

Spring 2014



HOLIDAY BEECH VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

President's Message

I'd say that winter is over in the High Country, but that wouldn't necessarily be true! Even though it was officially Spring on March 21, we had approximately 6 inches of snow on March 25 - 26. And, as we know, over the years April has given us some of our major snow storms, with as much as 18 inches. Let's hope that's a thing of the past, and this is the last of Winter and Spring will REALLY be here in the High Country.

We will wait a little longer before we will begin de-winterizing all the units. We'll wait until we're sure the temperatures won't be going too low. We've had numerous incidents this winter with frozen pipes, but it is believed that this was due to the unusual extreme low temperatures (below zero), and not because of our normal winter weather. The first set of frozen pipes caused damage at two units in the D building, but thankfully because of James, the damage was kept to a minimum. We also had frozen pipes at the C building and A building, but because of Renée's attentiveness in asking James to continually check all units, no damage occurred. James was on top of the issue, and worked to the wee hours of the morning getting the pipes unfrozen, without any of those pipes bursting. We're thankful to have these two individuals who are looking out for our mountain home.

Once we do get to the de-winterizing, we will put the heat down to low in all units, turn off the heaters in crawlspaces and take the covers off the turbines on top of the buildings. We'll bring out hoses and have them ready for you when you come back so you can tend your gardens.

With the winter weather being what it was, the assessment work on the D building was delayed, but now is back in full swing. The first floor is complete, the second floor is just about complete, and next the shingles on the third floor will be redone to match the new design. When the building is complete, new stairs

for all levels will be replaced. The stairs going down to the lower floor at the D building will be redesigned, so they are not so steep. Also, the clubhouse deck has been rebuilt, with a redesigned handicapped ramp, and new railings.

We've had some raccoon and skunk issues at the F and G building crawlspaces. We've covered up holes in both buildings, so there shouldn't be any more issues.

The Annual Meeting is coming up on Saturday, July 21st and I hope to see you all there.

Beech Tree Bark Disease

Beech bark disease is a disease that causes mortality and defects in beech trees in the eastern United States. In North America, the disease results when the beech scale insect, *Cryptococcus fagisuga*, attacks the bark, creating a wound. Later, two different fungi common to North America can invade the tree through the wound, causing a canker to form. In subsequent years, new cankers will continue to form, ultimately leading to the death of the tree.

The first sign that is visible is a woolly, white, waxy covering that the beech scale insect secretes. This sign can be observed covering small areas or most of the tree. The amount of waxy material observed depends on the population of the beech scale insect on that tree. An early sign is what looks like a bleeding spot on the tree.

An expert from NC State came up to Beech Mountain to speak with the Town's Tree Board. He said that in 10-15 years 75% of Beech Mountain's Beech trees could be affected by this disease. That's a whole lot of trees!! Practically our entire forest!

NC State will be using a spot on Beech Mountain, by the Dog Park, as a sample area to see if they can find a cure to this disease, or a way to combat it.

Welcome New Homeowner

Unit G230 was sold to Jorge and Milene Varona. We'd like to welcome them to Holiday Beech Villas. Jorge and Milene reside in Pembroke Pines, FL and hope to visit the High Country a number of times a year. Welcome to the neighborhood Jorge and Milene!!



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What's Happenin' Around Beech Mountain



- A 5 mile Race
- 1.5 Mile Fun Walk/Run
- 1.5 Mile Walk and Wag
- Kid's Popsicle Relay
- Buck-A-Thon

For More Information go to www.acool5race.com

A Cool 5 Weekend will be held June 20 – 22, 2014 on Beech Mountain, NC. There will be 5 races and many other related activities throughout the weekend designed to encourage individual participation and family fun no matter your age or fitness level.

The weekend is a celebration of outdoor activity and a showcase of all the beauty on Beech Mountain. Below, please find a preliminary schedule of events. We will be adding other exciting activities, so keep checking this website. Please feel free to give us a call for more information. (828) 387-3003

Online Registration is now live!

Early Registration Incentives and Fees

Register by MAIL: To complete your registration by mail, click on the link to the right to download a registration form.

