



THE HBV GAZETTE

Holiday Beech Villas Condominium Association April 2010

President's Message

Well, this has been quite the winter for the High Country. At the time of printing this newsletter Beech Mountain has received 137.1" of snow. That breaks the 1993 record of 123". And, we're not done yet! It seems that we always get a good snow storm in April. Throughout this newsletter you will see photos of Holiday Beech in all its snowy glory.

Word has it that ski season has been a big success. Better this year than in many years past. That's a big plus if you're renting your unit. According to a local rental company, people are renting at Holiday Beech because it is very convenient to the slopes and rents at a more reasonable rate than a small house on the slopes. And, folks were encouraged to walk to the slopes from Holiday Beech, rather than drive in snowy weather. All of these reasons have made this ski season a success for our Holiday Beech homeowners that rent their units.

But, enough of the this snow talk. Spring has come to Beech Mountain, even if we do get a snow storm this month. The temperatures have been wonderful (in the 60s) and flowers are starting to bloom. Our maintenance crew, Larry and Dana, have already started on Spring projects. Dana is painting the new stairs to the clubhouse and between the D and E building. Larry is getting ready to put up a gutter at the clubhouse and clean up the area around the new A shed. It's just the start of the season and I'm looking forward to a productive maintenance season.



E Building

Your Board met on March 27. Four members attended, either in person or by phone, which was a quorum, and one homeowner also attended. The Board discussed many items, but decided to hold off on making any decisions until the next meeting, when more

Board members may attend.

I hope to see you at our May 15th meeting at 9am and, of course, at our Annual Meeting on July 17. We'll be having our pot luck dinner that night. Please plan on being there. It's a great way to meet your neighbors!

Karen Alexander

New Board Member

One of our Board members, Claude Chapman, resigned his position in February.

The Board has elected Janet Parker to fill this vacant



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position. Janet is a new owner at Holiday Beech Villas. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from North Carolina State University. She has experience in buying, fixing up and selling homes. Janet is also a professional Artist with affiliations in numerous art galleries and solo art shows.

The Board is thrilled to have Janet be a part of Holiday Beech Villas and knows that her experience will be a plus for all of us.

With Deep Sadness

It is with a heavy heart to inform you that one of our homeowners, Wilson "Dub" Hicks, has passed away.



Dub was born in Mississippi. He was raised in his beloved, Alabama. After graduating from Pennington High School in Blountsville, Alabama, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

The GI bill and a football scholarship gave him the opportunity to graduate from Jacksonville Teacher's College, Anniston, Alabama, in 1956. He was a member of the JSU undefeated team of 1955. He coached football, basketball, and baseball at Susan Moore High School in Blountsville, AL. In 1959 he moved to Florida to accept a teaching and coaching position at Jupiter High School. Coach Hicks, "Uncle Dub" retired in 1991 after 37 years of service at Jupiter High. In the words of one of his favorite players, he was gentle, kind, tough and rugged. He was one of the winningest coaches in the history of the school, and the longest standing Athletic Director. For 28 years, as coordinator of the Diversified Cooperative Training Program, he helped many students transition from school to the workforce. It was always a source of pride for him that many students and players never forgot their kind teacher and coach.

Dub and Fatima have been homeowners at Holiday Beech Villas since 2005. Dub and Fatima spent their winters in North Palm Beach, but also enjoyed traveling. This photo, that Holiday Beech Villas will cherish, was taken last year in Nova Scotia.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Fatima at this incredibly sad time.

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Metal Flue and Chimney Dangers

This article comes from the Beech Mountain Volunteer Fire Department

On December 19, 2009 Beech Mountain had a major fire at the Northridge Condos. Residents called about midnight suspecting they were having a chimney fire. The temperature was 17° with over a foot of snow on the ground and snow was still falling. By daybreak four units had sustained damage. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but someone's holidays were ruined and property was lost.



H Building

This kind of tragedy may have been avoided with a few precautions. The Fire Marshal and insurance company inspectors agreed that the cause of the fire was related to the deterioration of the 37 year old metal fire box and flue. . . . We strongly recommend that all chimneys and fireboxes be inspected annually and units over 20 years old be repaired or replaced.



Holiday Beech Villas will be hiring a professional chimney sweep to inspect and clean chimneys and fireboxes annually. Each homeowner that has a chimney will be billed for this service. Even if you don't use your fireplace, it is best to have this done. You never know when you might want to use your fireplace. You can have peace of mind knowing that your flue and fire box have been deemed safe.

