
Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



March 2017

“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Schedule of BFCC Events:

Mar 4	Saturday	9 AM	“North 477” Property Cleanup – All Welcome!
Mar 18	Saturday	6 PM	St. Paddy’s Day Corned Beef Dinner
Mar 23	Thursday	6:30 PM	Board and Officers’ Meeting
Apr 22	Saturday	7 PM	State Senator Kent Lambert speaker
Apr 27	Thursday	6:30 PM	Board and Officers’ Meeting
May 21	Sunday	1 PM	Noxious Weed Walk and Talk
May 25	Thursday	6:30 PM	Board and Officers’ Meeting
Aug 12	Saturday	6:30 AM	Black Forest Festival

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.

Corned Beef and Cabbage for St Patrick’s Day

Saturday, March 18th, 6 PM



Cook up your favorite and bring it to share. Drinks and Dessert will be provided. The Forest Chorus will provide some Irish music to lighten your spirits. This is a good time to spend an evening with friends and neighbors. **Invite someone new to share the meal.**

Give the enclosed membership form to friends and neighbors and encourage them to join the Black Forest Community Club. Let’s grow our membership!

GWEN BURK Needs Your Input

Read her letter & respond to her or to Carolyn Brown

Community Club Members:

I am in need of the community's help to create a notebook with information about the Keepers of the Keys which started out as Keeper of the Forest.

I realized that not a lot of people in our community have memories of the people honored in the 1960's. If you knew, have family that knew, or friends that remember these people and how they served our community, please write me about those memories. I hope to give the Community Club a notebook with this information and make a second copy so it can be stored in more than one place. I learned that from the loss of many items that would help in this project that the fire destroyed.

The following people were the Keepers in 1960's:

- Wayne Rusk*
- Dick (Richard) Humphrey*
- Ada Burrows*
- Roy McPherson*
- Jack Grier*
- Howard Carver*
- Earl Theibaud*
- Bud Danford*

I am also interested in memories of any that have been chosen since 1986. I thank those who have sent information about some of the names listed above, but all memories are welcome.

You may mail them to me:

<i>Gwen Burk</i>		<i>Black Forest Community Club</i>
<i>13225 Brentwood Drive</i>	OR	<i>Attn: Carolyn Brown</i>
<i>Black Forest, CO 80908</i>		<i>POB 88034</i>
		<i>Black Forest, CO 80908</i>

Thank you for sharing memories of all who have helped our community through the years.

Gwen Burk

February's Dessert Social

Desserts were the main topic of the evening as everyone brought their most delicious and attractive desserts to be shared by the 60 people who showed for the evening. After plenty of time to savor the treats, the Forest Chorus gave us a good sampling of well-known love songs. Then Tasha Hoffner took to the dance floor with her boyfriend. They demonstrated some very graceful gliding moves before the crowd joined in for some dance floor fun.

Thanks to all those who helped prepare for the event.

Latest Update by Rich Crawford, Chairman of the North 477 (4.77 acres recently purchased)

North 477 Development Committee Report

February 23, 2017

“VOLUNTEER AND RECYCLE”

Your Development Committee has made slow but measurable progress so far in 2017 toward the development plan you approved January 26, 2017. You may have driven past and noted improvements visible from the street. Some of the items on which we've worked include:

- Accomplished an amateur survey of the property, starting with the corner found by Crossed Paths Surveying Services, Inc., and measuring from there using a 300' tape measure and the Improvement Location Certificate. Our pins are now installed at all corners, and a yellow string is installed to mark the north boundary. We feel this is quite accurate, and when a legal survey is performed it should confirm we're within less than 12" (and probably within 2") from surveyed corners.
- Removed most of the wire fence from the property, in order that it not inhibit removal of dead trees. Another day's work remains to complete this task. Some steel fence posts are sunk in concrete; others were secured in soil in the frost. We'll get all posts out by spring. Salvage fencing material is stacked on the property for disposal.
- Removal of standing burned trees is our largest task in Year 1 Goal. The forester on our committee marked dead trees in SE quarter for removal; we are preserving all living trees in this area. Throughout the rest of the lot all mature trees are dead and to be removed. A few small seedlings have been spotted growing wild. On Feb. 17 a team including individuals from FBC BF College Men's Team as well as two members of our development committee began removing standing dead trees and stumps, working east to west on both sides of the driveway.
- We are separating wood for recycling by category:
 - A – Straight solid trunks suitable for building structures or fences – marked in blue paint
 - B – Straight solid trunks suitable for marking edge of parking areas – marked in red paint
 - C – Wood suitable for burning – cut in 8' lengths or fireplace lengths.
 - D – Wood not suitable for any of the above purposes – Piled to be hauled to slash & mulch center. We can recycle some of this slash on site in the form of mulch later this year.
- Plan is to search for needy folks who can use this firewood. We've put out the word that we're searching for families or individuals who need wood for fuel but cannot harvest it themselves (disabled, widowed, elderly, ill or injured) who need the wood.

