



# BEAR PAW



*Fall/Winter*

*October 2010*

## Annual Meeting of Bear Paw Property Owners Association and Election

In July the Bear Paw Property Owners Association elected new officers to replace those with expiring terms. The Cherokee County Commissioners subsequently appointed The Directors, new and continuing, as Bear Paw Service District Board of Directors. Service District and Property Owners Association titles are as follows:

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Jack Smith*	Chairman	President	Jacksmith_237@hotmail.com
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Arthur Lecours*	Secretary	Secretary	Clecours@earthlink.net
Dave Jacobs*	Finance Officer	Treasurer	J.assoc@juno.com
Ron Taylor*	Asst/Finance Officer	Director	serendipity24601@msn.com
Jim Awbrey*	Director	Director	Jamesja@mindsprings.com
David A. Black	Director	Director	Dashleyblack@verizon.net
Randy Barton	Service District Manager		<a href="mailto:randy11@dishmail.net">randy11@dishmail.net</a>
Chrissie Howard	Business Office Administrator		<a href="mailto:info@bearpawnc.com">info@bearpawnc.com</a>

\*First Term  
\*\*Second Term

In May four directors were elected to the Board for their first term. Dave Jacobs, Ron Taylor, Jim Awbrey and David Black are serving the first year of their first term. Jack Smith, Steve Darnell and Arthur Lecours are serving their second year of their first term. The next regular meeting of the Board is set for October 23, 2010 at 9:00 am at the Bear Paw Clubhouse.

Randy Barton, Manager

### CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse renovation is well under way. Since last year the two main water issues with the clubhouse have been addressed. The All-Dry system is installed and working fine. The renovation resumed with a group of volunteers remodeling the upstairs. I called a meeting with Trish Swiger (volunteer group leader), Terry Woodworth (former Clubhouse Renovation leader) and myself. The purpose of the meeting was to go over all the issues with Terry to make the project functional as well as eye pleasing. The upstairs turned out great. The volunteer group did an outstanding job. It looks great and they saved the Service District on labor costs. If you have not had a chance to see the upstairs, please come by and see the results. The Ladies Auxiliary purchased a Samsung TV and a Projector, DVD and Music Player Combo. New furniture was bought. Two types of lighting were

installed (track lights, florescent) for different activities or groups. The library was moved upstairs. There are several exercise machines also. This summer was a hot one and it revealed a problem with cooling the upstairs. The cooling system froze up. After maintenance inspection by Elliott's Heating and Cooling, the recommendation was to insulate the upstairs ceiling. This will be addressed next summer.

As I write this, the long awaited renovation of the restrooms is almost complete. The restrooms will be handi-cap accessible. I would like to thank Lynda Jacobs for all her work on the restrooms. Her expertise has made the restrooms functional as well as beautiful. She had great ideas for colors, cabinets, counter tops, floor tile to name a few. I believe when everyone sees the results they will be very pleased. Several long standing issues with the clubhouse have been resolved. The floor

drains have been removed; this was the source of the foul odor. I checked with the Cherokee County Health Dept and the Cherokee County Building Dept and floor drains were not required. The problem was it was connected directly to the sewer line. Another problem was the water connection coming into the clubhouse. The location of the connection was not known. The pipes coming in are old and at some point would probably fail. This could have been a big problem. The connection was found under the concrete slab in the men's restroom when the floor was cut out for the new plumbing. Now we have all new plumbing coming into the Clubhouse, a cut-off for this line and all new plumbing in the restrooms. Most of the wiring issues have been fixed also. There is one other wiring problem under the pavilion that will be repaired soon.

The future areas of concern will be to renovate the kitchen and completing the meeting room. The concrete area on the outside of the restrooms will need some work to make it more handi-cap accessible. The skateroom needs repair for water issues. A set of steps added so the walkway can be re-opened to access the parking area on the tennis court side of the Clubhouse.

In closing I would like to thank Wayne and Pat Roberts for their work on the Clubhouse.

### ROADS

Crisp Paving has completed paving this season. The areas paved were Bob Chittenden Trail, Cherokee Circle (5 sections), Whispering Pine Trail (1 Section), and Big Bass (1 section). The price per ton of asphalt was set at \$140 for a total cost of \$34,720. We have looked at areas to save money by using Crisp Paving to do the patch work on potholes. His prices were better than the people we used last year. We will be using Tyler Jenkins for grading/gravel work as his prices are very reasonable as well. He has opened up some clogged culverts and ditches for us with good results. We are also looking into a salt spreader to possibly use on the roads this winter. I would like to compliment the hard work of the road committee members (Jim Awbrey and Dave Black). They worked hard to establish a road priority list and identify problem areas in Bear Paw.

### SECURITY

Dean Ware has retired as of Sept 30. He will be missed by all. We wish him a long and happy retirement. We have a retirement party scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm. This date is also the date of the next scheduled Board Meeting. This will be pot luck, so bring a side dish, vegetables, salad, desert, etc. The Service District will be providing

the meat and drinks. Dean has been a guard at Bear Paw for 28 years. Before that he worked in Bear Paw in other areas. We have emailed and posted the plans on bulletin boards so all that would like to come may do so. I used seniority to determine Dean's replacement. Donna Peters will be working Dean's shift. Floyd Davis will work Tuesday/Wednesday second shift. I am happy to introduce Kathy Murphy as our newest guard. She will be working Friday evening and Saturday night.

### GROUNDS

Last winter granular lime was applied to the grounds. It made a difference on the grass this spring. I will continue to apply to the problem areas this winter. Kudzu is a problem in many areas of Bear Paw. This issue is being addressed by the Board. We have had a commercial contractor give us quotes for spraying. Another option is to do the work in house. This would require getting license to spray herbicides. This can be done through the NC Cooperative Extension Service Cherokee County. When the decision is made we will work on the Kudzu. In conclusion, I would like to thank all the volunteers that work on the grounds. They work hard and do a great job.

