



Top of the Bald

Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association

March - April 2012

President's Message

By John Beneke

We continue to enjoy the mild weather (so far) this year. Temperature today March 14, 2012, according to Ray is 64°. Many of the plants are really confused. Keep your fingers crossed, there is still plenty of time for a big snow!

Before I go any further, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who responded to our call to help one of our own, Chuck Kinsey. Your generosity has been overwhelming and while I don't have an exact total, it was approximately \$3,000+. Chuck sent out a thank you via our Alert/Service system and I know that he appreciates your help.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue, the lawsuit that the Roads and Security Board filed against the owners of 20 lots was settled prior to trial. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to that board. We believe that this will result in a more equitable sharing of the costs of maintaining our roads and ensuring our security.

As I mentioned in my previous message, we need additional Amenities and WLPOA members. This is your community and your

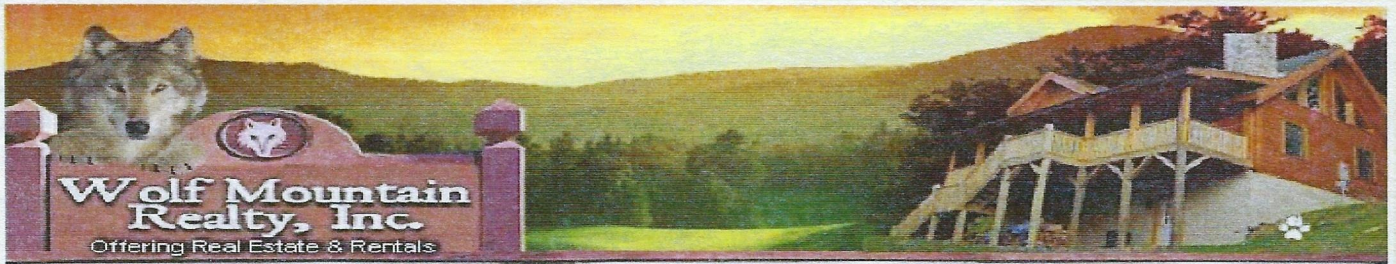
support is necessary to ensure the continued success of our program. The board and committees are working diligently to make the coming season even better than last year. Just think, if each of us were to bring in one (1) new member, we would have in excess of 400 Amenities members. We would then be able to offer even more programs and activities to everyone.

It may seem early to be thinking about it, but our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 2012, at 9:00AM in The Pavilion. There will be some bylaw changes to consider, and, of course, the election of board members. If you have not done so, I encourage you to consider becoming a candidate for the board. We can only grow and prosper with the commitment and leadership of those willing to devote time and talents to making Wolf Laurel a better place for all of us. I will be appointing a nominating committee in the very near future. If you are asked to serve, please give it serious consideration.

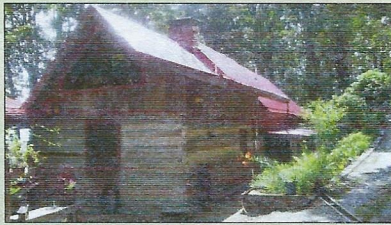
I realize that summers in Wolf Laurel are jam packed with activities, and that it may seem as though there is hardly time to turn around, let alone

attend another meeting. I would like to suggest, however, that you consider attending some of the WLPOA and WLRMS meetings during your time here during the season. Both boards meet regularly and the meetings are open to everyone. The WLRMS board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00AM, and the WLPOA board meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:00AM. Both meet in the loft at the Community Center. Any changes will be posted on the sign at the entrance. This is a great way to stay involved, find out what is happening in both organizations and avoid some of the rumor mill that runs wild in Wolf Laurel. You can even pick up a cup of Starbucks© on your way to the meeting.

See you on the mountain in a few short weeks.



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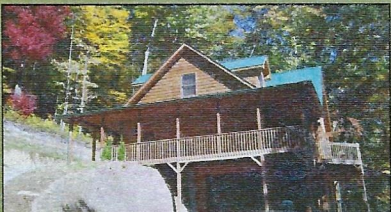
NEW LISTING-272 UNAKITE LANE-\$399,000- Immaculate log home w/extreme views and stream & waterfall, tons of glass makes this home bright and airy, 3 Bdr's, 2.5 Baths, 2153sqft, stone fpic, two decks to enjoy the nice



views, outbldg, mostly furnished, landscaped 2.70 Acres. **MUST SEE THIS BEAUTY!!!**



68 GARDENSIDE II- \$399,000- Like new contemporary mtn home, 3 Bdr's, 3 Baths, w/two bonus rooms on lower level, open floor plan, w/beautiful T&G cath. ceiling, wood floors on main level, over-sized garage, gas heat, huge family room, part. cvrd deck w/ mtn views, paved driveway, 1.16 Acres, **MLS#509764**



641 BEE TREE LANE-\$599,000- Impressive log home that will wow you!! Luxury through-out with 4 Bdr's, 4 Baths, open floor plan w/granite in kitchen & stainless appliances, mastersuite that offers soaking tub, 2 decks, garage, 1.39 Acres w/mtn view, fully furnished, loft area for office. **MLS#486171** see www.641beetrelane.com



