vanderbilt Road

Last winter, the Town conducted a transportation study aimed at addressing current and future traffic and transportation concerns within the Town. As part of this study, public input was sought through survey and online mapping tools. The Town received 246 responses to our survey (15 percent of the total population) – residents were notified through the Town’s newsletter, CodeRED notifications, and a direct mailing with links to the survey and how to obtain hard copies at the Town Hall.

The intersection at Vanderbilt Road and Busbee Road was identified as an intersection that needed better traffic control measures. The Board of Commissioners discussed this intersection specifically at their regular meetings, and in July directed staff to develop an action plan for implementing an all-way stop at this intersection. This will require ALL vehicular traffic to stop at this intersection, not just those traveling west or east on Busbee Road. The anticipated timeline for this work to occur is as follows:

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

- Installation of New Signs and Themoplastics (per attached diagrams) – By the end of September.
- Re-Striping of Busbee Road from Hendersonville Road to Forest Road, and Vanderbilt Road from Cedarcliff Road to Lone Pine Road – By October 21, 2022
- Removal of Additional “New Traffic Pattern” signage and flagging – By October 21, 2022

We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as we work to begin this implementation. The purpose of this new traffic pattern is to ensure safety of all those using the road – pedestrians, drivers, and bikers.



2022 Biltmore Forest property tax bills have been mailed. Please call or email the Town Hall if you have not received your bill. The due date for payment is January 5, 2023.

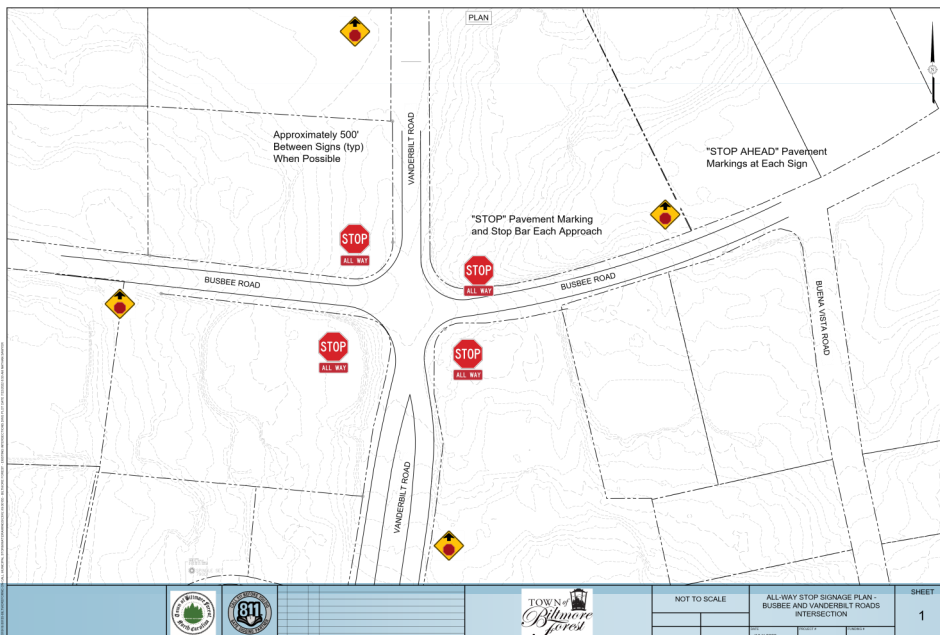
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NOT TO SCALE

ALL-WAY STOP SIGNAGE PLAN -
BUSBEE AND VANDERBILT ROADS
INTERSECTION

SHEET

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JULY 2022

New Uniform Trash Containers Are Here!



Public Works Department staff began distributing new trash containers to all residents in the middle of August. The Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of uniform trash containers for all residents as part of the FY22 budget. Shipping and logistical delays pushed the arrival of these 95-gallon containers, and we are still awaiting delivery of the 65-gallon carts selected by residents. Our vendor has provided a mid-October estimate for delivery. As soon as the containers are delivered to the Town, we will distribute those to residents who selected the 65-gallon container.

Residents were previously provided opportunities to choose between a 95-gallon container and smaller, 65-gallon container. Notices were sent via the Town's newsletter and CodeRED notifications, informing all that if they *did not* choose a 65-gallon container they would receive the 95-gallon container.

Important Items to Note

*Utilizing uniform containers helps prevent injuries to Town Public Works staff. These containers can be rolled into a lift on the rear of each garbage truck - the lift then tips the can into the truck, thereby eliminating the need for staff members to lift bags out of a non-uniform can. Your use of the Town provided, uniform container directly helps protect Town employees and ensures they are not injured by lifting bags out of non-standard containers or by sharp objects that may be in the bag.

