



Top of the Bald

Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association

May - June 2012

Village Amenities, Programs & Events: June – July 2012

Our summer months will offer many of the programs and events you've enjoyed in the past. New events will be added that were popular in our interest survey. Here's our schedule to date. Look for announcements by email and website postings on www.wolflaurelpoa.com for more activities and details.

Gourmet Cooking Classes with Michaelene Sanders – Look for seasonally selected programs that will help make "What to fix for dinner" so much easier and add an impressive gourmet flair. These classes will be announced for July via e-mail, the WLPOA website and signage at the gate. Sign-up and payment in advance will be required.

Girls Day Out – Have a day out with friends, exploring the wonderful communities and attractions we have in the area. Our first Girls Day Out will be Wednesday, June 6th at 9:30am. Meet in the Village upper parking lot and carpool to Asheville to enjoy a Historic Tour of Asheville with Gray Line Trolley Tours and a lunch at a restaurant of the group's choosing! The June group will consider a great list of places to go and things to do for future events. The Gray Line tour cost is \$15-\$20 subject to the size of the group and discounts offered (AAA/AARP). Sign up by June 4th; contact cindy@wolflaurelpoa.com.

Pickleball - A fast growing sport in the USA, to be played at Wolf Laurel

in June, date & time to be announced. Pickleball is a racquet sport, combining elements of badminton, tennis, and ping pong. The sport is played on a court with the same dimensions as a doubles badminton court. The net is similar to a tennis net, just two inches lower. The game is played with a hard paddle and a polymer wiffle ball. Although pickleball appears to be very similar to tennis, there are key differences that make pickleball more accessible to a wider range of players, particularly children and seniors. Chief among these differences is the speed of the pickleball itself, which typically moves at one-third of the average speed of a tennis ball. Equally important is the size of the court - just under one-third of the total area of a tennis court. The smaller area combined with the slower moving ball makes pickleball easier to play than tennis. If you are interested in playing (or learning how to play) pickleball, contact George Shennan at gshennan@earthlink.net or Cindy Tucker at the Amenities office. If you just want to learn more about pickleball, go to the Pickleball Association website (<http://usapa.org>). Click on "Watch a pickleball video" and "Pickleball Rules Summary."

Friday Fresh Local Produce Market - Fridays, beginning June 1st 10am – 2pm. at the Village Pavilion. Check out the great farm-fresh seasonal produce, herbs and plants grown down the road on

Smith Creek by Kristie Cody. A great opportunity to find truly local produce. Most of Kristie's products are organically grown; all organic products will be labeled. Buy local!



Friday & Monday Night Socials

Friday Nighters: A casual BYOB gathering on Friday evenings; \$2.50 cover per person on nights without music; \$5 cover if music is provided. BYOB (set-ups provided) & a finger food/appetizer to share. On the 4th Friday night of each month in June, July & August Amenities Members can bring guests from the Mountain who are not Amenities members! This summer Friday Nighters will be in the Community Center's downstairs level to enjoy the antique bar and deck (please use side porch entrance).

Monday Nighters: This Potluck Supper takes place every Monday through the season in the Village Pavilion at 5:30pm. Bring a covered dish or two to share, your picnic supplies, and beverages.

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328 McKinney Gap Rd-NEW LISTING-Log home located above the 9th fairway, well maintained 4 Bdr's, 2.5 Baths, 1597sqft with unfinished lower level for additional elbow room, stone fplc, sgl garage, paved access, metal roof, skylights, furnished. **MLS#517534 \$189,000**



569 Pisgah Pass Rd-JUST REDUCED!! High elevation with great long range views, roomy open floor plan with 1874sqft, 3 Bdr's, 3.5 Baths, gas heat, stone wood-burning fplc, mostly furnished, paved driveway, metal roof, owner financing could be available with the right terms. **MLS#469393 \$249,000**



186 Cottage Lane- MOTIVATED SELLER-Open floor plan that offers bedroom on main level with 2 large master suites on 2nd level, 1926sqft, country kitchen, wood floors, large deck, skylights, unfinished basement level that is 1200sqft, furnished, gas heat, carport, paved access. **MLS#450216 \$325,000**



781 Goldenleaf- NEW LISTING-Contemporary beauty with views that will WOW you!! Very easy access to this beautiful home, 3 Bdr's, 4 Baths, 2250sqft, Built 2006, stone fplc, huge windows, stainless appliances, master on main, granite counters, gas heat, central A/C. **MLS#516690 \$439,000**



