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# Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



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February 2017

*“Everyone is Family in the Forest”*

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## Schedule of BFCC Events:

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Dessert Social &amp; Dance</b>
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Board and Officers' Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>St. Paddy's Day Corned Beef Dinner</b>
<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Board and Officers' Meeting</b>
<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Social</b>
<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Board and Officers' Meeting</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Noxious Weed Walk and Talk</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Board and Officers' Meeting</b>

Reminder: BFCC Officers and General Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. However, there are some exceptions (like April) on dates due to the holidays in November and December.

## ***Elections & Terry Stokka Program***

Elections were held and once again after many years, we have Don Root with us as the new board member. Leif Garrison was voted to chair the board. The rest of the board and officers remains the same. Rich Crawford was lauded for all his hard work on the board. He will now chair the North 477 exploratory committee. We expect to have another busy and fruitful year at the BFCC and the new next door purchase.

Terry presented a most interesting audience-participation program called “What Was It Like?” after the election. After interviewing many old-timers and reading a lot about the “olden days,” Terry has collected a lot of interesting facts of life in the 20's and 30's. The fact that the cars had to back up Rattlesnake Hill because of the steepness which prevented gravity-fed gas from reaching the engine in forward up-the-hill motion was interesting.

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## *Annual Valentine's Dessert Social*

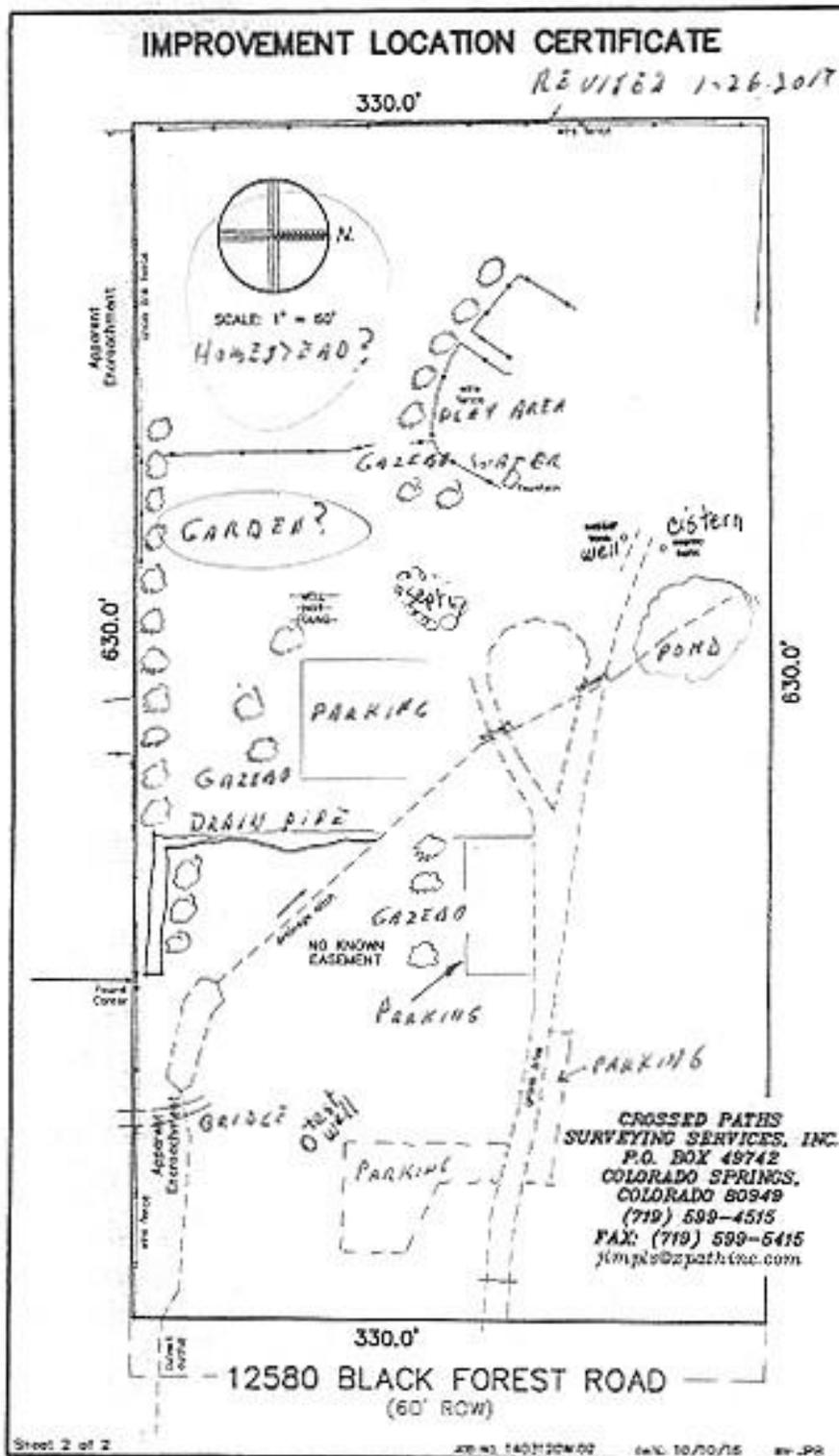
Sat., February 11th • 7:00 p.m.



