



*Spring/Summer*

*May 2010*

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

The annual meeting of the Bear Paw Property Owners Association (BPPOA) is May 29, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the Bear Paw Clubhouse. The proposed agenda includes discussion of last, current and next year's plans/activities and election of directors for the BPPOA Board. You may vote in person or by proxy, a copy of which is enclosed in this newsletter. If you vote by proxy, fill out the form completely and ensure it is filed, preferably by the person given your proxy, with the BPPOA Secretary at the Bear Paw Office before the meeting or mail your proxy to BPPOA, 60 Village Rd. Murphy, NC 28906. Remember, one vote per lot regardless of the number of co-owners; and taxes must be current.

Four directors will be elected at this meeting. The nominating committee has recommended Jim Awbrey, Dave Jacobs, Ron Taylor, and Denise Wise. Dave Black has contacted the office and expressed his interest in serving on the board. All have expressed a desire to get involved with the operations of Bear Paw. A short bio on Jim, Dave, Ron, Denise, and Dave is provided below. A director must be a BPPOA property owner in good standing throughout his/her term of office, must be 21 years of age and can serve a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms. Any qualified member may officially declare their candidacy at the meeting. BPPOA directors will be submitted to the Cherokee County Commissioners to become Bear Paw Service District Directors.

Jim Awbrey has been a property owner in Bear Paw since 1974. He and his wife Dunja have three children and eleven grandchildren. Jim is a retired Pediatric Dentist.

Dave Jacobs is the Assistant Finance Officer of the BPPOA and BPSD. He holds degrees in Business Administration, Education and School Administration. He has served 26 years as a school administrator and was self-employed 15 years in Park Condominium Association #6; Orlando, FL. Dave and his wife Lynda have been Bear Paw property owners for 35 years and Bear Paw homeowners for 17 years. They have three married children and nine grandchildren.

Ron Taylor has been a property owner in Bear Paw since 1999. He has been a full time resident since 2009. He and his wife Gail have three adult sons and five grandchildren. Ron is a Pharmacist at Ingles in Hayesville, NC. Ron was a 2-term past president of Hideaway Mountain Homeowners Association, Murphy, NC.

Denise Wise and husband Stan have owned property in Bear Paw since 1977. They have been homeowners for eight years. They have two grown children, Adam and Lindsay. Denise has worked at AT&T for 36 years in Information Management/Technology. She is an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. She has previously served on the Board as Grounds chair and continues to volunteer time to beautify Bear Paw.

Dave Black has been a property owner in Bear Paw since 1996. His home is located on Island Drive. Dave has been employed by Florida Power & Light for 29 years and his current title is Restoration Specialist. He is a member of the community emergency response team in the South Venice Civic Association.

## **Bear Paw Website**

**The Bear Paw website is a good place to see what's going on in our community and keep up to date on current activities. Please visit [bearpawnc.com](http://bearpawnc.com) and look around.**

### **Pool**

This is the year that all pools must pass Federal Regulations mandated by the VGB (Virginia Graeme Baker) Act. Because we remodeled in 2008 we were able to comply with most of these regulations in advance. Only two issues remain for Bear Paw; document the dimensions of the main drain and install equalizer covers. The Equalizer covers are now available and will be installed this spring. We have had a couple of problems this winter that will be corrected. During the hard freeze in January we developed three cracks in the plaster that can be easily repaired. Tri State Pools has repaired a problem with one of the pumps that wouldn't prime correctly. They replaced the O-ring last fall. The problem returned this spring and the company that manufactures the pumps has agreed to replace the lower case. You may have noticed an LED light at the clubhouse. This light was installed so the guards could see it from the guard house. This light lets the guards know that we have power on the pump house. If this light goes out during a hard freeze they are instructed to call me so a plan can be implemented to prevent damage to the pump house. We are looking forward to opening the pool and having another fun summer.

### **Zoning**

This is just a reminder that all zoning is handled in our business office now. Please contact Randy Barton, Bear Paw Service District Manager at (828) 644-0808. My e-mail is [randy11@dishmail.net](mailto:randy11@dishmail.net). Chrissie Howard, Business Office Administrator, is also the Assistant Zoning Administrator. You can contact Chrissie at the same office number. Please note that we have a Tree Ordinance and a tree preservation plan is needed along with other requirements. Please refer to our website at [bearpawnc.com](http://bearpawnc.com). If you have any questions we will be glad to assist you. Our new website is up and running. Please note that it is an excellent source to get information from. You may access meeting minutes, newsletters and events to name a few.

