



The Seven Devils Echo

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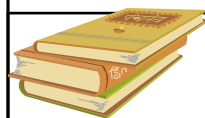
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5th Annual Seven Devils SafetyFest

Pat yourself on the back, take a bow, give a “thumbs up” if you participated in the SafetyFest on July 5, 2008. Whether you purchased meal and/or raffle tickets, volunteered, checked out the booths, blasted the siren or just walked around, **YOU** helped to make this year’s SafetyFest A BIG SUCCESS. The Public Safety Committee has paid the bills and set funds aside to cover expenses anticipated the rest of the year, including “start up” money for SafetyFest 2009. Seven Devils Fire, Police and Public Works Departments will be allotted up to \$4,000 each. These departments are currently making up “Wish Lists”. As many requests as possible will be met with SafetyFest 2008 proceeds.

The Annual SafetyFest provides an opportunity to raise funds for safety equipment. The health and general welfare of Seven Devils residents, visitors, Town employees and neighboring communities are the Public Safety Committee’s prime concerns. Funds raised at past SafetyFests have purchased a wealth of equipment: fire extinguishers, fire helmet lights, ladder belts, a ladder, portable defibrillators, oxygen tanks, additional medical supplies, Fire Responder bags, digital cameras and voice recorders, hydraulic jacks and jack stands, welder and equipment, plasma cutter, VFD shirts and ball caps, and more. Tables, a large grill and a meat shredder were purchased for use at Town functions. Safety brochures, alert decals, 911 stickers, children’s fire hats and coloring books have been purchased and made available free of charge.

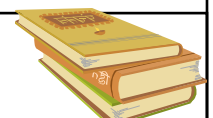
As you can see, our police, fire fighters, maintenance workers, Town Hall staff and volunteers are better prepared, making Seven Devils safer!!! Your continued support at the SafetyFest and throughout the year (remember—baseball caps, mugs, coasters, koozies and license plates are available at Town Hall) have made this all possible. We hope you were able to be a part of SafetyFest 2008—the best part was meeting and greeting family, friends, neighbors and visitors. We look forward to seeing you next year!!!



Dedication of the Seven Devils Library

to

Mrs. Belle Fields



Mrs. Belle Fields established a library at the Town of Seven Devils Town Hall twenty two years ago. All the residents of Seven Devils thoroughly enjoy the library and appreciate Belle’s contribution to the Town. The Library was dedicated to Belle on Friday, September 12th at 2:00 p.m. If you see Mrs. Belle, please let her know how much you enjoy the library.

Thank You! Belle

FROM THE MAYOR – WATER UPDATE

Thanks to Tropical Storm Fay, the U.S. Drought Monitor showed no North Carolina counties this week in the exceptional drought category (the most dire classification), but as reported, the drought is far from over. Prior to Fay, there were 24 counties in this category, which is the worst on the federal scale while 14 were in “extreme” and eight were “severe.” A federal drought map recently released shows 14 percent of the state, including nearly all of Western North Carolina, in the grip of the drought. Jerad Bales, director of the U.S. Geological Survey North Carolina Water Science Center in Raleigh, said “that despite high stream flows because of heavy rains, the groundwater takes longer to recover and needs steady rain to do it.” In 2002, the state emerged from a drought because of heavy rain in the fall but Bales said “it took nine months of steady rain for the ground water system to recover.”

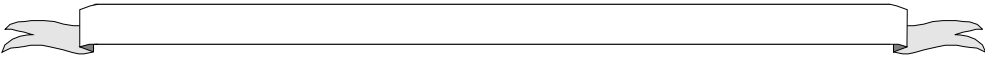
On July 31, North Carolina Governor Mike Easley signed House Bill 2499, “An act to improve drought preparedness and response in North Carolina, as recommended by the Environmental Review Commission.” The new law gives the governor and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the ability to hasten the process for declaring a drought emergency. The governor will have the authority to force local water systems to share, and it requires systems that want state aid to patch leaks and charge rates that encourage conservation. Under the old law, the governor could only declare an emergency if there was an immediate threat to a community’s health or safety.

The Council thanks the Town Administration for its quick response in notifying the public of the declaration of Stage II Water Shortage Condition. We also want to thank the public for its understanding and uncomplaining response to these restrictions during this drought. We are continuing to closely watch the local drought conditions as well as the state and federal declarations and you will be promptly notified of any change in the water conditions and the resulting change to the Town’s water usage stage.

