

# HBV GAZETTE



**Autumn 2020**

*Holiday Beech Villas Condominium Association*

## ***President's Message***

Welcome Homeowners to Holiday Beech Villas' 2020 Newsletter,

2020 has been a year of difficulty and stress since COVID hit the states. Everything we took for granted changed, it seems, in a heartbeat. The one good constant in our lives is Beech Mountain and the lovely cool weather it has. People still greet each other and seem to be calmer in spirit on the mountain.

Holiday Beech Villas has experienced its own stress this year with F building's decks, parking situations, and changes in management. Homeowners stepped up and followed directions when I called them to tell them they could not use the F building back decks and to stop rentals until further notice. Through the difficulty of the process, HBV Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we have obtained the loan for the F building renovations. The building permit has been obtained from the Town of Beech Mountain's Building Inspector, Jeff Fish. The demolition is scheduled to start on October 12th if weather permits. The building will look amazing and will increase property values. Take a look at G building when you are up there to see the buildings' renovations for a hint at what is to come.

Holiday Beech Board of Directors are interviewing agencies for a new property management company. The process is long, so be patient while we interview, check references, and find the right fit. We appreciate Jan, a homeowner, who listened out in



the community and recommended a property manager who we are interviewing. Thank you! All homeowners have a vested interest in our little condo community.

The maintenance staff is starting to clean up around the buildings, blow leaves, check inside the units for the correct temperatures, and all other items to prepare for the winter months. If you notice anything that should not be around your building, please contact us to look at the problems and fix the issues.

HBV Board of Directors has ordered signs to warn homeowners and rental guests that the decks, walkways, and stairs can be slippery when wet due to rain, snow, and/or ice. Please be aware and careful of the weather conditions as you walk in the parking lot to your unit. These signs will start going up soon.

The Board and maintenance staff can only do so much with watching for things, so when you see trash, wood piled up, and anything unsightly, please contact us through the email address, so we can address the issue. A homeowner contacted us about a no parking sign next to his building, which he did not think needed to be there. I contacted the police and Fire Chief about the sign and both agreed that it could be removed. It was removed. Thank you Walt for letting us know about this. Another issue a homeowner informed us about was cars parked with expired license tags or no tag at all. We have sent these homeowners notice that these cars will be towed. The HBV homeowner's policy on parking states that cars must be up to date with their license tags and etc. We do not need unlicensed vehicles taking up parking spaces.

Please review and read your HBV homeowner's policies and know that they are there to protect you and your property.

I hope you all have a lovely fall season and will be able to see the leaves change into beautiful colors. Contact us with any concerns you may have.

Marlene Rockwell,  
HBV President



### ***Financial Report***

We currently have 5 bank accounts - 4 at First Community and 1 at BB&T. These balances are effective July 13, 2020.

Checking account: QB Balance \$31,672. This is main operating account HOA Deposits and all bills paid through this account

Reserve account: QB Balance \$25,337

Assessment Account: QB Balance \$45,860 - Assessment payments deposited here, and loan payments made from this account. \$30,000 was moved from this account at First Community to a new account at BB&T where we have our new loan.

G Building Capital Account: QB Balance \$214,345 - Payments to Andy Porter for G contract to be made from this account.

### ***Covid-19 at Beech Mountain***

As Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact our nation, we want to share an update on the steps being taken by Beech Mountain.

Beech Mountain is committed to the well-being and safety of our community members and visitors. Like you, we're concerned about the presence of the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, in the United States and Abroad and the potential effects on our community, visitors and people world-wide and are taking the necessary steps, such as working with the Federal, state and local governments and health authorities to help combat the spread of this pandemic.

That being said, in times like this, the resilient nature of our North Carolina Mountain town is not to be underestimated. Now, more than ever, we appreciate our community members who have made Beech Mountain their home over the years, and visitors both new and old who continue to come back time and time again.

During this unprecedented event, it is our mission to keep our residents and visitors informed and focus on the health and safety of all those who live or travel to Beech Mountain. While we understand that this will impact your travel plans, we want to keep you updated with the steps we are taking to keep your health and safety top of mind.

We're continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely as it continues to evolve and request that you continue to stay up to date with COVID-19 related updates via the





homepage of our website. While you cannot be with us in person during this time, we invite you to do the following:

- Join in on our efforts to spread a little bit of weekly Beech Mountain happiness using the hashtag #MyFavBeechMtnMemory, tag us in your favorite photos from past trips to Beech Mountain for a chance to be reposted.
- Follow us via Instagram and Facebook as we share updates and posts in an effort to spread cheer via the hashtag #BeechMountainBeauty.