*As a result, once a uniform container has been delivered to you, the Town will no longer accept trash placed in a non-uniform container.

*All trash should be bagged and placed into the container - loose items should not be left within the can. This helps ensure the materials do not blow around within the truck and helps keep the Town free from litter.

*Your new trash container can be left in the same location where it has previously been picked up - staff will still pick up in the same manner as has occurred.

*By providing these containers in larger sizes, we are hopeful it will benefit residents who have utilized more than one trash can.

Once all containers are delivered, the Town will retrieve old containers from residents who no longer want them. Old containers will not be picked up until after all new containers are distributed. If you would like to request that the Town remove your old containers, please contact the Public Works Department at (828) 274-3919. You will be placed on a list and your old container removed when that process begins.

If you have any questions regarding the 95-gallon container or implementation of this project, please contact the Town Public Works Department. They may be reached at their office by calling (828) 274-3919 or via email at publicworks@biltmoreforest.org

Update Your Contact Information with the Town!

The Town wants to know how you want to receive information. We strive to provide timely and important information to all residents via our website, CodeRED notifications, and newsletters – but we understand that not everyone wants to receive information in the same way. We have created a new, online web form that will let you update your communication preferences with the Town and let us know whether you want some or any information included within the Town's Directory. Simply visit the Town's website at biltmoreforest.org and click the "Update Citizen Contact Information" link under the RESIDENTS tab on the front page. You can also visit biltmoreforest.org/residents to visit the page directly. We want to make sure everyone in Biltmore Forest has an opportunity to stay connected and learn about upcoming events, meetings, and projects within the Town. Help us help you!

Greenwood Park Stream Restoration Update

"What is going on in Greenwood Park? When will it be done, and why hasn't anyone been there for the past few weeks?"

These are just a few questions received over the past several weeks as construction on the Greenwood Park Stream Restoration project has slowed. Work is approximately 90% complete, but an underground utility conflict between the Town's designed storm water repair and Duke Energy's underground power has led to a delay. The good news is that the project engineers have designed a revision and we are now just waiting on delivery of the storm water pipe necessary to complete this work.

Background for Project

The Town has worked on stream restoration within Greenwood Park for several years. The first thrust of this project was a loan application from the Town to the Division of Water Quality in April 2019. This loan application was approved for \$292,000 at zero (0) percent interest. Subsequent to that award, the Town contracted with WithersRavenel consultants to design an appropriate stream restoration for this segment. The project design was approved by the Division of Water Quality and United States Army Corps of Engineers in mid-summer 2021, and a funding approval was granted by the NC Local Government Commission in December 2021. Bids were received and an award made, contingent on LGC approval, in October 2021. Baker Grading and Landscaping, from Old Fort, N.C., was awarded the contract.

Construction Phase

Construction began in May 2022 with most hardscape improvements being completed by the latter part of July 2022. The one exception to this work is the above referenced utility conflict that had to be redesigned. Once these utility installations are complete, work will begin on other landscaping pieces in the park. Final landscaping associated with the stream restoration project is scheduled to conclude by the end of October 2022. This project is beneficial for many reasons, but three primary purposes are:



1.) Remove the dangerous and end-of-life span gabion baskets supporting the stream bank, and restore the bank to a more natural condition

2.) Improve water quality within the stream, and slow siltation of the stream down via wetland storm water control measures and the use of large boulders

3.) Ensure the viability of the stream and park for generations to come. The Town has produced a PowerPoint presentation - most recently presented at the Town's regular Board of Commissioners meeting in August 2022 - that covers this stream restoration project. We encourage all citizens to read through this presentation and feel free to inquire with questions, comments, or concerns. We want Greenwood Park to be re-opened as quickly as possible, but are also excited about the significant improvements being made through this project. Information about this project, and all Town projects, may be found by visiting the following page on our website: <https://www.biltmoreforest.org/town-projects>



Additional Improvements

In addition to the stream restoration project, the Town is also excited about additional improvements for Greenwood Park. Several of these components were discussed during the Town's master planning process (conducted in 2019) for the park, and several are new additions. The Town will have more information and direction on this portion of the project within the next several months.

Police Department Farewell Drop-In for Lt. Mark Allen on Wednesday, September 28th from 3pm-6pm



Lieutenant Mark Allen will be departing the Biltmore Forest Police Department in late October. Allen has served the Town for over 23 years and his commitment to serve this community is a fine example to any officer. Fellow employees have seen him fix broken water pipes, feed the needy, and do many other things that go unseen by the public. Retired Sgt. John Driver said, "it is hard to summarize his career in a couple of sentences but some things that define Mark from my experience are, courage, diligence, and charity toward others."