141 OAKRIDGE COURT-\$229,000- Golf course home with great locale, close to club & pro shop, updated throughout w/ new kitchen, appliances, windows and roof. 3 Bdr's, 3 Baths, T&G ceilings, gas heat, central A/C, cvrd deck, detach. garage/workshop, fpic. **MLS#473471**



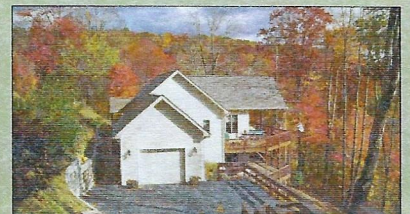
3179 EL MINER DRIVE-\$409,900- Golf course home w/extreme western views from two cvrd decks, wonderful floor plan w/open kitchen and great room, over-sized master suite w/huge windows, updated through-out, 3 Bdr's, 2.5 Baths, family room on lower level w/ fpic, gas heat, metal roof, outbldg. **MLS#509076**



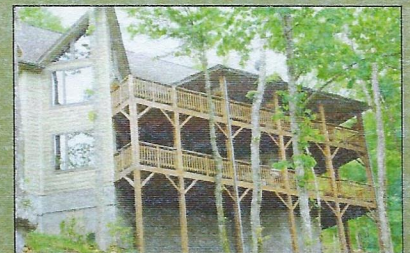
NEW LISTING-2977 EL MINER DRIVE-\$699,000- One of the finest antique log homes in Wolf Laurel, located on the golf course this outstanding mtn home offers 4 level living w/ 6 Bdr's, 6 Baths, 4522sqft, detach. garage w/mother-in-law suite, two claw foot tubs, sauna, beautiful long range mtn views, **MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE!!!** **MLS#513519**



1165 OAKRIDGE LANE-\$375,000- Family-sized log home, completely furnished, fpic, gas heat, 3 Bdr's, 4.5 Baths, wood floors on main, open floor plan, 3273sqft, lrg wrap-around deck, close to club & pro shop, easy access. **MLS#484976**



199 OVERLOOK DRIVE-\$549,000- Breath-taking views from two decks, in this beautiful contemporary mtn home in Overlook Village. Built in 2007, like new, wood and tile, cath. ceilings w/loft area, 3 master suites w/ powder room on main level, wet bar, dining area, garage, paved access, 2 stone fpic, gas heat, lanscaped .72 Acre. **MLS#510262**



489 CHERRY KNOB-\$899,000- Custom built Armin Wessel designed home, exceptional home in everyway, 4 Bdr's, 4.5 Baths, 180 degree panoramic views from 3 decks, mostly furnished, 2 stone fpics, gourmet kitchen w/ granite and stainless, pantry, garage, landscaped 1.21 Acres, paved access. **REAL BEAUTY AT HIGH ELEVATION!!!** **MLS#441885**



MAYBE IT'S TIME

By Chuck Freeman

Wolf Laurel has been undergoing a lot of changes in the last few years, and I would like to take the opportunity to put my own spin on all those changes – a sort of personal view of the journey we have all been on.

I guess for me it all started with the Annual Membership Meeting a few years ago when Willis Williams took over Bald Mountain Development Corporation (BMDC) and spoke to all of us. That was the first time that I really became aware that the developer had such a leading role in the community, even though Wolf Laurel was started in the mid-1960s and was pretty well set in its structures and functions. I will always remember my next-door neighbor, Jim Burns, standing up and saying something to the effect that “Wolf Laurel had been treated like an adolescent for over 40 years and it is time for us to grow up.”

What got me to pondering upon a simple question: what should the end-state be for Wolf Laurel? I quickly came to ideas about self-governance and common ownership of community assets, but I proceeded to go off half-cocked with no real idea of how to get to this Shangri La. Jim did some research on the North Carolina statutes, but had to cycle back due to health problems. Like a bumbling fool, I got myself elected to the WLPOA Board of Directors and began to flail around trying to make things happen, to little advantage.

Then I had a chance encounter with one of my neighbors at Mission Memorial during one of Joanne Jackson's stays. After a little bit of conversation with Joanne, this man, whose opinions I value, looked at me and said, in so many words that were much more polite, “If you want to quit just butting your head against a wall and getting nothing done, you ought to use a source of strength that you have on that board you serve on. You ought to work with Sonny Colvett, who is the only one of you guys who really has a

good relationship with Willis Williams.” All my life as an Air Force Officer and a corporate executive, I had been taught to play to the cards I had been dealt, so I took that adage to heart. And it forced me to think about what I wanted to ask Sonny to help accomplish for Wolf Laurel.