Instagram @BeechMountainNC

Facebook @BeechMountain

If you are on the mountain, please know that all North Carolina restaurants are prohibited from offering on-site dining. However, five local restaurants are remaining open for carry-out service only. Their hours vary, so you'll want to call ahead. The available dining options are:

Beech Alpen Restaurant: 828-387-2252

Bullwinkel's: 828-387-2354

Fred's Backside Deli: 828-387-9331

Mi Jalisco: 828-387-4344

Poppy's Coffee Shop: 828-278-2016

For your shopping needs, Fred's General Mercantile is open 7 am-10 pm seven days a week.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, please refer to the N.C. DHHS website.

## ***What a year!***

### **Ramblings from Carol.....**

This year has been like no other that I can recall, in our country, our lives, and here at Holiday Beech Villas. There have been disastrous hurricanes, storms, Covid-19, changes with our administrative offices here at HBV, to name a few. We can only hope that 2021 brings things back to normal, that we can carry on with our daily lives with less to be concerned about.

With that being said, G Building is moving right along, F Building is due to start, and we are close to hiring new management. The HBV Board has had weekly conference call workshops to get things in order. We, as a Board, have been confronted with many issues which we



have not faced before and have done our due diligence to correct and be responsible in resolving those issues. We have tried to update you, as owners, when we have a solution. We do appreciate your patience.

As a reminder with the Fall/Winter season upon us, please check to make sure your Smoke/CO detectors are working. If not, please replace them. In addition, if you have a fire extinguisher, make sure it is updated and in good working order. If you have rental units, or rent your own unit, this would be especially important as tenants tend to put things on the heating units even if you tell them not to, to dry. Having anything within a minimum of 6 inches from the base board heater is a fire hazard. We try to pull furniture, drapes, and other objects at least 6 inches away from these heaters. In past winters, we found in rental units bedding laying on a heated base board heater; and pillows and clothes on base board heaters. These are all fire hazards. If you rent, please impress upon your renters not to put anything on the heaters. Also, have your cleaning people ensure that there is nothing on these heaters when they leave the unit.

It is also important to keep your thermostat set at 50-55 degrees when your unit is empty. We certainly do not need frozen pipes! In addition, be sure all your windows are closed. (The bathroom window, especially!) If your unit is going to be closed up all winter, or will be without renters, be sure to open the cabinet doors under your bathroom and kitchen sinks so the heat can easily get to those pipes.

And, last but not least, beware of the Bears this Fall. The other day I was taking my dog for a walk and while I was still on the deck, I looked up and Mama Bear was right across the road from me. I looked up Slopeside Road, and there were her 3 cubs. Needless to say, I waited until she went off into the woods along with her cubs before I went any further.





## ***Beech Mountain Happenings***

Due to Covid-19, most "happenings" are either cancelled or have gone virtual. Unfortunately, the Woolly Worm Festival has been cancelled. (How will we know what kind of weather to expect this winter?????)

The annual Valle Crucis Fair has gone virtual! You can find the perfect item you are interested in by going to their website: <https://www.2020vallecountrypair.org/> This way, you can enjoy your nice comfy, warm, mud free, and dry home to do all your shopping!

This is the perfect time of year, with the cool weather and Fall foliage, to take in one of the many local hiking trails. The town of Beech has been upgrading many of the signs and entrance areas to the trails. Pick up a FREE Beech Mountain Hiking Trail map at the Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking of the Chamber of Commerce, they are a great resource for information on local and near-by events. There are LOTS of brochure and valuable information there!!

Ski Beech Resort is still operating the lifts to the top of Beech Mtn and the 5506' Bar. Check out the view and grab a beverage from the one-of-a-kind YURT bar.

## **October 2020**

### **Stream Clean-Up**

**October 6 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

Help us clean up Buckeye Creek and learn about the importance of water on the mountain. Meet in the Buckeye Recreation Center parking lot and hike down to Buckeye Creek at 1:00 pm. This is a free event, and is offered in partnership with the Beech Mountain Water Conservation Program.

### **Jazz Concerts at Beech Alpen Inn**

**October 6 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Throughout October, Jazz Concerts will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Beech Alpen Inn. Hope to see you there!