521 Spring Valley Drive- JUST REDUCED!! Convenient year round location on the 16th fairway, well maintained updated chalet throughout, 4 Bdr's, 3 Baths, furnished, 2 covered decks, stone fplc, gas heat, metal roof, cath. ceiling, 2140sqft, close to ski slopes & amenities. **MLS#508309 \$289,000**



998 McKinney Gap Rd- BRING YOUR OFFERS !! Beautiful sunset views from the spacious family-sized home, great for rental income, 4 Bdr's, 3.5 Baths, garage, 2 decks, stone fplc, furnished, gas heat, sunroom, large family room on lower level, nice rock work, off paved road, **MUST SEE!!** **MLS#483929 \$375,000**



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3340 El Miner-NEW LISTING-Extreme quality construction, custom built log home on the golf course, nice mtn views from 2 cvrd decks, garage, amazing stone fplc in great room, open and airy floor plan, family room on lower level w/fplc, loft area, paved driveway, extensive rock work, furnished, **TOO MANY EXTRAS TO LIST!!** **MLS#515854 \$495,000**

CPR/AED Class with Kay Ryan

- Monday, June 25th 1:30-4:00 in the WLPOA Community Center. Kay will teach this important Adult CPR course and usage of the AED. Class size is limited to 16; please sign up in advance by e-mail to cindy@wolflaurelpoa.com. Although not for official certification, it will be perfect for learning the skills needed to save a life!

Fitness Classes**Strength Training, Balance & Stretching with Cathy Johnson**

Every Monday & Friday in the Village Pavilion 9 – 10am; Bring free weights, drinking water & exercise mat; First class is Friday, June 1st

Water Fitness with Barby McQueen, Every Tuesday & Thursday in the Village Pool

3:30-4:30pm; (no other pool activities allowed during this time); Bring swim suit, towel & water shoes (optional); 10 – 12 participants per class; First class Tuesday, June 5 (no class Thursday, June 7th)

Tai Chi Chuan and Hatha Yoga with Fred Buck

Every Monday & Thursday 10 – 11am Meet in the Village Activity Center (side porch entrance of Community Center)

Walking Club with Lee Moeller Meet in the Village Pavilion

10am – 11:30am on Wednesdays rain or shine to walk a gentle path from the Village. Other locations will also be scheduled during the season. Bring hiking or tennis shoes, water and a hiking stick.

Acrylic Painting Workshop – Gloria Topczynski will lead an acrylic painting workshop, "Imitate the Masters" on Friday, June 25th at 10am. Materials are provided. Class will be held in the Community Center; 10 is the maximum number of participants. Cost is \$40; make checks to the WLPOA. Please sign up in advance by e-mail to cindy@wolflaurelpoa.com.

Wolf Laurel Stable's Horse Camp

– June 25th – 29th, 10am – 2:30pm. Learn basic horsemanship skills, including horse & barn safety, grooming,

basic care and understanding horse body language. Western saddle & tack. Learn basic riding (walk and trot) as well as skills to make the rider more comfortable and confident. Camp also includes a Farrier demonstration, a nature walk to increase awareness of surroundings when riding. There will be a family cookout, music, wagon & trail rides on the final day of camp. \$250 per person; ages 5+. Contact David Payne for more information at 828-678-9370. For registration forms, contact cindy@wolflaurelpoa.com.

**Village Wolf Cub Kid's Camp**

- Monday, July 9th – Friday, July 13, 9am to 3pm. This is a great opportunity for your kids or grandkids to enjoy a good old-fashioned camp with games, sports, crafts, science and more. A team of experienced camp leaders are lined up once again this year. For registration forms call 828-689-4089; e-mail at cindy@wolflaurelpoa.com.



Fourth of July - Wednesday, July 4th, 6:30pm. Once again, we will enjoy a wonderful celebration of Independence Day here in The Village. Tickets will go on sale the first week of June. This year, State Street Barbeque will be serving our meals; great music by The Crew and concessions will be provided beginning at 6:30pm. The professional fireworks show will begin as soon

as it is dark enough to enjoy the amazing show provided by East Coast Pyrotechnics. Info at 828-689-4089.

Our Village Amenities Staff and Schedule

We are very fortunate to have three wonderful staff members join us this season. All three have worked in this position before, have an excellent work ethic, a great dedication to our membership, and our work in The Village. Welcome back Jeanne Wilson, Jenny Riddle and Felicia Riddle. They will make every effort to connect with you when you come to the Village, to ensure that your membership is up-to-date, that you have your membership tags, and that your experience here is as enjoyable as possible. We are continuing to use the RED membership tags this year; please keep the tags you were issued last season. If you don't have your membership tags yet, see any member of the Village Staff to obtain them.