In our quest to continue to improve fire protection, the Council approved the installation of four new hydrants. The new hydrants are located on Hawks Lake Drive, Wild Cat Rocks Road/Rock Cove Court, and Devils Lake Drive. These new hydrants will strengthen our fire fighting efforts and improve our opportunity to receive a better fire rating and lower homeowner insurance premiums.

In closing, I want to thank the Tourism Development Authority for its financial support and ‘physical’ effort in renovating the Town’s newly acquired tennis courts on Grandfather Circle. They are now open for play - so enjoy. Thanks to all who brought this project to fruition.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



PLANNING BOARD

The Seven Devils Planning Board has an immediate opening. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Planning Board, please review the following and contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions.

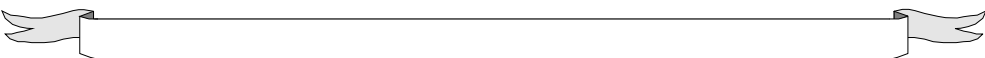
Purpose: The Planning Board is a Board appointed by Town Council to monitor the implementation of the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan by the creation of and review of zoning ordinances, review of land use and review of zoning districts. It makes its recommendations to Town Council based on its interpretation and application of the Land Use Plan and its view of best land use for the overall development of the Town, independent of public expressions.

Membership: The Planning Board is composed of seven members who are property owners in Seven Devils or are registered voters in Seven Devils. Preference of application is given to full and part time residents of the Town. Meeting attendance regulations apply. Applicants should have experience in planning and evaluation, working with municipal governments and have demonstrated interest in the overall development of the town. A letter of application, including qualifications, for Planning Board membership should be submitted to the Town Clerk. Applications are then passed on to the current Planning Board for recommendation and then to the Town Council for approval.

Vacancies are announced at Town Council meetings and in the Echo, the Town newsletter.

Training: Training for new Board members is highly recommended and is available.

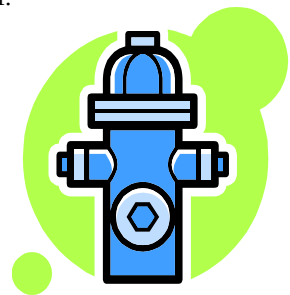
Attendance at Meetings: Any member of the Planning Board who misses more than three (3) consecutive regular meetings or more than half (1/2) the regular meetings in a calendar year shall lose his or her status as a member of the Planning Board, and shall be replaced by the Town Council or respective County Commissioners, as appropriate. Absence due to sickness, death, or other emergencies of like nature shall be recognized as excused absences, and shall not affect the member's status on the Planning Board. The only exception being in the event of a long illness or other such case for prolonged absence, the member shall be



PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Kevin Aldridge and Town Engineer David Poore of West Consultants in Morganton have helped the Public Works Committee and the Town Council identify the next water line project. Called the Grandview Loop, the project is over one mile in length and will replace plastic pipe that is near the end of its service life with 6" ductile iron line that will improve reliability of the water system and fire protection. The project will add fire hydrants along the route and provide for a future upgrade of the water line along Valley View road. The fire hydrants will be placed strategically to cover the entire length with fire hydrant protection. Paving is planned to be included in the project.

Funding the approximately \$500,000 project is a serious hurdle, but the staff is gathering the information so the Council can make an informed decision. The public hearing may be as soon as October 13. A map and cost estimates are available at town hall.



Board of Adjustment

The Seven Devils Board of Adjustment has an immediate opening for an alternate member. If you are interested in becoming an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment, please review the following information and contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions.

Purpose: The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-legal Board appointed by the Town Council to hear appeals for exceptions to Town decisions or ordinances and to grant conditional uses of property. The Board operates independently from Council, staff or other committees; appeals of Board of Adjustment decisions may be made at the appropriate NC Superior Court.

Membership: Membership is composed of seven members and two alternates, appointed by Town Council, and who serve three year terms. Members and alternates must be property-owners of the Town of Seven Devils or registered voters. Each alternate member shall have and may exercise all powers and duties of a regular members.

Vacancies are announced at Town Council meetings and in the Echo, the Town newsletter. Applicants should be able to reflect their knowledge of Town ordinances and operations and should be able to be impartial in their deliberations. A letter of application illustrating these qualifications should be sent to the Town Manager.