### POOL

We passed three different inspections from the Health Department this pool season. The first inspection was on May 19<sup>th</sup> to open the pool. We had an unannounced visit in July and another inspection on the gate and fence. The gates/fence is an operation and safety requirement which must meet current rules and can't be grandfathered. We had a couple of issues with the Health Department that had to be resolved. The issue with the tile on the third step leading into the pool being a ¼ inch off was cleared in our favor. The Health Department did a complete turnaround on the vacuum ports from last year. Last year we were told to disable the system if we were not using it. So we did, since I vacuum through the skimmers. Starting next year we can't vacuum through the skimmers, we must use the vacuum ports or a portable vacuum system. We will resolve this before next spring.

We had to replace a bad motor this summer on one of the pumps. But we had a successful pool season with a lot of use and a hot summer. The increased use and hot weather did increase the chemicals required to keep the water balanced. We are looking at a quality pool cover in the future if the budget allows.

## **ZONING**

All zoning is handled in our business office. Please refer to our website at [bearpawnc.com](http://bearpawnc.com). Then click on BPSD Information. Then click on Zoning. Then you have two choices, Zoning Ordinance and A Guide to Building Homes, Additions, Garages, Decks, and Retaining Walls. These two documents will guide you through the process. Please note that the county will not issue a building permit until the BPSD Zoning Administrator issues a Zoning Certificate. Please note that we also have a Tree Ordinance and a tree preservation plan is needed along with other requirements. Randy Barton, Bear Paw Service District Manager, is also the Zoning Administrator. Chrissie Howard, Business Office Administrator, is the Assistant Zoning Administrator. The office number is (828) 644-0808. The office fax number is (828) 644-0407. If you have any questions we will be glad to assist property owners with their concerns.

## **FIREWISE PROGRAM**

Forest Service personnel have started their assessments in Bear Paw as of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Within the next few weeks the grinder will be in Bear Paw also. To begin with they are locating property lines. If your corners and property lines are well marked it would help with the process. The number of participants is still growing. We have a map at the Clubhouse that shows the properties that are currently signed up for the program. The website information for this program is [www.ncdfr.nc.us.gov](http://www.ncdfr.nc.us.gov). Then click on NCDFR-fire control & prevention. Then under Grants & Assistance Programs (Firewise/Urban Interface Grant Program).

In conclusion we encourage all to send in your email address information to the office so our records can be accurate and updated, along with any address or phone # changes.

Randy Barton, Manager

## **GARAGE SALE**

The Bear Paw Yard Sale was a big success. Your donations were greatly appreciated. This endeavor could not be carried out without all the wonderful volunteers who helped with sorting, pricing, set up, sales and clean up. This year we took in just over \$900 which will be used for items needed around the clubhouse and pool areas. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Jean Murtagh

## **BEAR PAW SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The next meeting of the Bear Paw Service District Board of Directors is scheduled for October 23, 2010 @ 9:00 AM at the clubhouse. All are invited. If you have a topic for the board to consider, please advise a board member or mail a brief summary of the topic to the Service District office at 60 Village Road, Murphy NC 28906 or e-mail one to Chrissie at [info@bearpawnc.com](mailto:info@bearpawnc.com). She will ensure the proper board member is advised of the topic and will include the topic on the agenda, if appropriate. Better yet, plan on attending and presenting the topic yourself. In any case, please let us know in advance of the subject so the board can be prepared to address the issue in a timely manner.

## **EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

This year's annual Brat Fest (Fall Cookout) will be replaced with Dean Ware's Retirement Party. The date for this event is October 23, 2010, 6:00 pm at the Bear Paw Clubhouse. This will be a covered dish event. Please bring a side dish. The Service District will provide meat, drinks, condiments, etc.

### **HALLOWEEN CHILI COOKOFF:**

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm @ Bear Paw Clubhouse  
The Challenge Is On!!! Bring a crockpot full of your Best Chili (not required to attend)

Participants will be the judges. BYOB. Costumes welcomed but optional. Come join in the fun.

For more information call Tricia Swiger at (828) 644-0835.

## **PLEASE AND THANK YOU!**

A special "Thank You" to all of you who faithfully contribute to the publication of our newsletter. We try to be as frugal as possible and still the costs rise. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

If you haven't sent your donation, we would be glad to receive it at the office or you may give it to any board member. We appreciate it!

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

October 23, 2010	Regular Meeting
March 12, 2011	Regular Meeting
May 14, 2011	Budget Hearing
May 28, 2011	Regular Meeting
July 2, 2011	Organizational Mtg.

All meetings are held in the Clubhouse at 9:00 AM except the BPPOA meeting which is held at 1:00 PM. The BPPOA meeting is the annual meeting including election of officers.

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The following is a letter Dean Ware submitted to be sent to all Bear Paw Residents dated September 30, 2010:

I would like to thank everyone here at Bear Paw and the ones who live outside of Bear Paw that have made me feel welcome the many years I have spent here as a Security Guard. I would like to thank everyone who gave their support during my open heart surgery and the benefit. The prayers and donations, cards, and phone calls and the love that was sent from you all. Also I would like to thank you for the support in the loss of my mother and father, sister and brother, Colon Ware, whom I worked under for many years, also a brother in law who had served as a Guard here at Bear Paw. I have enjoyed working with all the other Guards; Claude, Orval, Floyd, Jack, Don, Kelly, Benny and Donna. I would also like to thank the office, Chrissie and Randy, for the support they gave during my sickness. There's not enough words I can say except you all will "NEVER" be forgotten and you will be missed. Thank you so much for everything.

May God Bless You All,  
Dean Ware.

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