

February 2014 Newsletter

This February newsletter is intended to update our community on events since January, 2014:

- (1) The Road Maintenance and Security Homeowners Association notified residents of a land donation made by the Preserve at Wolf Laurel, LLC to the Southeastern Trust for Parkways and Land, Inc which closed on December 31, 2013. This 730 acre donation located in Yancey County comprises about 500 acres on our side of Scronce Creek Road and 230 acres across that highway. Nat Pieper of our Board visited with the executive director of the Trust this month in Atlanta. He received positive comments on their intended uses of the property. We expect to post information soon from the Trust on this website. Any rumors of negative uses of the land should be put to rest. We believe our Association and other homeowner groups should be satisfied with what they read when it is posted. Once again, if you would like more information on the Trust, it can be accessed at www.stpal.org
- (2) In our January newsletter, which was posted throughout that month and is now lodged in the Archives section of our website, we mentioned our efforts to collect unpaid road and security assessments. Those efforts throughout 2013 resulted in a robust increase from previous years. The assessments received, combined with the default judgments we have obtained, have made a difference in our accounts receivable in 2013 and 2014. We thank the residents for their diligence in tending to this matter.
- (3) Soon we will post our December 31, 2013 year end budget numbers as well as the 2014 budget. Additionally, we have our financial records reviewed annually by our independent auditors. This review is currently in progress and we will notify you of the results as soon as it becomes available and is approved by our Board. You have been made aware of our 2014 budget via the letter you received from Association president Mike Kaney. If you have questions please notify our office, either by telephone or by submitting a question on our website, "wolflaurelroadsandsecurity.com"
- (4) There have been reports of new owners at Ski Wolf Ridge. We heard those rumors also, but we can report to you that while their website once reported new management, that information is not currently on their website, and nothing has been recorded in the property offices of Madison County. Ski Wolf Ridge impacts our Association directly because the skiers use our gate and a portion of our roads to get to the ski lodge. During the ski season our security staff screens thousands of vehicles and log many pages of information required to let those cars and buses pass thru the gate. Our personnel, most of whom you know, work very hard to make sure our mountain homes, both those that are permanent and those that are not, are protected. Incidents of vandalism are rare, and the few that have been reported, are quickly resolved. As an example:
- (5) Recently a burglary occurred at a residence on Silver Knob. The perpetrators were arrested by the Madison county sheriff. It was learned that the bad actors originally had been vouched through our security gate by a property owner to perform work. We remind you that it is always wise to protect yourself and your neighbors by knowing the background of those persons you invite into our community.