Our schedule for the season is as follows:

May 9am – 7pm
June, July & August 9am – 8pm
September 9am – 7pm
October 9am – 6pm

Our Community Center will be open by 8:30am each day for Starbucks Coffee, sodas, tea or water (all \$1 each). JOIN US!



President's Message

By John Beneke

Each issue I find it somewhat more difficult to include something new and different in my column, so you may find that I am repeating content from previous messages. Now that your board has an operating year "under our belt," we are finding the task of maintaining and operating The Village and The Amenities Programs increasingly challenging. Last year we faced a number of expected and unexpected expenses that we dealt with. These included furnishing the Community Center, restoring the landscaping and other physical facilities to their former state, and ensuring that our sewage treatment facilities met the state guidelines for safe operation. There were other interesting property related "surprises" that we were unaware of, when we put our plan together and assumed ownership of the Village.

Let me be perfectly clear, while we face financial challenges in the coming year, all of them are within our capability to solve, and your board is working very hard to prove itself up to the task. We are currently looking at methods to increase revenue and reduce expenses without affecting the level of service that you, our members, expect. Keep in mind, most if not all other organizations within and without Wolf Laurel are facing the same challenges: Roads and

Security, Wolf Laurel Country Club, and Blue Mountain. These economic times are making managing these organizations difficult.

How can you help? Our first challenge is cash flow. It is essential that ALL members fulfill their responsibility of paying their dues when invoiced. We accept part of the responsibility for some billing errors earlier in the year, however, and a second round of statements has been sent out to those who, according to our records, have not yet sent in their dues; a number of you have responded to those statements and we thank you. To those who have not yet sent in their dues, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. The costs to operate The Village and Amenities are significant. Your board asks that next year when you receive your invoice, you send your payment in promptly.

Our second challenge is membership. Each new member not only gives the opportunity to share The Village and Amenities Programs with others, it also spreads the financial burdens among a greater number of individuals. I have said it previously, but it bears repeated emphasis - talk to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to support The Village and Amenities by joining. I know that many feel that, "I don't use it, so what's in it for me." The

answer is that The Village is "your front door." It is the first thing prospective buyers see, when they drive through the gate. Try to envision what Wolf Laurel would be like if the Village were not there or were to fall into disrepair. My wife and I are relative newcomers to Wolf Laurel, but I imagine many of you can remember a time when The Village did not exist in its present beautifully landscaped and developed form.

In closing, one other comment. Given the fact that many of our members have more than one residence and that delivery of the Top of the Bald has become not only a significant expense, but also (because of USPS regulations) a real challenge, we are planning to move to electronic delivery. One more reason to keep your information up to date! On a trial basis, we have sent this issue out to all the email addresses that are on file with the POA.

There is a wealth of information contained elsewhere in this issue. I urge you to read it carefully. In addition, always check the website www.wolflaurelpoa.com frequently and watch your email for ALERTS and updates; something entertaining is always happening on the mountain.

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN: notes from Roads & Security

We are fortunate to have a dedicated crew that oversees our mountain infrastructure. Jason and his dawn to dusk gang have been hard at work making sure that our roadsides and slopes are safer and more beautiful than ever. Improving the roads, planning for future improvements and solving current issues, noted by residents on the R&S website, provide constant challenges that Jason accepts with a sense of humor and a special downhome grace. If you see him, wave, smile, and give him a thumbs-up!

The board is continuing to focus on past due assessments, filing some new lawsuits and contemplating other solutions to solve the many vexing problems that accompany overseeing a complex community's "concrete" infrastructure. It meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month at 10AM in your Community Center. These meetings are open to the mountain and will keep you abreast of what's happening to your assessment money. There is an open Q&A session

at the end of every meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14. BE THERE! The board appreciates your feedback.

You may see some welcome changes soon to the residents' barcode system at our security gate. It seems we've outgrown the capability of the current program, and there have been many advances in technology since our system was installed. The board authorized Sandy to purchase new software, which will include a battery-operated feature if power is interrupted. Our gate-guards come to know you and your vehicles; make sure you've placed your new BLACK 2012 decals on your windshield.

Jim, your weekend roving troubleshooter, cruises the mountain looking for lost souls who turned left, when they should have turned right. With the number of visitors and renters that we have in ski season and the summer, the security patrol provides a valuable service. A call to

the gate will dispatch him to the rescue, post haste. If you see his white pickup, give him a nod and a grateful wave.