- bring a dessert to share
- (chocolate or cherry)
- entertainment - black forest chorus
- dancing - to be lead by tasha



**Fun for the entire family!**



Sketch of the newly purchased 5 acre plot next door to the BFCC. Community input should be directed to the Chairman of Development, Rich Crawford, 495-4468.

# BFCC North 477 Exploratory Committee Report

## Proposed Development Plan:

### **Year 1 Goal – Add value to the Community by making the property usable and attractive by August 2017 (Festival Date)**

*Year 1 goals are to be accomplished primarily by volunteers. Other than the land survey, balance of budget required only for fuel, repairs and supplies. (Herbicide, chain sharpening, etc.).*

- Remove all wood and trash lying on ground.
- Spray all weeds with herbicide at appropriate times. (Multiple applications as required.)
- Remove interior fences.
- Clean and level all bare areas for use as parking. (With minimum change in topography)
- Cut and remove all dead trees still standing. (Len Lankford to mark trees for removal.)
- Cut all stumps down to ground level with chain saw.
- Arrange for tree stumps to be ground down below surface level. (Sponsored) (Possibility of renting stump grinder from Bill's Tool Rental, Home Depot, etc)
- Mow weeds and grass in areas where this is indicated; leave some areas as wilderness.
- Install opening in fence between BFCC Hall and Lot; begin construction of path.
- Perform survey to determine precise boundaries. Est. cost: \$1,800
- Name the property – perhaps host a community contest to find best name?

### **Year 2 Goal – Add further value to the Community by developing the property into a neighborhood park and connecting it to BFCC Hall with 6' wide path.**

*By August 2018 date of Black Forest Festival, property will begin to look like a neighborhood park. Improvement will continue into Year 3 to further enhance this park and make it into a valuable community asset and family destination*

- Install electric power service to park, with light over central play area.
- Activate well for use in plantings and water feature.
- Rebuild water feature.
- Build small playground area around water feature.
- Plant mixture of native species of trees (white fir, Douglas fir, pine, aspen, etc.) Trees to be planted along boundaries must be a minimum height of 6'-8' to screen park from adjacent properties. Optimum months for planting trees: April – June and Sept – Nov.
- Complete parking areas in south half of lot in level areas.
- Use rail road ties or logs to restrict traffic from certain areas.
- Construct path from parking areas and playground to BFCC Hall, both front & back doors.
- Path will include upgraded 6' wide bridge across drainage to replace existing bridge.
- Install ground level solar lights along path and around parking.
- Remove existing perimeter fences; install new fences on at least three sides of property (both decorative and functional)

Budget – up to \$50,000. This can be reduced by seeking sponsors for projects.

**Year 3 Goal – Further enhance value to the Community by improving the neighborhood park to include picnic areas and rest rooms and by continuing to improve landscaping.**

- Use existing water and septic systems on the property to serve new rest rooms.
- To enhance use of parking for events, arrange for optional golf cart shuttle from parking to back door of BFCC Hall using 6' wide gravel path installed between parking and hall. Rental of the BFCC Hall could have shuttle service as an option.
- Install 3 or 4 small picnic shelters convenient to parking and playground area. All structures on the property are to use design based on current Pavilion in Log School Park and log building design of BFCC Hall.. (No metal buildings)
- Plant additional trees to enhance beauty, soil conservation and shelter from wind.
- Discussion will take place later regarding 24/7 access by public, or front fence and gate if required. (There is no fence or gate to Black Forest County Park.)

Budget – To be determined.

Amendments added to this plan by BFCC Board on January 26, 2017 include:

- Vintage early American homestead with vegetable garden, rail fence, and a simple one-room settler's log cabin. Logs from damaged trees currently on the parcel might be used in this construction.
- Community Garden to demonstrate sustainable growing techniques suitable for use in Black Forest soil and climate.
- Additional parking beyond that shown in December 1 sketch.

Author's Comments:

Initial work shown above in "Year 1 Goal" will be done in a manner which leaves all areas of the property open to further development according to community input to this evolving plan.

All work to be done toward "Year 1 Goal" will be accomplished by volunteer labor with little or no cost to BFCC. The land survey could be one exception to this statement, if it is funded during year one.

North 477 parcel is covered under liability insurance policy currently in effect on all real estate owned by BFCC.

# Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 88034

Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034

WEBSITE: [www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://www.bfcommunityclub.org)

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$15.00 per family per year.

Monthly newsletter — (circle one):    **Electronic**    **Hardcopy**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$15.00 Active Membership (Must reside within Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Voting)

\$15.00 Associate Membership (Outside Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Non-voting)

Circle any interest from those listed below:

Black Forest Festival  
Log School Activities  
Land Use  
Seedling Trees  
Membership  
Other Interests

History Committee  
Hall Maintenance  
Log School Park  
Club Programs  
Hall Rental Management

Wildfire Prevention  
Community Service  
Publicity  
Senior Assistance  
Scout Troop

**\*\*\*New Committee: BFCC Property Development**

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**Hall Rental Manager: Jeff Ader (cell: 232-1882)**

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***"The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift is yours - it is an amazing journey - and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. This is the day your life really begins." ~ Bob Moawad***

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