### **Security**

Two of our security guards will be retiring this year. After over twenty years of service Dean Ware will be retiring. He is our head guard and will be sorely missed. Dean has been a wonderful asset to Bear Paw and his friendly personality will be missed also. He has had heart by-pass surgery and stints inserted in one leg. He

has had a successful recovery but will retire this September. Another wonderful personality James (Bennie) Knight has had some medical problems and has retired as of March 29<sup>th</sup>. I have thanked both men for their years of work for Bear Paw and wish them the best in their retirement. We have added Orval Lejuene a resident of Bear Paw to our staff of guards. I am pleased to have someone of his caliber at the guardhouse.

### **Roads**

In January John Todd and I conducted a review of Bear Paw roads to develop a road priority list for this year. There is much work that is needed but the budget doesn't allow for all of it in one year. Two roads were selected to repave this year; Cherokee Circle and Nantahala Drive. Factors considered were road conditions and utilization. This winter has taken its toll on a few areas. Freezing and thawing causes problems with the roads. In the last few months C&L Bobcat has hauled over 20 loads of gravel. We also did work during the fall and winter as the need developed. We had more snow than normal this winter and I would like to thank Claude

Hughes for a great job of applying salt to critical areas when needed so people could get around Bear Paw. We are continuing to work on a long term road policy for Bear Paw. I have had the pleasure of working with John Todd on roads for two years now. John will complete his second term on the Board this July. Even though I look forward to working with the new Board members this year, I will continue to utilize the expertise of men like John. Even though he is off the Board on occasion I may give him a call and ask his opinion on a subject.

### Clubhouse

Last summer the rotted boards were replaced by a carpenter. Claude Hughes made repairs to the siding, facers and applied water proofing tar to some areas of the roof. We replaced some faulty wiring for the outside lights this winter. The toilets were replaced with ADA approved toilets that can be used when the Clubhouse renovation project resumes. At the March meeting the Board was given the choices available to address the issue of water coming through the walls. The options were to remove the dirt, rock wall completely and install a drain system or install an inside drain system by All-Dry Company. The Board chose to go with All-Dry. All-Dry's work is warranted. This job was completed on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully soon, the clubhouse renovation project can be resumed. There has been much interest to complete some of the work especially in the upper level. This area is used by various groups and is in need of an adequate floor and better lighting. There are volunteer groups that are in the process of working out some improvements for the upper level. The materials will be paid for by the Service District. Some of the labor will be from the volunteers. I would like to thank them for their efforts. Meanwhile, I will stay in touch with Terry Woodworth when we resume the Clubhouse renovation.

### Grounds

Soil samples were taken from four different areas around the clubhouse and entrance. We purchased one ton of granular lime to apply to the areas that are mowed. I have applied the lime to these areas this winter with a hand spreader. I will reapply to areas that need it this spring. This

should make the lawn much greener this spring. For those who like to use the ski slope for winter sledding; steps have been added to the upper end of the ski slope to make the area more accessible.

We received more snow than normal this past winter and some enjoyed the chance to break out the sleds and enjoy the snow.

### Verizon DSL

Verizon has made DSL service available in Bear Paw. The problem is not every one can hook up to it. There seems to be a problem of some residents being non qualified due to split lines, etc. I was asked by some if I could help in getting more service in Bear Paw. I contacted State Rep. Roger West to find out what we could do. He put me in contact with a Verizon representative who could possibly get some results. Meanwhile I used our email list to find out who wanted the service but could not get it. The reason for this was to compile a list to send to State Rep. Roger West and the Verizon representative. The data was sent to the engineers in Western NC to see what this issue is with our customers who are showing as non qualified. Since then Verizon has added more lines in Bear Paw which should help with some residents receiving the service. The last email I received from Verizon stated that some may still not be able to get the service. I will continue to work on this and hopefully all that want the service may be able to get it.

### Volunteers Needed

More and more is happening every day in Bear Paw. Volunteers greatly enhance the quality of life in our community by maintaining flower beds, assisting in the office, sponsoring social events, and helping with local charitable activities. If you'd like to contribute and/or be involved, contact Chrissie in the office.

### Thanks to our Volunteers

**Bear Paw would like to say "Thank You" to our volunteers who keep Bear Paw beautiful. Many hours of hard labor are spent each year to keep our flower gardens looking beautiful so that we may all enjoy them, so to all of you, we say thank you.**

### **Garage Sale**

The Bear Paw Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual garage sale August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please bring your donations to the Pavilion and place them outside the old skate room. NO MATTRESSES OR BOX SPRINGS. The pricing/work day will be July 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am. Anyone who is available is welcome. All proceeds will go toward community improvement projects.