Finally, a very important caution. On an afternoon in late May, Sandy received seven (yes, 7!) phone calls from residents reporting almost being run off a road by another resident! Hey, guys, SLOW DOWN!! Most of the complaints were related to our paved roads. We haven't had a serious injury accident on the mountain recently, but it could easily happen. Many of our gravel roads are barely two lanes, and it's impossible to see around many curves. Nobody wants to be the one who is hurt or responsible for hurting, much less seriously injuring or even killing, a neighbor. SLOW DOWN, KEEP TO YOUR SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND BE A COURTEOUS DRIVER! Enjoy the trees and flowers and birds and wildlife. Hitting a deer (or God forbid, a neighbor) HURTS - the deer, who after all were here first, the neighbor, and you, too! Have a good, safe, Wolf Laurel summer.



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RESTAURANT RAMBLINGS

By Gwynne Beneke

When you go out to eat, whether it is for a quick lunch or an elegant dinner, what is it about the experience that really sticks in your mind? Is it just the food? The atmosphere of the eating-place? The service provided by the wait staff? You would rightfully say all of the above. For me however, while the food may be paramount, it is the service that determines whether that restaurant will go on my "Can't wait to go back!" list. Recently I had a classic BLT – crisp bacon, vine-ripe tomato, leaf lettuce, lightly toasted bread – at our local Little Creek Café. The sandwich was particularly delicious, but it was the friendly, prompt, courteous service that made the occasion special. I could nit-pick some details, but I walked out of the café in a better mood. It was not just the good downhome food; it was the feeling of being really paid attention to. I can't wait to go back to the three Asheville restaurants reviewed here, Curate, The Market Place, and Rezas.

Curate, on Broadway a few doors toward the square from the Mast store, is the newest of the three, having opened in the spring of 2011. Open for lunch and Sunday brunch, as well as dinner, Curate serves quintessentially Spanish cuisine in the "small plates"

tradition. The owners are the Button family – chefs, daughter Katy and son-in-law Felix Meana, manager mom Liz and master planner dad, Ted – who specifically chose Asheville for the location of a long dreamed of family venture. I strongly recommend that you go to the corporate website, www.heirloomhg.com and read the fascinating stories of these four dynamic individuals. Many gourmards swear that the best restaurant in the world is El Bulli in Spain. Both Katy and Felix trained and worked there! I haven't eaten at that famed masterpiece of culinary art, but I can't imagine better tapas than that served at Curate. The grilled lamb, the delicate crisp eggplant with a honey sauce, the white asparagus with aioli – these are among my favorites. We've eaten there for both lunch (just the two of us) and dinner (three couples) and recommend sharing bites of all plates among you. The menu is printed on a paper placemat; take your pen and circle two or three plates each to share. The wait staff is at your elbow to describe the dishes, should you need their help. Although there are many dishes served at each table, prepared fresh and delivered promptly, the ambiance is never hurried or chaotic. The staff is informed, pleasant,

and right there when you need them. (Don't know how they do that!) The culinary options are staggering and local food is stressed. The wine list, with special offerings that vary, is descriptive of its Spanish origins. The atmosphere of this always full, relatively cozy, space is spiked with sounds of conversation in Spanish or French or German. Do make reservations for dinner or weekend brunch.

The Market Place on Wall Street has been a popular haute cuisine restaurant for many years. It was very pricey under its previous ownership, but William Dissen, a young entrepreneur/chef who grew up in West Virginia, has not only maintained the high quality, but also lowered prices; delightfully, a tiny orange carrot is printed on the menu beside each dish prepared from locally grown or acquired ingredients. There is sometimes an Indian nuance to dishes, since William's wife grew up in India. I'm a sucker for good duck (cooked at least medium rare) and it's a favorite here. The desserts are unusual, featuring fresh, sometimes tropical, fruit prepared with rare saffron or other surprising spices. Again, the service is outstanding. The wait staff does not linger over the announcement of specials – a

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"Commitment, by its nature, frees us from ourselves, and while it stands us in opposition to some, it joins us with others similarly committed. Commitment moves us from the mirror trap of the self, absorbed with the self, to the freedom of a community of shared values."

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characteristic that I sometimes find irritating – and their good humor and willingness to engage in a bit of personal conversation is charming. The first time we ate at Market Place, I mentioned RESTAURANT RAMBLINGS; immediately here came a sample selection of appetizers and William came to the table and introduced himself. Although not open for lunch, the restaurant features a bar menu, specials on Wednesday nights, and live music on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Reservations are recommended, which can be placed on the website, www.marketplace-restaurant.com or call 828-252-4162. Go to the website to see yummy pictures of dishes and browse the menu. The renovated main dining room feels spacious with its high ceiling, and the windows overlooking Patton Avenue make the room sparkle with sophistication.