### Fall Color Guided Hike

**October 7 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Every Wednesday and Friday in October (beginning on the 7th), meet at the Buckeye Rec Center at 10:00 am for a guided hike on one of our trails. The hikes start at the higher elevations and move to the lower elevations as the month progresses. No charge-- wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring water. Free event. 828-387-3003 for more information.

### Bears on Beech Mountain

**October 12 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

October is the most popular month for bear sightings throughout the High Country. Join us to find out why. Meet at the Buckeye Lake Pavilion at 1:00 pm.

### Guided Bird Hike

**October 13 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Many birds migrate south in September, but quite a few birds live on Beech Mountain during the winter months. Join Lauren for a bird hike, and find out which birds stay here and why. Meet at the Buckeye Lake Pavilion at 1:00 pm. Free event.

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### Fall Color Guided Hike

**October 14 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Every Wednesday and Friday in October (beginning on the 7th), meet at the Buckeye Rec Center at 10:00 am for a guided hike on one of our trails. The hikes start at the higher elevations and move to the lower elevations as the month progresses. No charge-- wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring water. Free event. 828-387-3003 for more information.

### Fall Crafts for Kids

**October 14 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

Help us get in the fall spirit with a fun craft activity for kids. Meet at the Buckeye Lake Pavilion at 1:00 pm. Free event. Call 828-387-3003 for information.





### Fall Adult Craft Night

October 14 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Bring your own beverage and help us celebrate fall with a fun seasonal craft. Meet at the Buckeye Lake Pavilion at 7:00 pm.

### Fall Yoga Hike

October 15 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join us on a hike of the Wild Iris Loop Trail to the perfect yoga spot amongst the autumn leaves. The hike and yoga session will take about 2 hours. Please bring your own mat. Meet at Fire Station 2, located at 513 St. Andrews Road. Call 828-387-3003 for more information.

### Wine Night at Banner Elk Winery

October 16 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Meet us at the Banner Elk Winery for an evening of wine, snacks and socially distant fun.

### Fall Festival and Hikes

October 17 @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Guided Hikes on Buckeye Lake Loop will go out every 15 minutes in groups of 10 or less. Crafts and activities will take place at Buckeye Rec Center.

### Community Pumpkin Carving at Buckeye Recreation Center

October 28 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

What better way to get in the mood for Halloween than to carve pumpkins. This event is a casual evening of community enjoyment while helping us carve pumpkins to decorate for our Annual Town Trick-or-Treat event. Limited pumpkins available, but feel free to bring your own as well.

### Family Halloween at Buckeye Recreation Center

October 30 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come Trick or Treat on the track around the Buckeye Rec Center, then come inside for a family-friendly party! Geared towards kids 12 and under. Trick or Treat at 6:00, indoor party until 8:00 PM.





## November 2020

### Beech Mountain Resort Opening Day

November 21

Beech Mountain Resort will be opening for winter activities on November 21.

### Holiday Market at Buckeye Recreation Center

November 28 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Get a jump start on holiday arts and crafts at the Holiday Market held at Buckeye Recreation Center. Start your holiday shopping with locally made crafts, jewelry, food and art. Door prizes and a bake-off will also get you in the holiday spirit!

### Beech Mountain Old Fashioned Christmas

November 28 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Enjoy a ceremonial lighting of the Town's ornament, marshmallow roasting, wagon rides, pictures with Santa and Christmas crafts! The event will run from 5-7pm with the ornament lighting at 5:30pm. Please call 828-387-3003 if you have any questions.

## December 2020

### Mrs. Claus Pancake Breakfast

December 19 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Enjoy a pancake breakfast, crafts and story time with Mrs. Claus. If you need more information please give us a call at 828-387-3003.

### Santa Comes to Beech Mountain

December 19 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Join us in the lobby of the 4 Seasons at Beech Hotel, 608 Beech Mountain Parkway, from 2-4pm to meet Santa Claus! Tell him what you want for Christmas and take photos of Santa with your family. Afterwards, follow Santa down the hall to the Valle de Bravo Restaurant to break open a Christmas Pinata! For more information call 828-387-9283 or 800-468-5506.

### New Year's Eve Celebration at Beech Mountain Resort

December 31

Join Beech Mountain Resort in celebrating an awesome 2020! More details to come.



**The leaves are changing!**





**G Building is coming along:**