The HBV office will be in touch with homeowners that have "real" fireplaces some time during the summer regarding this issue. Let's keep your mountain home safe. ☺



Treasurer's Report

At the end of March Holiday Beech had \$2985.00 in delinquent fees. Due to the foreclosures of units D111 and E317, \$3925.00 is an additional delinquent amount (including the Special Assessment payments) which is, unfortunately, unrecoverable. The two foreclosed units are on the market and can be found on the For Sale section of the website.



Looking out the Office Window
One BIG sheet of ice

As of March 31 we have received \$82,022.06 for the Special Assessment, leaving \$17,477.94 due. The last quarter payment was due April 1.

The Association has a Claim of Lien on one unit due to lack of Homeowners and Special Assessment payments. ☺

High Electric Bills

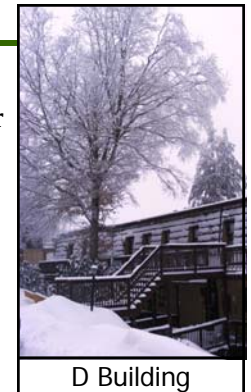
Many homeowners have called or e-mailed the office regarding their high electric bills this winter.



A Building

This has been the coldest, snowiest winter in over 30 years on Beech Mountain. To-date we have received 137.1 inches of snow. The temperatures were below 20 degrees for most of the winter months, starting in October. Due to this weather, your heaters, although set

on 50, were working overtime keeping your unit above freezing. When the middle of December came, and our temperatures were going into the single digits and below zero for a number of weeks with wind chills as low as -30 degrees, the thermostats in all units were raised to 60 degrees to prevent frozen pipes.



D Building

At the end of February all thermostats were put back down to 50 degrees, even though our temperatures were still in the 20s. It was still pretty cold at the beginning of March, so your heat was still working overtime. Now the weather is gorgeous, although we still expect our annual April snow, you should see a dramatic decrease in your electric bill, although we were told by Mountain Electric that rates will be going up as of April 1. If you do not see a decrease, please call the office and we'll have someone check your unit.



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A couple units have had issues with their thermostats and, therefore, have not seen a decrease in their bills. ☺



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What's Going On At Beech This Summer . . .

There is SO much going on up on Beech this summer. The Buckeye Recreation Center has gone overboard with lots of activities for adults and kids alike. Below is just some of the information. If you need more details, give 'em a call at 828-387-3003.

Community Health Fair— Wednesday, May 26

This is a Free Fair from 9am until 12:00m. It is open to the general public. It will feature FREE vision screening, hearing screening, finger stick glucose readings, as well as body fat, BMI, flexibility and fitness testing. Behavioral Health Specialists will be there to speak with you about a variety of issues and a wealth of educational information will also be at your disposal. Following the Health Fair there will be a healthy luncheon seminar from 12pm until 1pm. Lunch is optional, and you need to register in advance by Friday, May 21st. The cost is \$5.00 for the healthy lunch option.

The Biggest Loser— begins June 7

The Biggest Loser is a 10-week guided exercise and nutrition program open to the community. This program is designed to help you make positive lifestyle changes by giving you the tools to not only lose weight, but improve your overall lifestyle and reduce the risk of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and other medical issues by getting you on track to leading a healthy and active lifestyle! The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be determined by those who have lost the largest percentage of their starting weight, not the total number of pounds. Other great prizes will also be awarded throughout the competition.

Third Annual A Cool 5 Road Running— June 11 and June 12

Pre-Race Festivities

Kickoff off will be on Friday, June 11 with a pre-race community pasta dinner, featuring a guest motivational speaker, live music, games for the entire family and pre-race registration and packet pickup. The fun starts at 6pm and best of all, the pasta dinner and pre-race festivities are only \$6.00. You don't have to be registered for A Cool 5 to attend! Come and enjoy the fun.

Race Day Events

There will be a 1.5 mile fun run/walk and a 5 mile (8K) race. The course for each event is set above 5000 ft. in elevation with 360 degree views of our majestic mountains. Race entry is \$30.00. Pre-registered racers are guaranteed a race t-shirt, custom DeFeet socks and a post-race meal voucher. For those of you 21 and over, you will also receive 2 free adult beverages upon finishing one of the A Cool 5 races.

Post Race Events and Awards

Following the race events there will be a post-race cookout with live music, games and an awards ceremony for racers.

Take a Ride to Twisted Falls— July 31

A fun filled afternoon of bike riding, hiking, picnicking and swimming.