If you haven't discovered REZAZ in Biltmore Village, you have missed one of the best foody joys in Asheville. To

know the story of its founding and the journey of its remarkable Iranian/European owner and chef, how he ended up in Asheville, you have to read his story at www.rezaz.com. Located in an old brick storefront on Biltmore, just across the street from McDonalds, and next to the train tracks, REZAZ is open for lunch and dinner. It is a popular lunch place for professionals and is close to the Biltmore Estate. (We just hope that tourists will not get the message of its exceptional food any time soon!) The food trends toward Mediterranean, and the presence of the "3 C's" – cumin, cinnamon, and coriander – is detectable in many of its dishes. The butternut squash soup cannot be equaled; the fish is fresh, delivered daily from the NC coast, and again every effort is made to use fresh locally grown ingredients. Presentation is particularly beautiful. Where else can you find couscous instead of French fries? But it is the service that makes us choose REZAZ so frequently. Our neighbor and friend put us onto our favorite server. I'm afraid he will never

speak to me again if I broadcast the server's name in this column. But if you email me, cross your heart, hope to die, stick a needle in your eye, and promise to tip at least 25%, I MIGHT give his name to you! He is the epitome of knowledge in the preparation of the food and an exceptionally well-informed wine steward. Without hovering, he anticipates the diner's every need, orchestrating the presentation of courses as a great conductor. Several of the Biltmore Village's best restaurants (REZAZ, Corner Kitchen, Red Stag Grill) had a promotional event in March with special menus; there are plans to repeat that event in early fall. It's not to be missed – we'll try all three! An alert will be published as soon as I know the dates. REZAZ's kitchen is wide open; you are welcome to come in at any time and look around. Reza himself will welcome you, answering any questions that you might have. A "chef's table" is available, too. Make a reservation for dinner and ask for a table in _____'s station. (I can't divulge all my secrets . . .)

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A SILVER LINING IN A CLOUDY ECONOMY

By Larry Smith

As residents of Wolf Laurel we have witnessed the decline or even the demise of other developments in our area. We were fortunate in that nearly all of the lots in our development were individually owned and only the amenities and roads were still under control of the developer. As the recession deepened, the developer, Bald Mountain Development, sold the amenities facilities to the Property Owners Association. These facilities, which were beginning to show the need for some TLC, are now in better shape. They now present as an attractive show piece for potential property owners visiting our area. So while other developments have suffered the loss or significant decline in amenities, we have benefitted from an actual enhancement of the facilities. In addition use of the facilities in past practice was very limited in that such use represented cost to the developer, who had very little incentive with only limited properties for sale. Under the new ownership of the Property Owners Association, we have significantly expanded the use of the facilities, as

well as improving their condition. Now our situation has once again been enhanced as ownership of the roads and right of ways has been turned over to the Roads and Security Board. The fees we pay are actually used to develop and improve roads owned by the collective property owners of Wolf Laurel. We are in control of decisions we make with respect to quality of road maintenance. We now collectively control issues related to paving, frequency of grading, right of way maintenance, and equipment replacement. At issue for the past several years was the reality that the developer had very little to gain from the sale of remaining lots. If we as property owners were going to keep Wolf Laurel as a desirable development, we needed to be in the driver's seat. We were already paying the cost of maintaining the roads: now we have control. There was actually some savings involved in that as a nonprofit we are applying for exemption from property taxes on these newly acquired properties.

Two boards now represent the interests of Wolf Laurel homeowners and lot owners. The Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association own and operate the amenities facilities. The Road Maintenance and Security Board own and operate the roads and security gate. The WLPOA board is elected by the WLPOA membership. The annual cost of membership is \$125, and the covenants assume participation by every property owner. The Road Maintenance and Security Board is currently appointed, but is intended to become an elected board in the future. Participation is required by the covenants and all property owners are assessed an annual fee based on properties owned.

The silver lining is that we are now in the driver's seat. Our community will not rise or fall based on the success or failure of a developer. As we watch other developments fall on hard times, we can rejoice in that Wolf Laurel has been in a position to actually use the situation to better our community.

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WLPOA Village Amenities

Tennis

Regularly Scheduled Play:

Women: Monday & Thursday 10am - noon

Men: Wednesday & Friday 10am – noon

Mixed Doubles: Saturday 10am – noon

These times are reserved for regularly scheduled play only.