When I went to Sonny, I asked him to help work on trying to achieve three objectives, which I thought would lead to a final goal (if there is ever such a thing). The first objective was the ownership of the Wolf Laurel Amenities by the residents. At the time, as usual, rumors were swirling on the mountain about the status of the land in the Village: it was going to be converted into a condo site; it was going to be sold to the local land baron; etc. A lot of factors -- the dreadful real estate market and the efforts of a group of hard-working leaders here on the mountain -- led to the Let's Make It Happen Campaign; I think we all know that everyone had to give a little (and, in the case of Mr. Williams, an actual lot) to make the purchase of The Village and Amenities a reality. I counted that as step one of the journey to full independence.

The second objective was control and ownership of the roads by the residents. Last fall, Bald Mountain announced a complete reorganization of the Wolf Laurel Roads Maintenance and Security Home Owners Association Board of Directors and its bylaws, over which that corporation has complete control. In that reorganization, seven respected members of the community were appointed by BMDC to the Board; they were protected from replacement by the new bylaws. Additionally, the new bylaws state that “it is the intent” that no later than 2015, the community would directly elect all members of that Board. Concurrently, action was begun to transfer ownership of all roads and common areas from BMDC to the Roads Maintenance and Security Home Owners Association (R&MHOA). That transfer of ownership is currently being

completed as of this writing. I count that as step two of the journey.

The third objective that I had asked Sonny to assist with was the strengthening and “ownership” of the Wolf Laurel Covenants and Bylaws. As a first action, BMDC has transferred control and management of the Architectural Review Board to the R&MHOA. The recent court settlement has significantly improved our ability to enforce the Covenants and stands to greatly improve our finances. At present, the authority to promulgate and enforce our Covenants rests upon the powers given to developers by North Carolina law. It is not just a “perk,” but a type of protection that a developer may use to improve the odds on a good return for the up front investment made to create a community. But it is clear that “development” does not go on forever, and development companies usually go away. When that happens, the power to amend and enforce the covenants is passed to a community organization as the successor to the developer. I now believe that this last step is going to happen.

I am sure that many of you know that I was long at loggerheads with Mr. Williams, but I can honestly say that he has already gone beyond the minimum to make Wolf Laurel's future secure. He reduced the purchase price of The Village and Amenities, when it became obvious that the original asking price could not be reached. He has transferred ownership of over 300 acres of roads and common areas, with nominal fees paid to the counties being our only costs. I am confident that we will soon “own” the Wolf Laurel Covenants and bylaws as well.

As we wait for this final step, I think we need to think about what we want to be when we grow up. Since I am writing this piece, and I hope you understand that these are really my personal thoughts and do not represent the positions of any of the boards here



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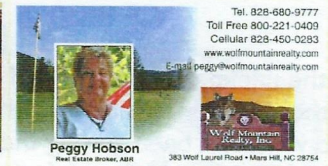
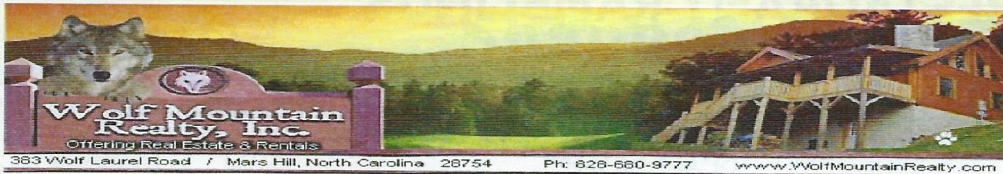
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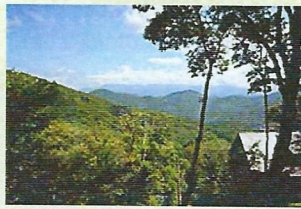


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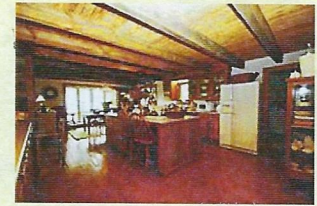
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from this 5,000 ft elevation.



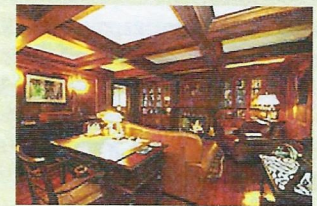
Large kitchen with ctr island, heart
of pine wooden floors - build in
desk and lots of cabinets.



Large Master bedroom and bath
on main level.



Enjoy your morning coffee watching
the sun come up from this dining room.



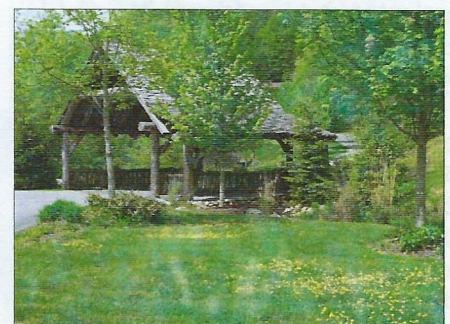
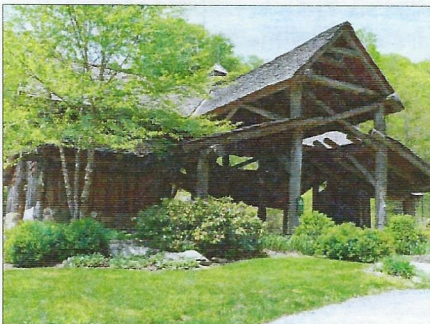
Library is built with cherry wood,
cabinets with leaded glass doors
wood burning fireplace.