Attendance at Meetings: Any member of the Board who miss more than two (2) consecutive meetings in a calendar year shall lose their status a member of the Board of Adjustment. They shall be replaced by the Town Council. Absence due to sickness, death, or other emergencies of like nature shall be recognized as excused absences and shall not affect the member's status on the Board of Adjustment. The only exception being, in the event of a long illness or other such cause for prolonged absence, the member shall be replaced.

SAFETYFEST SPONSORS

Each year the Seven Devils Public Safety Committee approaches area businesses seeking sponsorships and/or raffle item donations. We are most grateful for their continued support. Without the dollars to help pay for the "up front" expenses, the in-kind donations to help defray costs, and donations of goods and services to be raffled of, the event would not have been the success that it was. Please visit these businesses and thank them for supporting Seven Devils and the SafetyFest.

PLATINUM SPONSORS

- Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority
- Foscoe Realty and Development, Boone, NC
- Iron Mountain Construction, Mountain City, TN
- West Consultants, Morganton, NC
- SkyLine-SkyBest, Seven Devils, NC
- Ideal Design and Development, Banner Elk, NC
- Stevens Fire Equipment, Morganton, NC
- Carolina CAT, Boone, NC
- Pepsi Bottling Venture, Deep Gap, NC
- Blue Horse Promotions, Boone, NC
- Mountain Community Bank, Sugar Mountain, NC
- Blue Ridge Electric Corporation, Boone, NC

GOLD SPONSORS

- Martin Starnes and Associates, Hickory, NC
- Mountain Lumber, Boone, NC
- First Charter, Banner Elk, NC
- HD Supply Waterworks, Asheville, NC

SILVER SPONSORS

- Grandfather Trout Ponds, Banner Elk, NC
- Mountain Top Construction & Realty, Seven Devils, NC
- Hampton's Body Shop, Boone, NC
- GDS, Boone, NC



SAFETYFEST SPONSORS / CONTINUED

PLACEMENT ADS SPONSORS

- High Country Communications, Linville, NC
- Advanced Realty (Carol J. Sommer-Isquith), Boone, NC
- Burleson’s Painting, Newland, NC
- Freeman Gas, Foscoe, NC
- Foscoe Realty and Development, Boone, NC
- Stevens Fire Equipment, Morganton, NC
- Ideal Design and Development, Banner Elk, NC
- Carolina CAT, Boone, NC
- Mountain Community Bank, Sugar Mountain, NC
- Blue Horse Promotions, Boone, NC
- Mountain Top Construction & Realty, Seven Devils, NC
- Foscoe Country Corner Deli and Catering, Boone, NC
- Foscoe Pharmacy, Boone, NC
- Sky View Painting, Boone, NC
- New River Building Supply & Lumber Company, Boone, NC
- CrossRoads Ford, Morganton, NC
- Sears, Boone, NC
- High Country Cabinets, Inc., Banner Elk, NC
- Alray Tire of Boone, Boone, NC
- Ballard Custom Doors, Boone, NC
- Farm Bureau (Bradley Myers), Boone, NC
- Bailey’s Drywall and Acoustics, Banner Elk, NC
- Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority

RAFFLE SPONSORS AND SILENT AUCTION SPONSORS

- DeWoolfson Down, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- Alexander Sosebee, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food
- Erick’s Cheese & Wine, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food
- Quiznos, Grandfather Center, near Lows Food
- Windrush Antiques, Hwy. 105, near Seven Devils
- Grandfather General Store, Hwy. 105, near Seven Devils
- The Gilded Edition, Hwy. 105, near Seven Devils
- Grandview Restaurant, Hwy. 105, near Seven Devils

SAFETYFEST VOLUNTEERS

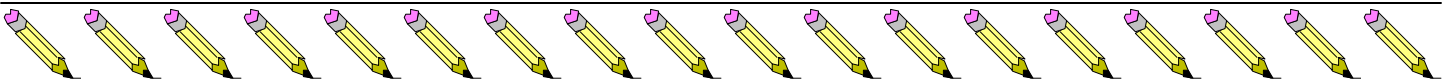
SafetyFest 2008 would not have been a success without the Seven Devils residents visitors and Town employees. The Public Safety Committee begins in January to organize the upcoming SafetyFest. Hours are spent lining up sponsors, placemat ads, crafters, volunteers, raffle prizes, silent auction items, updating signs, renting equipment, purchasing supplies, selling tickets, etc. Town employees put up and take down banners, tables and chairs—this extra muscle is most appreciated!!! Mark Virginia used his culinary skills to prepare the most delicious BBQ in the High Country. The assistance from the Town Hall staff, Police and Public Works Departments is a must! The final boost comes from those who step forward to help serve food/drink, sell merchandise, sell tickets, assist with the raffle drawings, hand out packets and fire hats to the children, “go-fer”, and even collect trash. We are grateful for **“the smiles and helping hands”** - you made it come together!