Wolf Laurel Tennis Club:

If you are interested in being a member of our Tennis Club, please contact the Amenities Office. This includes your contact info on an e-mail list so that you can easily find other players and also codes for court access. Otherwise, please see a member of the Village Staff to have the courts unlocked for your use.

Joanne Jackson Memorial

On Monday, May 14, 2012, a Memorial Service was held for Joanne Jackson, a dear friend and resident of Wolf Laurel. Many heartfelt remembrances were expressed during the service, providing chuckles, memories and a few tears. The service was officiated by Rev. Bruce Johnson with Rich Ashley reading the Scripture selections. Laura Boosinger sang an old Southern hymn with accompanying guitar with Fred Buck and John Hamrick playing special musical pieces on piano and organ throughout the service. We believe many who could not be with us would like to read Joanne's life description below.

Joanne Settles Jackson, age 68, died at Wolf Laurel on Thursday, October 20, 2011, in the home of Sheri and Don Mathis, after a long and courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

Born January 4, 1943, in Columbus, Ohio, to Albert Settles and Helen Golembiesky Settles, she graduated from North High School in 1961, and from The Ohio State University in 1964

with a BA and BS. She was a member and treasurer of the Phi Mu sorority. She went on to obtain an MS from OSU in 1966. Following college, Joanne worked for the National Security Agency until she retired in 1996. It was while at the NSA that she met Mike Jackson in 1990. They were married in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, on February 7, 1996. Following retirement in the same year, they moved for a brief period to The Villages in Florida, and relocated to Wolf Laurel as full-time residents in late 1997. They believed that God led them to Wolf Laurel where they made many wonderful friends: Joanne was never happier than when she was with Mike.

Joanne and Mike were active in many community activities. Mike founded the Ebbs Chapel School Foundation and he and Joanne were guiding members during its formative years. After Mike's death in May of 2003, Joanne became the "vital link" between Wolf Laurel, the Upper Laurel community, the town of Mars Hill and Mars Hill College and Madison and Yancey Counties. She was also active in a variety of Wolf

Laurel and other community groups including the Wolf Laurel Historical Society, Madison County Arts Council and the Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association, serving as a board member and secretary. She was also involved with Hospice fund raising activities in Wolf Laurel.

With her Wolf Laurel Electronic Newsletters everyone knew what was going on in the surrounding area. Joanne literally tied us all together while working for the common good. She was bright and creative and a good writer. The past several years she prepared the application for awards at the annual WNC Community Awards Program in Asheville, NC. Her dedication, love, and work for all the important projects here in the mountains are her legacy. Joanne's survivors include her brother Andy, nephews Alex and Matthew, and her beloved friends at Wolf Laurel who became her family. We will all miss Joanne.

THE ART WALL IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

“Art speaks to you; all you have to do is listen.”

Last summer and fall several artists displayed their creative work on the art wall in the big room. Again several artists have agreed to display their artwork for your enjoyment and possible purchase. These are the artists who will be exhibiting:

June – Chuck Kinsey, photographer; Chuck received his degree in art and photography at DuPage University. He moved to our area seven years ago. You know him as one of our favorite gate guards.

July – Carol Kinsey works primarily in watercolor and oils; she received a degree in commercial art from Southern Mississippi University, exhibits broadly, and teaches art in Mars Hill.

August –Rebekah Shennan, George and Becky Shennan's daughter, is a photographer, who has shot scenes in a number of foreign countries, but her favorite subjects are here at the Biltmore and in Wolf Laurel; she currently lives in Charlotte and was a student at Clemson University.

September – Jane Bryant (Cammie Monroe's mom) paints in acrylics and oil; she is a frequent contestant in plein air contests. Check out her website at www.janebryant.fineartartstudioonline.com.

October – a mystery artist, whose identity will be revealed at the opening.

We ask the artists to voluntarily donate 10% from works sold at their exhibits to the WLPOA. If you wish to participate as an artist, talk to Cindy Tucker.

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Find out about the newest fashion ideas while enjoying a delightful lunch and perhaps even win one of the door prizes! Several door prizes will be exciting creations by remarkably talented Wolf Laurel ladies—Sudie Colvett, Rita Dansford, Ann Dobbins, Gail Ford, Harriet Hill, Kippy Kapers, and Melissa Drake McDaniel, to name a few!