Sgt. Matt Kelly said, "I have seen Mark talk to some of the most tight-lipped criminals and get them to confess to their crimes. I have also seen Mark's kind heart help others in need. One of the most valuable assets Mark has is his friendship. He is a friend of the Town, the police department, to the public, and me."

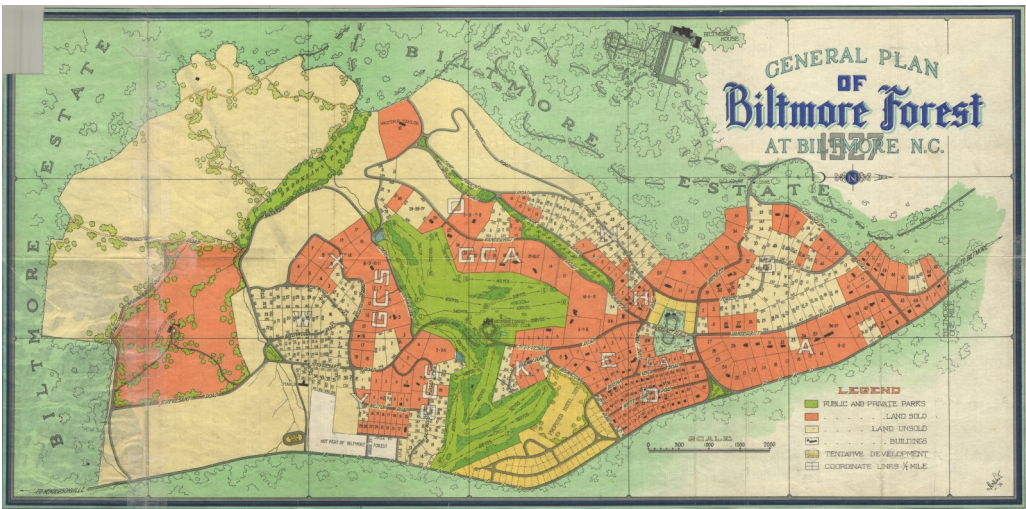
Mark knows exactly how to catch you off guard or just put a smile on your face from his witty remarks and gestures. We wish the best for Mark on his future endeavors and he will be greatly missed by many!

Please join us Wednesday, September 28th from 3pm-6pm at the Biltmore Forest Town Hall for a drop-in reception. We will be thanking Lt. Allen for his service and celebrating his 23 year commitment to the Town. Refreshments will be served.

Prints Available of the General Plan of Biltmore Forest

In celebration of its upcoming centennial, the Town is making prints of the “General Plan of Biltmore Forest” available for residents. We have worked with a local print shop to provide unframed prints for sale - this allows each recipient to wrap or frame the print as you see fit.

A copy of the print will be on display at the Town Hall through Friday, October 14th. Order forms will be available, and all orders must be returned (with payment) to the Town no later than Monday, October 17th. Each print costs \$30.00.



News from Skyland Fire Department

Greetings from Skyland Fire and Rescue. As summer draws to a close we would like to remind everyone that cool nights are right around the corner. Now is the time to have those heating units and fireplaces cleaned and serviced. Check smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors to ensure proper working order. Know that firefighters are available to assist with safety inspections of homes if you have concerns. Skyland firefighters have been busy through the year and we recently underwent an audit by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. We are proud to announce that our insurance rating was raised from an ISO Class 3 to an ISO Class 2 which could result in insurance savings for business and homeowners in our fire protection district. This is an overall rating given to fire departments reflecting how prepared they are to respond to a fire. Class 1 being the best rating and Class 10 being the worst. Just over 400 fire departments in the US have obtained a class 1 rating and less than 10 percent of all the fire departments in the US obtain a Class 2. Check with your insurance carrier to see if you could save based on the rating change.

Employee

Anniversaries

Gabriel Crespo-

17 Years

Jeff Glover-

3 Years

Jonathan Kanipe-

8 Years

Hunter Graham-

1 Year

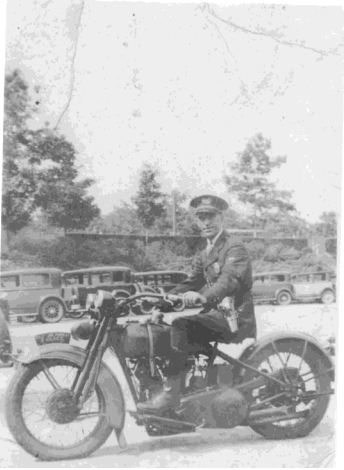
Laura Jacobs-

13 Years

Debbie Hill-

2 Years

Town of Biltmore Forest Turns 100



A portion of Biltmore Estate land was conveyed for development by Edith Vanderbilt in the early 1920s. The result was a work of “urban art,” whose design encourages community and whose beauty inspires relaxation, play and joy!