### **Spring Covered Dish Social**

All property owners and guests are invited to the Spring Social, Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse Pavilion from 6:00-11:00 PM. Come dine with your neighbors! Entertainment will be provided. Games and prizes for all ages. Bring your family and visiting friends. Bring a covered dish to share. Non-alcoholic drinks provided. \$5 over 16yrs.old, ½ price for ½ pints over 5 yrs. Old. Please call Tricia at (828) 644-0835 if you have questions or would like to assist...help is needed and volunteers are appreciated.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

A pancake breakfast will be served by the BPPOA Board of Directors May 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am till 9:00 am.

### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

May 15            BPSD Budget Hearing  
May 29            BPSD Regular Meeting  
May 29            BPPOA Annual Mtg.  
July 3             BPSD Organizational Mtg.

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

### **This newsletter is paid for by the BPPOA**

Voluntary contributions of \$5 are very much appreciated. Please make checks payable to BPPOA and mail to: Bear Paw Property Owners Assn., 60 Village Rd., Murphy, NC 28906.

# BEAR PAW ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## ACTIVITIES

### Ladies Sewing and Craft Night

Bring your current project to finish

Mondays @ 7:00 pm Clubhouse

### Yoga

Free

Mon., Wed., Fri. @ 8:30-9:30 am Clubhouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Contacts: Elaine (828)644-5044 or Tricia (828)644-0835

### Line Dancing

Free

Tues., Thurs., @ 7:00-8:00 pm Clubhouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Contacts: Marilyn (828)644-5080 or Jean (828)644-9218

### Men's Card Night

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm Clubhouse  
Contact: Tony (828)644-9584

### Ladies Out to Lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 11:30 am  
Contact: Eileen (828)644-9374

### Swim Exercise Class

Free

Mon., Wed., Fri., @ 2:00 pm Swimming Pool

### Gardening

Contact: Denise (770) 971-0770 or (828) 644-5999  
Jean (828) 644-9218 or Manya (828) 644-9592

All the beautiful gardens at the gate, around the clubhouse and pool are maintained by volunteers. Great job but more volunteers are needed. Call to get an area of your own to maintain.

### Bridge

Date and time pending  
Anyone interested in playing bridge for fun.  
Beginners Welcome  
Contact: Linda (828) 644-5990

**Free book exchange in the clubhouse: There are shelves of books for you to borrow, read and return. Donated books are welcome.**

**Free Wi-Fi at the Club House**

## EVENTS

### Memorial Weekend

May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00-9:00 am  
Clubhouse

### Pancake Breakfast

Served by the BPPOA Board of Directors  
to solicit ideas and feedback from all BP Residents

9:00 am  
1:00 pm

BPSD Regular Meeting  
BPPOA Annual Meeting

Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

Spring Social @ Clubhouse

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities

Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm

### Music @ the Clubhouse.

BYOB. Come one come all after dinner and bring your own drinks and snacks. Music provided courtesy of the Roydes and the Lecours. Join in the fun and meet the neighbors and guests of Bear Paw.

Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 pm till 2:30 pm

### Boat Parade

Decorate your boat for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and join in the parade or watch from the shore. Prizes awarded. Sponsored by Mountain View Marina.

11:30am till 1:00 pm

### Customer Appreciation Lunch at the Marina

Contact: Mary Maul (828)644-5451

4:00 pm

### The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Cart Parade

Decorate your golf cart, ATV, Amish Wagon or whatever moves and join in. Spectators welcome. Get route map from the guard shack. Contact: Tricia (828)644-0835

At Dark

### Fireworks on the Lake

Take your boat out or watch from shore.  
Every year Mountain View Marina puts  
on a fantastic show: Donations welcome to defray the cost.

### BP Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale

August 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am till 1:00 pm  
Clubhouse

Great items at great prices. Proceeds go to clubhouse improvement. Contact: Jean Murtagh (828) 644-9218

**Check out our website @ [bearpawnc.com](http://bearpawnc.com)**

Proxy for the 2010 Election of Directors  
To the Bear Paw Property Owners Association  
Board of Directors

I give (print the name) \_\_\_\_\_ my proxy to vote at the May 29, 2010 Bear Paw Property Owners Association meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, for the election of directors, on any other issues or matters raised at that meeting and to act on my behalf in any other business as if I personally was present. This proxy revokes all previous proxies.

I certify I am the owner, or duly authorized representative of multiple owners, of \_\_\_\_\_ lot/s (indicate number of lots) located in Bear Paw, and that all taxes have been paid on this/these lot(s).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bear Paw Service District  
60 Village Rd.  
Murphy, North Carolina 28906