Enjoy food, fellowship, fun, and fashions from local Burnsville merchants David's Limited and The Grapevine. Clothing and accessories from both merchants will be available for purchase at the event. David's provides upscale, stylish, smart clothing and accessories in a friendly atmosphere with a personal touch. Featuring Brighton, Axis, Columbia and others, David's covers everything from hiking wear to evening dress. Their sister store, Clodhoppers, finishes the look with comfortable, stylish footwear from popular brands such as Clark, Indigo, Privo, Merrell, and Keen. David's is a small town store with a big town feel! At The Grapevine, you will always enjoy just the right amount of easy-going help that you need in choosing items from their

current, moderately-priced selections to update your wardrobe! This spring, they have added clothing by Cut Loose, Tulip, XCVI and others, as well as new separates from Earth Creations and their ever popular "Not Your Daughter's Jeans." You can rely on Grapevine's collection of scarves and accessories for a fresh, new look. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please call Meg at 828-680-9773 to reserve your seat. WLCC Members may have this billed to their account; WLCC 48-hour cancellation policy applies.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR!



I'd like to introduce myself as your neighbor on El Miner, "rugby old-boy," a local hiking enthusiast and the Appalachian Trail Supervisor for the Carolina Mountain Club. My responsibilities as supervisor are many, but in brief I myself am a volunteer who recruits and manages other volunteers who are the section maintainers for 92.7 miles of the AT, for which my club is responsible. I'm directly involved with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and attend regional meetings a few times each year; I personally maintain 4.2 miles of the trail between Street Gap and eastern side of Big Bald. I have met many of you while working on the trail and am always happy to chat and receive any information about the conditions of the trail. Feedback is essential in order for me to prioritize

my task list. Trees have a habit of falling across the trail in sections that were reported clear a week prior, and different weeds grow at different rates at various times. My primary objective is to keep the trail in good condition so that whether you're a through-hiker heading north to Maine or just casually enjoying an afternoon walk in the woods, you can appreciate the beauty that attracted all of us to this part of the planet.

By day I'm an entrepreneur and programmer. My company, New Prism Inc., develops and services internet based applications, typically as a subcontractor for other companies that design websites. My specialty affords me the luxury of working from anywhere, and after suffering from a series of hurricanes along the Gulf Coast in 2004 and 2005, I moved from Pensacola, Florida to Asheville in 2006 to try life at a higher altitude. After a few years of renting an apartment I began shopping for a house in the summer of 2009. After comparing what I could buy in Asheville to Wolf Laurel with my budget, the only decision I felt I had to make was choosing which of the houses that I liked up here. Then, performing a few backflips, 2-3 months of paper chasing with the mortgage bank and signing more documents at the closing than should be constitutionally legal, I picked up the keys to my current residence in November of the same year. I've loved life a little more ever

since. To borrow from an old Army recruiting commercial, Wolf Laurel for me "is not just a community, it's an adventure".

My wife Colleen is Australian, so although I spend most of my year working and enjoying life in the mountains, I make two trips a year to Canberra and work from down under. In my option, the best time to visit Oz is during the Super XV rugby season and the annual Tri-Nations rugby tournament which is between Australia, New Zealand & South Africa. Go Wallabies! Day trips to the numerous grape regions and wineries are also a must. Vegemite on the other hand remains optional.

If you have any questions regarding the Appalachian Trail – or – are aware of a trail condition that needs attention on the AT or any of the 300+ miles that my club maintains, please let me know. FYI, anyone subscribing with Direct TV gets rugby games at no charge on channel 490, Fri-Sun during seasons.

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OUR COMMUNITY CENTER

By Larry Smith

At the heart of our community we are fortunate to have a wonderful facility just waiting to be discovered. When the developer decided to sell the amenities to the property owners at Wolf Laurel, the WLPOA Board immediately recognized the need for a community center to be owned by all WLPOA members. The "barn" was purchased and renovated with WLPOA dues to which we all contribute, as membership is required by community covenants. The Community Center is thus actually owned by all WLPOA members, not just the Amenities members. If you have not toured your new Community Center, then you have a pleasant surprise in store.



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new guests arriving on the mountain. If your guests are new to the mountain, instead of meeting them at the gate have the gate security direct them to the Community Center and meet them there. The facility makes a great first impression to new arrivals on the mountain. This center is also serving as the office for the Road and Security Staff. The facility is used for the monthly meetings of both the WLPOA Board and the R&S Board. The Amenities program's Friday Nighter's will be held in the downstairs area, where drinks will be served at the antique bar, members can enjoy the quilt pattern painted on the floor by Bob and Judy Walker, and watch the sun set from the deck. Check the website for many special programs open to all WLPOA members. Even with all of this, we still have lots of

Show up in the morning and share a large cup of Starbucks coffee for only a dollar. Sit on the lower deck with a soda under an umbrella and watch the waterwheel turn. Bring your laptop and log onto the internet using our wireless network. Then tour our community library. Maintained through the efforts of Gene and Amelia Woolf, any small community

Cindy Tucker. As leader of the Madison County Arts Council, she is always pleased to keep you abreast of the upcoming events, concerts, plays, and art shows in the area.

