

Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



April 2017

“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Schedule of BFCC Events:

Apr 22	Saturday	6 PM	<u>Pasta Potluck and speaker</u> State Senator Kent Lambert
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 was quite successful

About 60 people showed up with more corned beef and cabbage than could be eaten. With singing by the Forest Chorus and piano playing by Ruth Ann Steele, the group was entertained and filled with desserts. Thanks to everyone who made this an enjoyable evening. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for the next event: Saturday, April 22 at 6pm for pasta and speaker Senator Kent Lambert.



*****ATTENTION**** We've had a complaint from renters about members coming into the club for various activities while they have rented the facility. Please be careful about infringing on a paying customer's time at the hall

Pasta Potluck and State Senator Kent Lambert ***Saturday, April 22nd, 6 PM***

Usually the Club has a **Flat Broke After Taxes** free spaghetti dinner. This year we want to continue the tradition except we are **making it a potluck**. Bring your favorite pasta dish or a salad or a dessert. Janet will provide the hot Italian bread. We are trying to preserve our club funds to pay the new mortgage.

Terry Stokka has provided us with an informative program. Our special guest for the April 22nd Community Club meeting will be **State Senator Kent Lambert, who represents the Black Forest and the greater Colorado Springs area.** Senator Lambert is chairman of the senate finance committee and leads the formation and development of the state budget each year. He will be updating us on current legislative issues such as transportation and roads, marijuana, health care and other topics of interest. The meeting will have plenty of time for questions from the audience. Be sure to attend this informative meeting and get the latest on what is happening in Denver.

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

Along this same line...

First Annual Black Forest Summer Jazz Series

The schedule for the **First Annual Black Forest Summer Jazz Series** is coming together very well.

Starting July 20 with Triple Play Combo through August 31, the BFCC will be sponsoring different bands at the **Log School Park Pavilion** every Thursday evening. Get ready to come out for an evening of music in the Forest courtesy of Jeff Ader as we try to raise funds for the mortgage on the new property and the Log School House Foundation. There are plans to have food and drink available for purchase (and a donation jar). Bring your folding chairs or blankets and join us for an evening of fun and great music for a good cause.

Also...

BFCC Mortgage Donations May Be Tax Deductible

According to Leif Garrison, one of our board members, **donations made by check to help pay off the mortgage can be tax deductible if they are made out to the BF Community Foundation with mention on the memo line that it is for the BFCC mortgage**. The following helps explain this process.

- **Fundraising and donation policy with BF Community Foundation Update:**
In an attempt to clarify the relationship between the BF Foundation and the BFCC, Leif Garrison stated that the foundation exists to help with fund-raising, not only for the BFCC, but for charitable causes within the Black Forest community. As stated in the Foundation by-laws: “An additional purpose of the BFCF shall be to receive, raise and administer funds for charitable purposes including the support of nonprofit and community service organizations dedicated to the advancement and protection of the Black Forest community, including, but not limited to the Black Forest Community Club (BFCC), as well as to receive, raise and administer funds for charitable purposes including the support of such other public works, organizations, projects, and opportunities as, from time to time and in the judgment of the directors of the Foundation, will materially contribute to the enhancement and preservation of the Black Forest community and the support and enhancement of the quality of life of its residents.

Black Forest Festival ***Saturday, August 12th***

“Black Forest or Bust” is this year’s theme.

Shari Conley, Festival Chairman again this year, is busy planning the festival events. Check out **bfcommunityclub.org**. Most information is under “**BF FESTIVAL**.” There will be an April launch of the Festival page on the website with **booth rentals available on this site starting May 1**. Shari’s email is sharonc@q.com if you have further questions.

N477 Cleanup by Volunteers

Volunteers have been busy cutting down dead trees and cleaning up the North 477 lot, according to chairman of the new property development committee Rich Crawford. Two Saturday work days as well as one mid-week session resulted in all dead trees being cut down, with the exception of three trees reserved for chain saw carving. Some horizontal trees need to be trimmed, cut up and removed. We're still looking for needy families who can't cut their own firewood who might be able to use some from this project.

Fences and T-posts have been removed, and lots of metal and plastic refuse has been cleaned up and sent to the dumpster. The place is looking noticeably better, but there is much yet to be done prior to the Black Forest Festival in August. To participate in this exciting community project, **call Rich Crawford at 495-4468.**

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: **Gwen Burk**
13225 Brentwood Drive **OR** **Black Forest Community Club**
Black Forest, CO 80908 **Attn: Carolyn Brown**
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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**

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

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