This is a very unique home. It is offered beautifully furnished with the exception of a small list in the office. The adjoining lot is included in this price, totalling 1.38 acre. It borders Park Service property - hike to Appalachian Trail and Big Bald Mtn. Other outstanding features - antique stairs from an old church - Rec/Game room. Garage. 1370 sq ft of decks! AND Many more wonderful features! This is an outstanding value. You must see! MLS 507357

on the mountain, let me say where I think the journey should lead. I think that we should look to the union of the two owners associations into a single successor organization: the Wolf Laurel Home Owners Association. How would we do that? As every one of the lawyers here on the mountain I have ever asked a question of has said, "Well, I'm not licensed to practice in North Carolina, but..."; I would guess that we would have to schedule some votes to seek or reject merger at annual meetings and, with affirmative sentiment from

the owners, we would have to appoint joint committees to work on merging the bylaws into a single document that could then be ratified by the residents/ memberships. Finally, we would have to do the incorporation thing to create a successor corporation for the two associations. If we really wanted to be bold, we could invite Blue Mountain to the table to see if a complete merger of associations was possible.

What would that give us? A single organization for governance of Wolf Laurel; one that maintains our roads, provides security services, operates our amenities and community center, hosts our social programs and speaks with one voice to our neighbors, our utility providers and our county authorities. For the first time, that voice will be OUR voice, not weakened by any divisions or conflicts of purpose.



RESTAURANT RAMBLINGS

By Gwynne Beneke

One of the unexpected benefits of writing these “foody” articles for the past two years has been getting the opportunity to meet some of the most interesting people. I’ve met not only a number of people at the restaurants we’ve covered, but also I’ve been gratified to meet readers, who have homes on the mountain, but whose main connection to what’s happening here is through the *TOB*. Many are only able to be here for weekends and limited times during the summer season. Their time here is precious; they want to be outdoors, not stuck in the kitchen, no matter how much they enjoy cooking. It’s to those limited occasion-timers that this article is directed. What does a Wolf Laurel kitchen need to be up to date and time efficient? Second home kitchens are frequently limited in storage space. How do you make the most of the space available? For almost thirty years I lived in a 90 year old farmhouse that I was constantly remodeling; however I never got around to expanding its ONE DRAWER kitchen! My priority was a Jenn-Air range, so I made do with a baker’s rack and hanging pots and pans from the ceiling. I learned to buy only what I would use. There are some new kitchen helpers that I’ve seen (and bought) and some old stand-by’s with new features. Here are their descriptions and sources.

A SLOW COOKER: The 7 to 8.5 quart digital size is the most versatile. There are several models now that have a brown/sauté feature, a time and pot saving convenience. The most expensive is from Williams-Sonoma, but there are other less expensive models and more are being introduced each year. I have three crock-pots in different sizes, and I would be hog-tied in the kitchen without them! (My 7 quart is a digital Kitchenaid @ \$125.)

There are gourmet slow-cooker cookbooks available and most cooking websites abound in guest-worthy recipes. I cook ahead and freeze for company and family, then thaw in the cooker or the microwave. www.overstock.com has over 150 in its

inventory, but none have the brown/sauté feature and only a few are digital. Go for the best, if you can swing it. You won’t be sorry. All-Clad Deluxe at www.williamssonoma.com @\$280; Cuisinart at www.chefscatalog.com @\$200.

VEGGIE SCRUBBER MITTS: These gloves reduce the need to peel potatoes, carrots, and many other veggies, saving the good nutritional stuff that resides in the skin and saving more food than peelers. These scrubbers are inexpensive even from W-S: one pair is green with “veggie” printed on them; another is black, marked “potato” and comes in two sizes – one for adults and one for mini-cooks. Buy both if you have small grandchildren who like to “help” in the kitchen. I did! www.williamssonoma.com @\$8.95 to \$11.95.

THE GARLIC PEELER: This is a must-have in ANY kitchen. I inherited my first one from John’s kitchen. What a time and irritation saver! If you ever cook with whole cloves (and who doesn’t?), this little plastic “thingy” is a lifesaver. The only place I can guarantee that you can buy it (Ben Imessi’s Original e-z-rol GARLIC PEELER) is Williams-Sonoma or its website www.williamssonoma.com @ \$9.00.

GARLIC CRUSHER/SLICER: I have a crusher and a slicer – I may toss them both and just use this device (again Williams-Sonoma) that will either crush or slice. It is pictured on the same “page” as a larger vegetable chopper/measurer, which will chop or slice. (I have a similar vegetable chopper from VIDALIA, which I use constantly. My sister-in-law gave it to me for Christmas and I rolled my eyes, thinking “Yeah, I’ll use THAT!” Was I ever wrong; I use it any time I chop onions, peppers, mushrooms, or nuts.