Please acknowledge your **thanks** to these very special volunteers the next time your paths cross—apologies in advance if a name is omitted, unsung heroes are valued.

Larry Manning	Jane Champion
Sarah Manning	Linda O’Neal
Bobby Hurlbrink	Bob Dodson
Jim Cain	Lois Dodson
Pat Cain	Loren Williams
Barbara Pariseau	Bob Dick
Bob Bridges	Camilla Dick
Sue Ehmig	Sam Gray
David Ehmig	Jenny Gray
Jim Jones	Bill Overholser
Bill Logan	Mary Ellen Overholser
Don Maclean	Cathy Ehmig
Mary Maclean	Frank Bongiorno
Bob Grosby	Barbara Bongiorno
Essie Grosby	Gerry Teague
Sam Cope	Mary Teague
Nancy Cope	Royce Sages

SAFETYFEST SPONSORS / CONTINUED

<p>RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION CONTINUED</p> <p>Country Gourmet, Hwy. 105, near Seven Devils Wolf Creek, Hwy. 105, near Seven Devils The Lighting Gallery, Hwy. 105 S. T & T Small Engines, Tynecastle Hwy. Thelma’s Things, Tynecastle Hwy. Perfect Nails & Tan, Grandfather Ctr., near Lowes Food Finders Keepers, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food Serves You Right, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food Mountain Tavern, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food Mountain Ground Coffee & Tea, Grand Father Center Ambience, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food Final Touches, Hwy. 105, Foscoe Special Additions, Shoppes at Tynecastle Nick’s Restaurant & Pub, Shoppes at Tynecastle Ski Country Sports, Tynecastle Hwy. Water Heaven Ponds, Tynecastle Hwy. Pete’s BBQ, Tynecastle Hwy. Bella’s, Tynecastle Hwy. Video Junction, Tynecastle Hwy. Bayou Smokehouse & Grill, Banner Elk Stonewalls, Banner Elk Banner Elk Café, Banner Elk Jackalope’s View, Beech Mountain Bank of America, Banner Elk Mountaineer Garden Center, Banner Elk Blackberry Mattress Outlet, Hwy. 105 A Cut Above Garden Shop, Hwy. 105, Foscoe Under the Covers, Hwy. 105, Foscoe Club Shop, Hwy. 105, Foscoe The Brown House, Hwy. 105, Foscoe Foscoe Fishing Company, Hwy. 105, Foscoe Greater Foscoe Mining Co., Hwy. 105, Foscoe Souvenir Shirts of Banner Elk, Tynecastle Hwy. Banner Elk Discount Furniture, Tynecastle Hwy.</p>	<p>RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION CONTINUED</p> <p>Grandfather Mountain, Linville Mystery Hill, US 321, Blowing Rock Tweetsie Railroad, US 321, Blowing Rock Walgreens, US 321, Boone Farmers Rental, 105 Ext., Boone Mountain Retreats Realty, Hwy. 105, Banner Elk Dick & Shirley Nelson, Seven Devils Phyllis Miller, Seven Devils Linville Gallery, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food The Art Mart, Boone Aunt Sis’s Dog Boarding, Banner Elk Bandanas, Boone</p> <hr/> <p>VOLUNTEERS / CONTINUED</p> <p>Please acknowledge your Thanks to these very special volunteers the next time your paths cross.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Carlton Pool</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Dan Griffin</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Ilene Pool</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Ann Griffin</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">John Canada</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Bob Hooks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Heidi Powell</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Betty Hooks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Denise Aldridge</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Dylan Aldridge</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Bob Garland</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seven Devils Fire Department Seven Devils Police Department Seven Devils Public Works Seven Devils Town Hall Staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><u>Thanks to all from</u></i> <i><u>The Public Safety Committee:</u></i> <i>George Ehlinger, Kay Ehlinger,</i> <i>Mike Tarlton, Dick Nelson, Jim Drum,</i> <i>Tom Bookstaver, Phyllis Miller,</i> <i>David Hooper, Kay Lambert,</i> <i>Richard DeMott (Town Council Liaison)</i> <i>Bobby Powell (Fire Chief)</i> <i>Brad Lambert (Town Manager)</i></p>	Carlton Pool	Dan Griffin	Ilene Pool	Ann Griffin	John Canada	Bob Hooks	Heidi Powell	Betty Hooks	Denise Aldridge	Dylan Aldridge
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**Time to Vote Again
Voter Information Group**

