

JULY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all of you who attended our open house on June 14. We had a good turnout and there were many good questions posed to our guest, Bill Jones, of the Southeastern Trust and receivers of the 730 acre donation adjacent to our Wolf Laurel property. He had a busy weekend and reports are that his presentations and answers to questions were well received. A member of our Board, Nat Pieper visited with him at their headquarters in Marietta, GA soon after they received the gift, and his reports were positive at that time. So we welcome them as our neighbors and look forward to many productive years working together in the future.

As you have probably heard by e-mail or by visiting our website, three parcels of land (four parcels if you separate one of the units) will be made available to the highest bidders at a courthouse auction in Marshall on July 8, at 10:00 A.M. This is a re-scheduled event from June due to an oversight on the part of the Madison County staff. There had been five parcels scheduled for an auction sale at that time, but two of the property owners stepped in at the last minute and rescued their property. The land scheduled for sale on the 8th are the ones that experienced the oversight in June. Our policy involving collection of delinquent assessments has been a great success since we started the program two years ago. That policy will continue. Additionally, also remember that the Association has lots available from our inventory acquired in our purchase of the assets of Bald Mountain Development Corporation in 2012. Those lots are posted on this website.

You have probably noticed the work being done on Wolf Laurel Road. The idea is to improve drainage and soften the curves allowing more visibility and giving that major entrance road a parkway appearance. We have gotten several positive comments on the work thus far and some even thought we were adding a third lane. Our road crew tested that concept on McKinney Gap last year and it was successful, so we determined that it would be worth the money and effort to improve Wolf Laurel Road. We hope you like it.

We have had several positive comments about the work we have done at the gate to the Bald. It has been graded and updated with parking logs and it now presents itself in a very nice way. The access to the summit of the Bald is still not available to vehicular traffic, but the improved parking allows many more cars, and makes it a much more enjoyable adventure. The U.S. Forest Service continues to work with us on the upgrade of the road to the top. When the improvements are completed and it is safe to drive to the top, we will advise you on this site or by e-mail.

The committee appointed to review and revise the governing Declaration of Protective Covenants, Restrictions and Reservations have nearly completed their task and soon will hand the work product over to the full Association Board for their examination. Once they have completed their review, the document will be filed in Madison and Yancey counties. The original covenants were filed in 1966, and have had several changes since that time. We currently operate under the 2002 version.

As you can see there is a lot going on with your Road and Security Association. We will continue to keep you informed either via e-mail or thru this site as several issues come to fruition. Thanks for your support.