Similar ones are available at almost any good kitchen store.) Small version for garlic is \$20; large one from W-S is \$30.

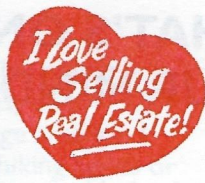
ASPARAGUS COOKER: This slim, tall stainless steamer pot with a basket is a space saver and can be used for corn on the cob or carrots as well as asparagus. Mine is All-Clad; these are readily available at kitchen stores and almost any online kitchen supplier. Good also for sterilizing a couple of glass baby bottles! I’ll bet you come up with more uses. Cost will vary; you might check your local TJMAXX home



store.

ELECTRIC IMMERSION BLENDER: I had been wanting one of these for a couple of years and finally got one from www.overstock.com. I thought about a battery operated one, but it was more expensive and would require a countertop charger plug-in, which I was skeptical about. I’m glad I got the normal plug-in version; it also came with several additional handy devices -- whisk, frother, small chopper bowl, etc. Get one that has more than one speed. Mine is a NESCO PRO. This will take the place of your blender and your portable beater and, depending on how much you use it, your “Cuisinart” as well. Whips cream in seconds; great for blending cream soups in the pot; smoothies are a snap; chops veggies a cup or so at a time. It does it all! Again these are widely available, but check Overstock first for the best price.

These six kitchen helpers are guaranteed by me to make your work in the kitchen easier and definitely faster. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at gbeneke@frontier.com. SEE YOU BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN – three great restaurants will be reviewed in the next *TOB*!

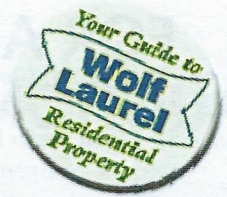


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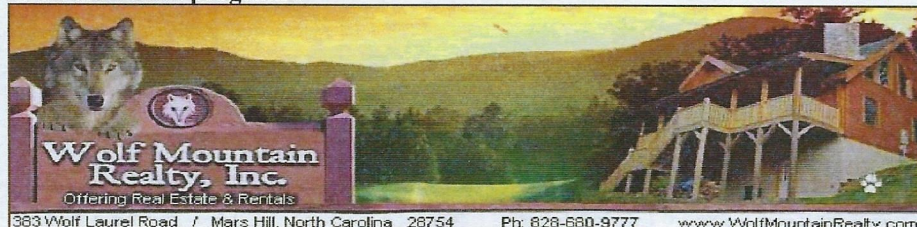
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Deadlines for the Top of the Bald for 2012 are:

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- March 15, 2012
- May 15, 2012
- July 15, 2012
- September 15, 2012
- November 15, 2012

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WALKING CLUB

By Lee Moeller

Year the Walking Club enjoyed starting out at a very easy pace - ambling around the Village area for 1 - 1 1/2 hours. We wore hiking boots or very comfortable walking shoes, used a hiking stick and carried a bottle or two of water. We stopped quite often to catch our breath and let our hearts slow down.

As the summer progressed we moved up the mountain and walked a little longer. This group was mainly folks

(men & women) once avid hikers and now not up to more strenuous hiking. There were even one or two 'newbies' in the group - walking the hills of Wolf Laurel for the first time. One common factor was that we all loved being outdoors, walking and talking. We really got to know each other: talked about our children, favorite recipes, health issues, our faith, upcoming festivals and events in the area, and on and on!! I know I really had a lot of fun with this group.

When Cindy asked me to lead the Walking Club again this year, I was excited. We will meet in the Village Pavilion on Wednesdays at 10am beginning Wednesday, May 23rd. So, where will you be at 10am on Wednesday mornings this summer? Join me and the Walking Club and enjoy this beautiful community and get some gentle exercise too!

TAI CHI THIS SUMMER

By Fred Buck

Tai Chi Ch'uan means "supreme or ultimate fist," and is a method of martial arts which has been used for centuries as a means of developing a strong and healthy body, mind, and spirit. Although the slow and flowing moves that make up a tai chi form are martial arts moves, and many times one is fighting an imaginary opponent while practicing tai chi, over the centuries it has become less about martial arts and more about exercise and the wonderful health giving benefits it produces.

Recently, many new studies have been and are being done to study the healing aspects of tai chi. One that recently was highlighted by National Public Radio was the benefits of tai chi to Parkinson's disease patients. The study, which appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, put Parkinson's patients into 3 groups: one doing weight

training, one doing stretching exercises, and the third doing tai chi. At the end of the study it was found that the tai chi group were stronger and had much better balance than the other two groups. As a matter of fact, they found that the tai chi group had four times the balance of the stretching group, and twice that of the resistance training group. To review this article Google "NPR tai chi."

But this is only one study, and there have been many, all pointing to the great health bringing power of this exercise. The practitioner notices beneficial results almost immediately, usually in the wonderful serenity that comes with the practice. It just gives you a great feeling to do tai chi.....a whole new outlook with which to face life. And it strengthens the body as well.

One could say it brings a presence of mind that helps one face and defeat the challenges of life, especially in our later years.