- During each work day to date, we've made trash cans available on site and encouraged volunteers to pick up and deposit all trash they come across or produce in their efforts here. At end of each day, we deposited this trash in BFCC dumpster. Plan is to anchor trash cans in place in 2 or 3 key locations on North 477 for long term use.
- Now that tree removal has begun, with the most difficult trees near Black Forest Road downed, we intend to continue the effort, both with the college team and with other supervised volunteers on a coordinated basis. It is important, we feel, to minimize traffic on the North 477 by the public until this hazardous work is completed.
- I've attempted to make contact with owners of lots adjacent to North 477 on north and west for neighborly coordination on fence & tree removal, subsequent property improvements and property boundaries.
- A presentation was made to Victory Garden Club on February 2. This group is looking forward to participating with an organic demonstration garden and working on non-chemical weed control.
- A brief presentation was made between featured events of the Valentine's Day Dessert Social and Dance on February 11. Multiple new residents of the Forest took membership applications, and at least one family completed and returned it that night. Another resident of the Forest volunteered to actively serve on the North 477 Development Committee.
- A presentation is scheduled to Black Forest chapter of AARP in April to further gain community involvement and support.

On February 21 I spoke with Elaine Kleckner, Planning Manager of El Paso County Parks Department. County is currently assisting on developing "Pineries Open Space" as a public area east of Vollmer Road. She volunteered various ideas and support for our project, and suggested North 477 could be eligible for up to \$25,000 matching funds grant from the county for this project. She states Log School Park Pavilion was built with the help of a similar grant.

Theme for our efforts in Year 1 of North 477 project is "VOLUNTEER and RECYCLE". It is the hope of this committee that all work required prior to Black Forest Festival 2017 can be done on a volunteer basis at no cost to BFCC.

Various members of North 477 Development Committee have volunteered on the property thus far, and other members of BFCC leadership team have also volunteered when available. In order to encourage participation in this volunteer effort, we'll publish by email planned work days. Next work day currently scheduled is for 9AM Saturday March 4, 2017.

We hope to see YOU there!

Rich Crawford
Chair, North 477 Development Committee

SAFETY BRIEFING

North 477
12580 Black Forest Road

Goal:

2/17/2017

To complete as much of tree and stump removal as possible today with ZERO INJURIES.

1. Cut down all dead trees as shown on sketch. In area south of driveway, there are a number of trees that might survive. Cut only trees marked with blue paint in this area.
2. In other areas, all trees appear to be dead. Cut all standing dead trees down.
3. Remove all trees and standing dead stumps as close as possible to ground level.
4. Any trees that appear to be useable as lumber for building fences or log cabin are to be trimmed and cut to lengths of 8', 10', 12', 14' or 16' for future milling and use. (straight trunks, not rotted) We'll attempt to stack these recyclable trees together for future use.
5. All non-useable trees can be cut for firewood and piled for later pickup with trailer.
6. Any trees already on ground can be trimmed and cut as noted above in #4 and #5.
7. There are a few trees which have been used as fence posts, and contain wire and staples. We'll attempt to mark these to minimize any accidental damage to chain saws or operators. However, please look before you cut. We might not have found them all.
8. Our plan is to recycle as much of the material on the lot as possible. We'll use some trees for future improvements, others for firewood, and the remaining branches will be taken to Black Forest Slash & Mulch center when it opens in spring. Please separate material in stacks for these purposes.
9. There is aluminum, tin, plastic, paper and other trash scattered around the North 477. Please pick up what you come across and drop it in the trash barrel.
10. Always be aware of others working around you. We do not want anyone to be injured by a falling tree or branch.
11. Always use all your safety equipment when on the job, including eye and ear protection and chaps. Proper clothing with gloves and boots is essential.
12. Report all injuries to your supervisor immediately.
13. Basic first aid kit is available on site. If further treatment is required, supervisor is to make decisions regarding calling for EMT's and ambulance, transport to emergency room, etc.
14. Work only within Black Forest Community Club property; we do not have permission to trespass on adjacent parcels.

The Black Forest Community appreciates your efforts to convert this burned residential lot into an attractive community park that will be a valuable community asset. Your suggestions and ideas on ways to further enhance the property will be appreciated, too. Please come back and visit the park when it's completed.

Finally, please let us know of disabled, injured, widowed or elderly person who needs firewood but cannot harvest or haul it for himself. Obviously we have a surplus and are looking for ways that it can be effectively used.

NEXT "NORTH 477" WORK DAY

Saturday, March 4th, 9 AM

Rich Crawford is planning a work day soon to help clean up the new property. If you have any time available, show up at the club March 4. Note preceding information.

Notice

Connie (Peterson) Yeoman, connie@cactuscre.com, Las Vegas, Nevada, [702-256-2779](tel:702-256-2779). A fellow high school classmate and I are in the process of planning a 50th Air Academy High School Reunion (class of 1967) to be held Sep 8-9, 2017 in Colorado Springs. Connie

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 88034

Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034

WEBSITE: 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: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

\$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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Don't Know If Your Membership Is Current? Just look at the address label and note the year date in the upper right corner. If it says **2017** or later, you are up to date. For those getting your newsletter by email, there is a similar designation at the bottom of the email.

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

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