The North Carolina General Election will be held November 4, 2008. Seven Devils residents of Avery County vote at the Banner Elk Town Hall. Seven Devils residents of Watauga County vote at Foscoe Fire Department.

Significant dates affecting your voting:

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| September 15 | Absentee voting begins |
| October 10 | Voter registration deadline |
| October 16 | One-stop (registration & voting) voting begins |
| October 28 | Last day to request absentee ballots in writing |
| November 1 | One-stop voting ends |
| November 3 | Mailed absentee ballots—due at Board of Elections Office |

In addition to Presidential voting, State offices to be filled are:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- U.S. Senate (Dole seat)
- U.S. Congress District 10 (Avery) District 5 (Watauga)
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- Commissioner of Labor
- Auditor
- Superintend of Public Instruction

Court Vacancies:

- Supreme Court
- Court of Appeals
- District Court—District 24

County offices to be filled:

Avery

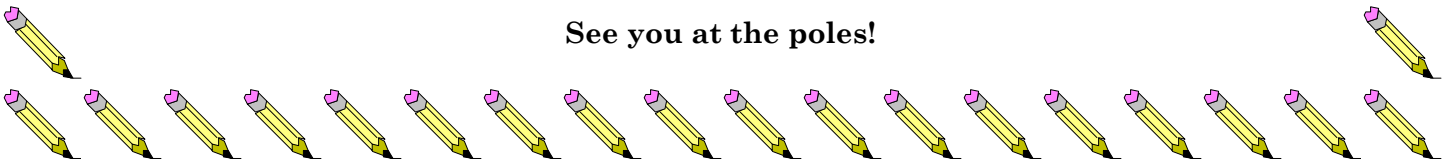
- County Commissioners
- Soil & Water Conservation Board
- Register of Deeds
- Tax Collector

Watauga

- Board of Education
- County Commissioners
- Soil & Water Conservation Board
- Register of Deeds

Voter registration forms are available at Seven Devils Town Hall and sample ballots will be available in October. Information on each candidate is available at Political Party websites.

See you at the poles!



The Seven Devils Echo is published quarterly by the Town of Seven Devils. Comments, suggestions, and questions are always welcome. Please send them to: Karen Daniels, Town Clerk 1356 Seven Devils Road, Seven Devils, NC 28604. Our phone number is (828) 963-5343 or fax us at: (828) 963-7418.

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Town Council**
Mayor
Bob Dodson

Mayor Pro Tem
Richard DeMott

Kathy Copley
Kay Ehlinger
Bill Wilkinson

COUNCIL MEETINGS
Monday, Oct 13 @ 5:30
Monday, Nov 10 @ 5:30
Monday, Dec 08 @ 5:30

Seven Devils Town Staff
Town Manager - Brad Lambert
Finance Officer - Debbie Powers
Town Clerk - Karen Daniels
Zoning Officer - Don Fulkerson
Police Chief - Chuck Davis
Fire Chief - Bobby Powell
Public Works Dir. - Kevin Aldridge

PUBLIC HEARING

The public is invited to Town Hall for the following Public Hearing:

Monday, Oct. 13th, 2008 @ 5:30

Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. For more information, please contact The Town of Seven Devils at 1356 Seven Devils Road, Seven Devils, NC 28604. Phone (828) 963-5343 Fax 963-7418

**Seven Devils
Planning Board**
Chairman
David Hooper
Vice-Chairman
Bob Haugh

David Ehmig
George Ehlinger
Loren Williams
Clyde A. McLean
David M. Tarlton, Sr.

BOARD MEETINGS
Monday, Oct 20 @ 5:30
Monday, Nov 17 @ 5:30
Monday, Dec 15 @ 5:30