This summer I will be combining tai chi with some simple Hatha yoga practice to extend those health giving benefits even farther. Yoga has been practiced for millennia as a way to master the body and mind. And although we will be doing beginning yoga, by combining it with tai chi, I feel that we will get even more benefit from both practices. I look forward to seeing you there! Be sure and talk to your doctor about tai chi and yoga, I think that you'll find that they are excited about it as well. Have a great spring and I'll see you soon!

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GROWING AMENITIES IS LIKE PLANTING A GARDEN

By Larry Smith

The soil was prepared when the WLPOA Board organized the "Make It Happen" campaign to purchase the property from the developer. This successful purchase has moved the Amenities program at Wolf Laurel from a developer owned function to attract buyers to the area, to a mutually shared amenities program owned and operated by the property owners in Wolf Laurel. The developer, Bald Mountain Development Corporation, had little reason to continue to invest in our programs and facilities in that the majority of the lots in Wolf Laurel had been sold off and the economy had turned sour. We were fortunate that we had sufficient property ownership to enable a successful campaign to purchase the facilities while they were still in reasonable shape. This has enabled the property owners to control the destiny of our community without the concern of a developer's success or failure in a downward economy.

At the heart of this investment, is the 11 acre site we refer to as the Village. It provides a pleasing setting for the front door of our community. The covered bridge, the community center, the pavilion, the pool, and the tennis courts with ample paved parking all speak to the success of our Village. An expanded tour of the

amenities facilities would include the Angelico Ridge Pavilion which includes restroom facilities and a magnificent view. If you haven't visited the renovated site, you are missing a treat. It is just the right size for a family reunion and day retreat. Half way up the mountain between the Village and Angelico Ridge is the Nature Trail. This trail, which leads hikers to the Appalachian Trail has benefitted from the installation of new benches and some beginnings of landscaping.

The Charter members of the Amenities program made this possible. We now own and operate our own Amenities program independent of the developer. Where our Garden of Eden goes from here is dependent upon the property owners of Wolf Laurel. The initial campaign provided for the purchase and maintenance of the facilities. Expansion of activities provided or potential investment in additional properties will be dependent upon expanded membership in the Amenities program.

If you are currently a WLPOA member and not an Amenities Member, there are two methods you can use to participate. First there is the Equity Membership. The initial purchase is \$1900 and is linked to your property. When you sell your property, the new owner of your property must

purchase a membership in the Amenities Program. The WLPOA Board will then refund your initial purchase fee of \$1900. The second method is a Non-equity membership. The cost is still \$1900, but is not linked to the sale of your property, does not transfer and does not result in a refund of the initial fee. After this initial investment, there is an annual fee of \$350 to cover the ongoing costs of operations. If the membership is for a rental property, the annual fee is \$500.

While all property owners benefit from the existence of these facilities, only the Amenities Members can fully participate in the many activities provided to residents. The use of the tennis courts, the pool, the pavilions and the many scheduled activities are open to members and guests only. Every Monday night from mid-May through October there is a covered dish social at the Pavilion. Bring your utensils, your favorite beverage (spirits permitted), and a dish to share and you'll be made welcome by the warmest assortment of folks imaginable. Every Friday night is yet another experience. For this activity you bring a finger food to share. Sodas and setups are provided, spirits are allowed, and music happens as funds allow. While the Monday night activity has no associated cost, the Friday night Activity has a \$2.50 per person fee to cover the cost of the setups and to build a "Hire a Musician Fund."

The WLPOA Amenities Committee is currently preparing a program of activities and events for the coming season. There are weekly activities like exercise, water aerobics and hiking groups. There are specific events like our 4th of July picnic and fireworks show. Look for new and exciting opportunities, join with us and help make Wolf Laurel the paradise we want it to be. We've taken the first steps and made it ours, now let's see what we can grow here.



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DINING AT WOLF LAUREL COUNTRY CLUB NEW, FRESH AND LOCAL

By Don Mathis, Al Rossiter, and Tony Davenport

A number of new and exciting changes are being made to enhance the uniquely enjoyable opportunity to dine and socialize at Wolf Laurel Country Club.

Foremost among these changes is the introduction of Chef Jack Keeran. Jack comes to Wolf Laurel with many years of culinary experience in the WNC area including eight years at Asheville Country Club, three years as Executive Chef at the Swag Country Inn, Waynesville, NC (voted in the top 25 Inns in the country) and, most recently, as owner and operator of Sunnyside Café in Weaverville. Jack brings many new menu ideas and a strong commitment to assuring a focus on "fresh and local" ingredients. Chef Jack will be working alongside Chef Rudi as co-chef for most of the season before assuming the role of Executive chef. We are particularly pleased to announce Chef Rudi's return for his eleventh season at Wolf Laurel in this year of transition. We are all the beneficiaries of Chef Rudi's years of personal contribution to WLCC and we are especially looking forward to menu offerings that blend Chef Jack's new items with many of the traditional favorites that have become Chef Rudi's hallmark. Planning is under way for a special appreciation dinner for Chef Rudi scheduled for September 12th – mark your calendar!