This will be a supported group mountain bike ride from the Recreation Center to Twisted Falls. The trip will be roughly 13-14 miles round trip, or for those of you that decide to only ride to the falls, 7 miles. Water, ride support and optional transportation back to the Recreation Center will be provided.

The ride will depart from Buckeye Recreation Center at 11am and riders will make their way out Buckeye Creek Road to Buckeye Road, eventually making their way to the gorgeous waterfall known as Twisted Falls.

You're encouraged to pack snacks and a lunch as we will spend time enjoying a swim and sun bathing on the rocks at the falls. Those that wish to make the ride home will begin making their way back to the Recreation Center around 3pm.

This is a free of charge event and open to the general public.

National Trail Running day— August 21

Supported group trail run through the West Bowl. Run starts at 9am at the Smoketree/Beech Mountain Parkway Trailhead. There will be pace leaders, water and first aid provided throughout the run.

Spring Hours
5pm til 9pm

That Pizza Place

The pizza restaurant that is located right next to the Ski Slopes entrance is now open! It is under new management and they deliver!!!

Give 'em a call or stop by for some delicious pizza 828-387-4999

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GROUP ADVENTURE HIKE SERIES

EXPLORE THE BOG - APRIL 14TH, 1PM

PROFILE TRAIL EXCURSION - MAY 1ST, 9AM

BUSHWACK THE BOWL - JUNE 2ND, 11AM

DESCENT TO BANNER ELK - AUGUST 28, 9AM

HIKES WILL MEET AT FRED'S GENERAL
MERCANTILE
RAIN OR SHINE!

Join Us for a
Hayride

September 11, 18 and 25
Call the Beech Mountain
Chamber for exact time
and location
800-468-5506 or
828-387-9283

Recreation Center Community Bulletin Board

High Country Yard Sale
June 19 at 8am Town Hall Meadows

Kiddo Fishing Derby at Lake Coffey
For ages 4-12
June 26
9am-12 noon
Register at 8am

Beech Mountain's 4th Annual Barn Dance
Saturday, July 31 6pm-9pm

Chuck Wagon Food, Down Home Music
and Leg Shakin' Fun

Beech Mountain Club Pavilion

47th Annual Roasting of the Hog
July 3
5pm at Ski Beech
Fireworks, Food and Fun

Dancin' in the Street
July 7, August 14 and September 4
7pm at Town Hall

Fred's Summer Sunday Concerts
July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8
At Fred's Gazebo 6:30pm until 8pm

Make Your Dog Happy
BJ's 4th annual Dog Show
July 17 9am-12 noon at the Recreation
Center

Entry Fee \$20 per dog or \$30 for 2
Fabulous Prizes

Proceeds go to benefit Friends for Life
Dogs and Cats will be available for
adoption

Celebrate with Us!
Happy 29th Birthday
Town of Beech Mountain!
Saturday, May 1st, 2010

Potluck Dinner
Cocktails & Socializing at 5:30p.m.
Dinner to be served at 6:15 p.m.
Come celebrate the Birthday of the
Town and reunite with friends who
are back for the summer. The
Town will provide a Birthday Cake
for dessert and Iced Tea and
Lemonade.

If you would like to BYOB, please be
responsible and plan for a driver.

Crafts on the Green

Fred's General Mercantile

Saturday, August 7
At the Gazebo

Let's Go Fly A Kite

8th Annual Mile High
Kite Festival

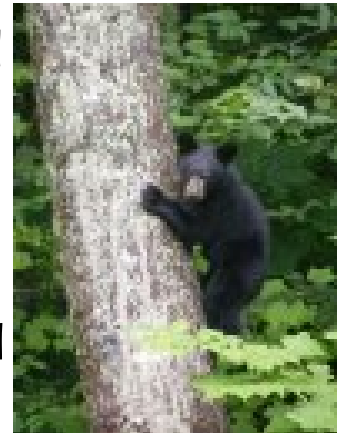
Sunday, September 5
10 am-4pm
Town Hall Meadows

Bears!!!!!!



It's Spring time and the Bears are out. We have bears all around Holiday Beech Villas. Lone bears and Mama bears with their babies (stay away from them!!!)

The reason we have so many bears around here is due to the garbage dumpsters. They are going into your dumpster and getting food out of there. They are pulling the garbage cans out of the K building receptacles and leaving the cans thrown all around, after getting the garbage.



The **ONLY** way to prevent this is to **NOT** throw your garbage in the dumpster.



**TAKE YOUR GARBAGE
TO THE RECYCLING
CENTER
ACROSS FROM FRED'S**