Print the form, fill in the information completely and mail it or drop it off to:

A Cool 5 Weekend
 c/o Town of Beech Mountain
 Buckeye Recreation Center
 1330 Pine Ridge Road
 Beech Mountain, NC 28604


[Register Online!](#)

[Download Form](#)

Race	Before May 21st	After May 21st	Day of Race	Other Information
5 Mile	\$30	\$35	\$40	
1.5 Mile Fun-Run/Walk	\$25	\$30	\$40	
Walk & Wag	\$25	\$30	\$40	Don't forget your leash.
Children 12 and under All Races	\$10	\$15	\$15	
Friday - Buck-A-Thon*	Free	Free	Free	Click Here to Download Pledge Sheet
Friday - Kids' Popsicle Relay*	Free	Free	Free	

Why register EARLY - Prices will increase after May 21st, 2014. All pre-registered racers are guaranteed a T-shirt and a goody bag. Race day registration will be available; however, race T-shirts and goody bags will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis and sizes may be limited. We will be ordering T-shirts and making final preparations based on the number of participants we have by May 21st. We will, of course, order a few extra T-shirts and prizes, but we cannot guarantee we will have them available unless enough people register early. So please help us make sure we have enough for all . . . register EARLY and save some money, too.

***Note:** Participants in the Buck-A-Thon and Kids' Popsicle Relay will not receive race T-shirts but they will receive participant awards and goodies.



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Treasurer's Report

Homeowner Dues

At the end of March, A total of \$174,519.00 was due. We collected a total of \$167,796. We are \$6,723.00 delinquent. The bulk of this amount is primarily from three separate units. Total late fees collected by the end of March is \$220.

The Board was starting foreclosure proceedings on one unit that was \$4,930.91 in arrears. The Homeowner paid the full amount owed, is up-to-date, and avoided foreclosure.

Because of receiving this arrears payment we have no delinquent

amount for the prior fiscal year.

Special Assessment

At the end of March we collected a total of \$78,804.32. For the current year, there is \$3,647.34 in delinquents, again the bulk of this amount is from three units. For the 2012–2013 Special Assessment we have \$470.00 in delinquents, accountable to three units. Total late fees collected by the end of March is \$356.00.

The original amount we borrowed on our credit line was \$45,000.00. Each month \$1,000.00 is applied to the principal of this loan. The balance

was around \$25,000 when we took another \$15,000 to help pay Special Assessment bills. At the end of March the balance due on this loan is \$33,214.16.

To-date, the balance in our Reserve account is \$7,472.87.

To-date the balance in our Checking account is \$13,346.94

To-date the balance in our Special Assessment account is \$38,748.29.

For those wanting a financial report every month, please contact Renée at 828-387-4740 or e-mail at hbvillas@skybest.com.



Other Spring Projects

We always have work to do on our Holiday Beech Villas campus. To name a few, this summer we're hoping to accomplish the following projects:

- Continue to spray critter repellent to try to keep them away from the buildings and dumpsters.
- When the weather clears up, we will begin taking down the front and back metal soffits from the rest of the buildings where they are still up. These soffits have become a safe haven for raccoons and other critters, where they can then dig into the siding and have access to the inside of the buildings. When our building project is complete, we will replace the soffits in a way where critters cannot call them home.
- A goal this year, while the buildings are being taken care of through the Special Assessment, the aesthetic value of HBV needs to be enhanced. So . . .
 - Plant shrubbery around the A building, where there is none, to make it more appealing.
 - Continue to enhance the B and C building area with shrubbery.
 - Continue to plant behind the K building to replace what Mountain Electric took down three years ago.
 - We will be taking down a dead tree at the B building.
- And don't forget we're doing our bi-annual unit Inspections in May. We'll be turning down all the heat in unoccupied units, checking for any water leaks and replacing the batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



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 and litter thrown all around, after getting the garbage. **THIS BEAR IS IN THE DUMPSTER AT THE D BUILDING.**



You could scare the bear while it's in the dumpster, and wouldn't that be a fright for you! Worse yet, cubs could be in there and the mother hanging around outside. You know the saying, "don't get between a mama and her cubs!"



Also, you are paying to have someone continuously pick up this garbage around the dumpsters and in the woods. Put your money to better use and . . .

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