
Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



May 2017

“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Schedule of BFCC Events:

May 21	Sunday	1 PM	Noxious Weed Walk and Talk
May 25	Thursday	6:30 PM	Board and Officers' Meeting
Jun 22	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.

Noxious Weed Talk and Walk

Sunday, May 21st, 1 PM

The May Event for Members will be a Noxious Weed Talk and Walk given by our El Paso Country Weed Expert Tina Travis <Sunday, May 21, 1pm starting in the Community Hall>

As we head into summer and great growing conditions for the many weeds that we have battled since the fire, we can get some great information from someone who has lots of answers. Tina has kindly agreed to come out on a weekend to help us in our battle with the Canada thistle, mullein, field bindweed, and knapweed that seem to love the Black Forest.

A Noxious Weed is one that has been declared as such by a local advisory board and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Aggressively invades or is detrimental to economic crops or native plant communities
- Is poisonous to livestock
- Is a carrier of detrimental insects, diseases, or parasites
- The direct or indirect effect of the presence of this plant is detrimental to the environmentally sound management of natural or agricultural ecosystems.

So bring your questions and your plants you need to identify to Tina who will help with the best ways to control or eliminate these pests.

Pasta Potluck

The Pasta Potluck had a great turnout with many different and delicious dishes. The usual Flat Broke After Taxes free spaghetti dinner that the club usually provides was skipped this year as the club tries to preserve our club funds to pay the new mortgage. And those who cook and serve all that spaghetti got a break too.

Senator Kent Lambert gave a good overview of some of the issues being dealt with in Denver. There were questions from the audience about situations affecting residents of the Black Forest. Thanks to Terry Stokka for providing us with such an informative speaker.



Life Line Screening

Tuesday, May 30th at BFCC

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a **preventive health event at Black Forest Community Club on 5/30/2017**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. **Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount)**. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979

New Property Development

Rich Crawford has been very active as chairman of this new committee in cleaning up and planning on the newly purchased property to the north of the BF Community Hall. Following is his report of the April work projects as volunteers brought their expertise and hard work to clean up this burned property and move it along to being a useable addition to our BFCC.

Volunteers make North 477 Possible

April 25, 2017

Since starting work on this exciting project to convert the burned residential lot at 12580 Black Forest Road into an attractive community asset, a host of volunteers have worked on the project. We'll attempt to list them all below, realizing that we're liable to unintentionally miss someone.

Carolyn Brown	Ralph Brands
Janet Fortner	Mary Fortner
Dick Donovan	Scott , Susan & Ryan Miller
Bill Brugh	Ron Magnus
Laura Benjamin	Doug Dollar
Bruce McHugh	Shari & Jillian Conley
Reba May Crawford	Julie Nicodemus Dail
Ray Rozak	John Lohmeyer
Tom Reynolds	Noah Nicodemus
Brad Dail	Kevin Newland
C3C Abigail Costea	Joe Wetmore
C3C Thaddaeus Moore	C4C Braden Smith
C3C Jaime Torres	C3C Olivia Davis
C3C Kayl Beale	C3C Tyler Konek
C3C Cassi Haun	C3C Kale Leisey
C3C Sam Petrovitch	C3C Connor Allen
C3C Jacintha Dillemoth	C3C Mason Hyney
C3C Edward Smet	C3C Jason Sattler
C3C Nicae Hahn	C3C Mike Ellsworth
CPT Daniel Cochran, CAP	Don Dinwoodie
Jace & Marie Turner	Don Root
Matt Morton	David Doane
Phil Hosmer	Mike Callies

Many of the workers provided their own equipment. For example, Ralph, Ray and Brad provided tractors which made short work of moving trees, firewood, dirt and large rocks. Many men and women provided chain saws as well as rakes, magnets, shovels and other hand tools. John, Ralph, Phil, Jace, and Ray provided trailers to haul tractors and firewood to families who could not cut the wood themselves.

Sponsors providing financial and equipment support include Tim Kealy at Farmers Insurance, Luke Taylor at Ayer's Outdoor Power, Len Lankford of Greenleaf Forestry & Wood Products and Cindy Richardson of Black Forest News, among others.

We'll be looking for more workers and sponsors in the future as we cut out the stumps and improve the property in preparation for Black Forest Festival on August 12. Call Rich Crawford at 495-4468 to sign up. There's still plenty of work to do.

Work days are scheduled at North 477 on May 20, June 3, June 17, July 8 and July 22.

North 477 Work Day Progress Report

April 17, 2017

On Saturday April 15 we experienced the most exciting and productive work day this year at the North 477 site of new community park. Eighteen hard working young people from Cadet Squadron 27 at Air Force Academy combined their efforts with one officer from the Civil Air Patrol and more than half a dozen Black Forest citizens to make a huge difference in the effort to convert this burned residential lot into a new park to enhance the Black Forest experience for citizens and visitors.

Upon arrival for the 9AM safety briefing at the site of former home of George and Teresa Rosental, cadets quickly fanned out all over the property to tackle various critical tasks. Firewood was collected on trailers for delivery to needy families within the forest. Slash was stacked for later mulching on site or delivery to Black Forest Slash & Mulch Center. Steel fence posts and wire were stacked for disposal. Plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, tin and aluminum trash was gathered and placed in the dumpster; recyclable metal was stacked to be hauled. Essentially, refuse was picked up all over the 4.77 acre site to prepare the site for development.

Three men with tractors made quick work of larger jobs. Brad Dail on his large commercial 4WD tractor moved all tree trunks and stacked them for future use. Some will be milled for future building projects in the planned homestead; others will be used to construct fences or bridges or perhaps for picnic gazeboes. Smaller logs are being used as curbs to mark the edge of parking areas to be available for use by August 12 in Black Forest Festival. And the rest is being cut into firewood for sharing with families or individuals in the Forest who cannot cut their own firewood. Ray Rozak used his tractor for various tasks including loading firewood and moving smaller trees while Ralph Brands used his tractor to clear and prepare the site of the main parking lot. John Lomeyer and Phil Hosmer offered their trailers to haul firewood.

Cadets and Noah Dial, a 16-year old future engineer from Black Forest, performed site preparation and initial design work on a scenic bridge over the waterway near the site George Rosental reportedly referred to as his "Alligator Pond". Progress was made on clearing the waterway, passing from Black Forest Road west and north across the property. A pathway was cleared and mowed from the gateway in the BFCC Hall fence to the primary parking lot. Other parking areas may be cleared and marked later this summer.

Hot lunch was served to all volunteers at noon by Reba Crawford and Julie Nicodemus Dail. Black Forest News sponsored this lunch; other sponsors are being sought to sponsor lunch for future work days.

All workers were invited to return with their families to utilize this future park for picnics, children's playground and festival activities as the area is further improved. The area is not ready for public use today, but keep watching. It becomes closer to becoming a valuable Black Forest enhancement each month. Volunteers for future work are invited to **call Rich Crawford at 495-4468 for the schedule of future work days at North 477.**

Remember, you can help with this project by supporting these events:

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....

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.

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**
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Black Forest, CO 80908

OR

Black Forest Community Club
Attn: Carolyn Brown
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Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 88034

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WEBSITE: www.bfcommunityclub.org

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

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Club Programs
Hall Rental Management

Wildfire Prevention
Community Service
Publicity
Senior Assistance
Scout Troop

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

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