For 2012, we have expanded the club's casual dining options to include informal, light-fare items (burgers, salads, sandwiches, etc.) in both the

dining room and lounge throughout the week. As a new option, a take-out menu is being added throughout the week featuring pizza, sandwiches and salads. Whether you're in the mood for a fine dining experience, just a burger or a pick-up pizza, you'll find it at the club.

Chefs Jack and Rudi are already working on the weekly menu offerings with an emphasis on retaining the most popular items while introducing new entrees throughout the season. The bistro menu format, with complimentary wine, will be featured on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fine dining will be the focus of the Friday and Saturday menus. Wednesday's will offer a unique focus each week ranging from grilled items to themed menus (Italian, traditional Southern, New England, Oriental, etc.). As a new feature, the third Wednesday of each month will be "Neighborhood Dining" with the dining room and lounge open to all residents of the Wolf Laurel community. Lastly, look for an expanded Sunday brunch menu with a variety of new items to please the whole family.

Our effort to refresh the food and beverage experience at WLCC doesn't stop with the restaurant! In the lounge, you'll quickly note a number of changes – thanks to Sandy and the many Member suggestions. Most notably, we have added draft local beer. Taking advantage of Asheville's reputation as one of the finest craft beer locations in the country, WLCC will be offering

local beers with new brews introduced throughout the season. Don't know which beer you'd like? – try the Wolf Laurel Draft Sampler. In addition to draft beer, we are introducing a new martini menu and refreshed wine list. To alleviate crowding at the bar area, new bar stools and some reconfiguration will more than double the bar seating and beverages will be available at a satellite bar on the new deck during peak hours.

A special note - for 2012, all purchases of food and beverage in the dining room and lounge will be included against the "food minimum" for all Members without an increase in the minimum.

We will be working hard in the coming months to keep our Members informed on the weekly menu offerings and the initiatives we're taking to continuously improve the WLCC experience. Visit the WLCC bulletin board at www.wolf LaurelCountryClub.blogspot.com frequently to stay informed on all that is happening at your club.

We look forward to a very exciting season and the many changes being implemented to improve your enjoyment of our club. Special thanks to Chefs Jack and Rudi, Sandy Howard and Sue Solazzo for their recommendations and enthusiasm. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact us. We look forward to a memorable 2012 season.

Save the date!

Monday, June 18, 2012
Wolf Laurel Country Club
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tasting Party to benefit
My Sisters Place in Marshall

More information to follow

Remember to check

www.wolf LaurelPoa.com

often to find out about the
latest events and happenings

Check Early and Often!

Wolf Laurel Roads Maintenance and Security Statement

February 22, 2012 Minutes

Consistent with its goal to promote sharing of the costs of maintaining our community roads and security in an equitable manner among all Wolf Laurel property owners, the Roads & Security Board filed suit against the owners of twenty lots who were delinquent in payment of assessments in the approximate amount of \$80,000. Defendants contended that the 1991 and 2002 Amended Covenants regarding assessments for road maintenance and security were unenforceable.

On the eve of trial, Defendants entered into a consent judgment to be filed in the courts of Madison and Yancey counties, signed by the presiding Superior Court Judge and the parties. The terms of the judgment include acknowledgement of the 1991 and 2002 Amended Covenants as reasonable and enforceable. Defendants must pay the 2012 and all future road and security assessments in full. Defendants are liable in the amount of \$80,000 for past indebtedness. The judgment contains various provisions for payment and contingencies in the event of default.

In the event Defendants default on any of the provisions of the judgment, the judgment may be enforced by the contempt powers of the Court to force the Defendants to convey lots necessary to satisfy both the past-due obligations and current obligations. With this result, R&S will be contacting all those property owners who are delinquent in payment of assessments to encourage them to immediately pay their fair shares. Absent payment, further steps will be taken as may be appropriate for collection of the Covenant requirements.

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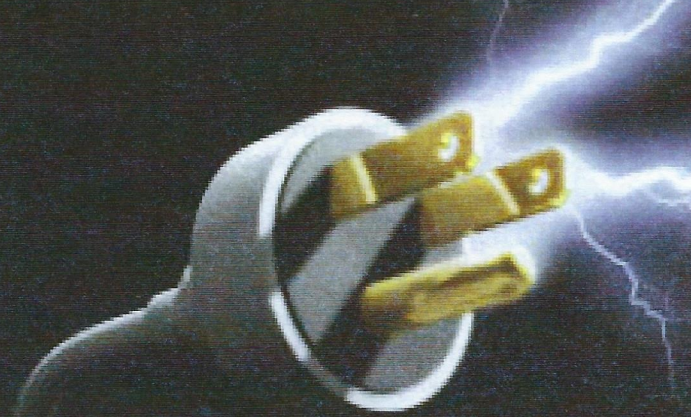
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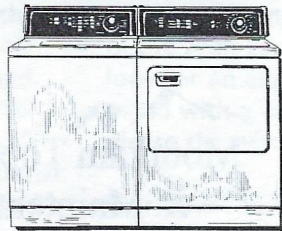
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WLPOA Village Amenities Program Interest Survey