On February 14, 1923, that community was officially chartered as the Town of Biltmore Forest.

Our town will celebrate its centennial year beginning January 1, 2023.

The year-long Centennial Celebration will be observed in many ways, including:

- a Fourth of July celebration with all your favorite traditions plus extra exciting features
- a special commemoration of the founding on February 14
- an art show
- outdoor fun and fitness activities
- children’s art activities
- events and communication highlighting various points in our history
- a trolley ride for residents
- music in the park
- updated welcome signage and letterhead honoring our 100 years,

and more. We hope every resident will find some activities that appeal to them to join in celebrating our Town’s achievements.

Your Centennial Committee’s executive committee members are Sara Lavelle, Katherine Morosani, Scott Pritchard, Lauren Karlsson and Cindy Holman, chair.

Stay tuned, via this newsletter, special mailers and the Town’s website, for more news about these planned and developing activities.



Centennial 5K and Kickoff Party!

Our first Centennial Event is right around the corner. Please join in!

Save The Date: Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 2 PM

Centennial 5K Road Race (Run/Walk)

Rosebank Park

Centennial Kickoff Celebration to Follow in the Park

Food and Beverage Trucks

More Detail to Follow via this Town Newsletter, a special mailing, and the Town’s website



Speaking Engagement with Town Historian, Diane Zimmerman

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 8, to be at Town Hall to hear an engaging, informative and entertaining presentation by Diane Zimmerman on the History of Biltmore Forest. You have read Diane’s impeccably researched and written articles on people, places and events in Biltmore Forest history in Stroll Magazine [formerly known as Forest Companion]. You may have had the luck to hear one of her presentations in the past. If so, you know that you will come away from this event with a new appreciation of our Town’s fascinating and proud history. She is offering her presentation at 2 pm and 4 pm, so join us!

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The Centennial History Committee wants you!

We propose to hold a private trolley ride for residents, on one day in 2023. Along the ride, participants would see and hear about events and instances of historic or cultural interest that have occurred in our 100-year history.

Rest easy: participants wouldn't have to walk anywhere, and no one would walk on your property. This trolley would slow down, but would not stop.

Right now, we are interested in hearing about points of interest – major or minor, serious or quirky –that you think would be interesting to hear a few words about during the trolley ride. For example, was your house once visited by a US President? Or a movie star? Were artifacts indicating habitation during centuries past, unearthed on your street? Did the largest family that ever lived in Biltmore Forest, live in your house? Is there an interesting origin to your house? Do you have a specimen tree that's as old as our town? Did a dignitary once live in your grandmother's Biltmore Forest house? Have rare native wildlife or plant species been found near your home? Is yours one of Biltmore Forest's original homes? Do you have photos of people ice skating on the duck pond? Did your relative used to play polo in Rosebank Park?

This trolley ride can be interesting for longtime and new residents alike. The more anecdotes we can collect to share about our Town's fascinating people, places and events, the more rewarding it will be. 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 your house, especially the special architectural detail[s] of it, 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!

Seeking Contributions for Art Show

From Centennial Arts Committee Chair Sara Lavelle: Living in our inspiring town opens me up to want to add to the beauty around me...and many of our residents do just that!!! During this year of celebration, let us investigate some of the talents found within our town limits. Our year's arts activities begin with a 3-day Art Show at Town Hall that opens on February 14.

We invite residents to offer their contributions in the 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.

Please contact me directly or via Email to bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org specifying "Art Show" in the subject line, to tell me how you would like to contribute.

Help Build an Oral History of Biltmore Forest

Calling residents who grew up in Biltmore Forest, and the kids they raised here:

Share with us your favorite recollections of growing up here. It can be as short as a sentence or two. Topics can be informal. For example, you could describe: favorite activities with friends, special neighbors and Town staff/leaders who inspired you, pranks played, shortcuts to school, unique kid-favorite features of your house, popular cars, toys among your friends, whose yard was the most fun, dear friends from the neighborhood, lemonade stands, games in the parks, how world and local events during your childhood played out in the neighborhood.

If you are willing, share a childhood picture of you taken in a Biltmore Forest setting with us, as well.

Get your friends who grew up here but moved away, to share their stories and send them in to us.

We will enter the submissions over each of the quarterly Town Newsletters during 2023. These interesting entries will help residents get to know each other, and a little about life in our Town over the decades.

Share your recollections and photos, and the year or decade in which they arose, to bfanniversary@biltmoreforest.org. Please

NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT UTV

The Police Department purchased a 2022 Polaris UTV which was fully funded by a grant the Town received from the North Carolina Governors Crime Commission. This off road vehicle can be used during inclement weather and for special events. It can also be used in parks, greenways, and provides an opportunity for use in many other instances.