The Community Center also provides a convenient and pleasant setting to meet

empty space just waiting for the next great development.

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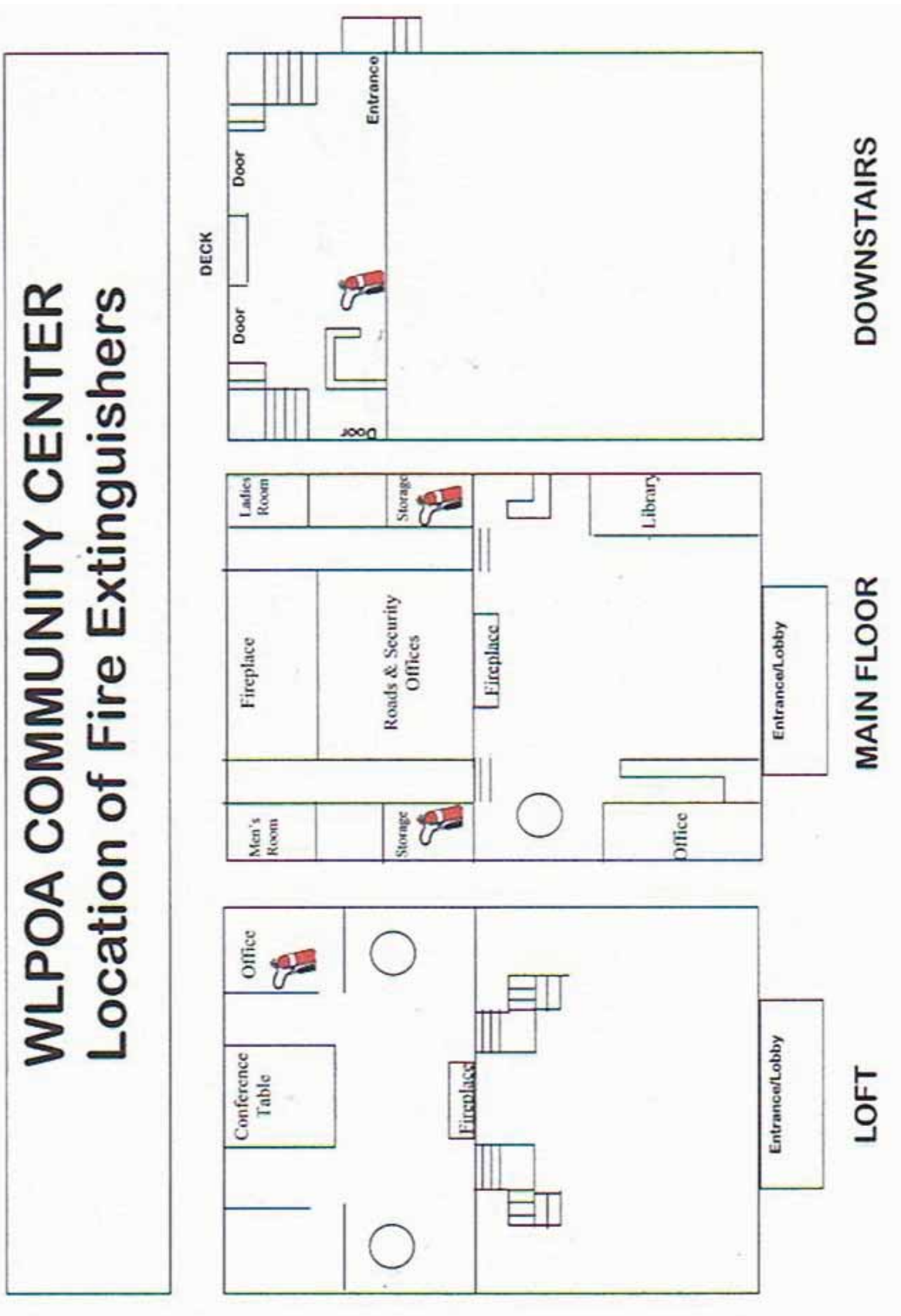
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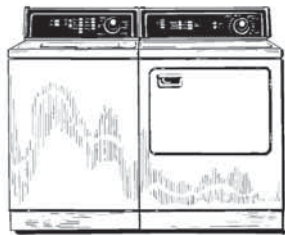
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WLPOA Village Amenities Program Interest Survey

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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