The Amenities Committee recently conducted an interest survey to identify the best new program opportunities for the 2012 season. With an internet-based survey - compliments of Jim Landry - we have been able to identify a great slate of potential programs. Some of these would be provided at no charge. Some would be fee-based. The two most popular selections would be brought to Wolf Laurel with charitable donations to these great non-profit organizations. The most frequent response categories were:

- Wildlife Education Programs (Appalachian Bear Rescue, Blue Ridge Wildlife)
- Appalachian Trail Conference/ Carolina Hiking Club Program
- CPR/AED Class and Certification
- Craft Demonstrations
- Wellness Seminar
- Gourmet Cooking Class

- Hatha Yoga
- Girls' Day Out
- Painting Art Workshop

Some of these programs have been offered in the past and it's great to see continued interest. It's also important to say that our fitness class offerings that have been in place already will continue (Water Fitness, Strength Training, Tai Chi with Yoga and the Walking Club), as will all the regularly scheduled events - tennis, Monday & Friday Nighters. We're happy to be able to offer a great slate of programs and events to our membership and hope to see new members come on board to enjoy these opportunities as well.

We have also recognized a few other programs from the survey that we may incorporate in the schedule. In April, we'll be in touch through the WLPOA

Service Announcement system to have you sign up for specific programs that participants have to be committed to in order to have the program (such as a Weight Watchers class). So please be looking for these announcements and respond to those that you have expressed interest in. We're looking forward to a great 2012 season! Our Amenities Committee is always eager to hear your thoughts and ideas! Members of the Amenities Committee are: Cathy Johnson, Committee Chair, along with Committee Members Barby McQueen, David Schmidt, George Shennan and Cindy Tucker.

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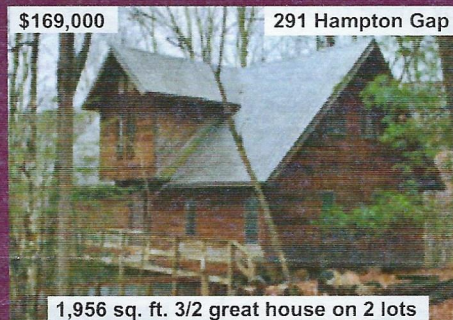
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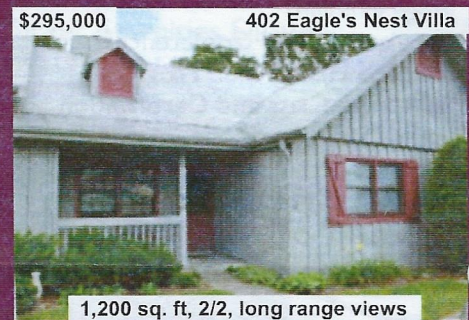
Winter views, Summer shade, 2/1

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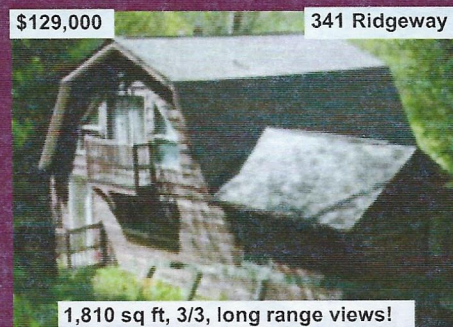
1,200 sq. ft, 2/2, long range views

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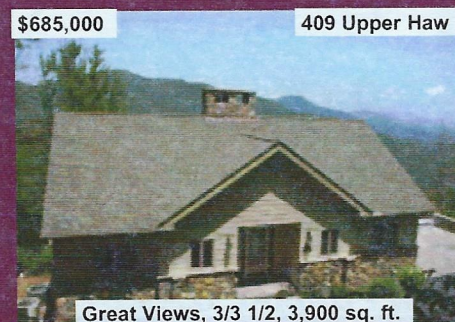
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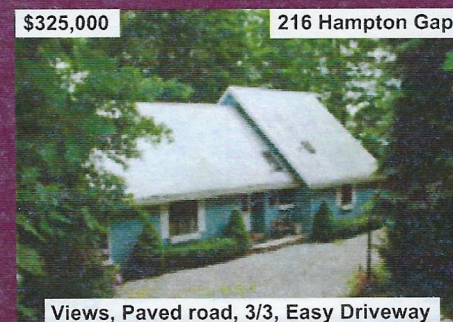
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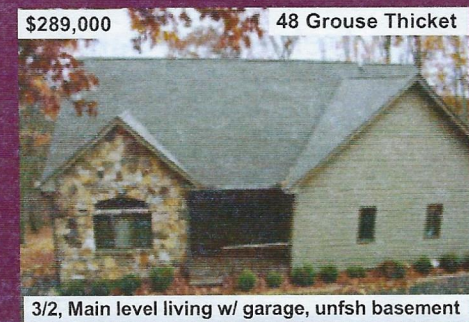
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