

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. Our website is www.sevendevils.net.

Fall 2009



TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
1356 SEVEN DEVILS ROAD
SEVEN DEVILS, NORTH CAROLINA
28604

NONPROFIT
Postage & Fees Paid
Permit No. 11
Banner Elk, NC 28604

<p>Seven Devils Town Council</p> <p><i>Mayor</i> Bob Dodson</p> <p><i>Mayor Pro Tem</i> Richard DeMott</p> <p>Kathy Copley Kay Ehlinger Bill Wilkinson</p> <p>COUNCIL MEETINGS Monday, Sept. 14 @ 5:30 Monday, Oct. 12 @ 5:30 Monday, Nov. 9 @ 5:30 Monday, Dec. 14 @ 5:30</p>	<p>Seven Devils Town Staff</p> <p><i>Town Manager</i> - Ed Evans <i>Finance Officer</i> - Debbie Powers <i>Town Clerk</i> - Karen Daniels <i>Zoning Officer</i> <i>Police Chief</i> - Chuck Davis <i>Fire Chief</i> - Bobby Powell <i>Public Works Dir.</i> - Kevin Aldridge</p> 	<p>Seven Devils Planning Board</p> <p>David Hooper, Chairman Bob Haugh, Vice Chairman</p> <p>George Ehlinger Clyde A. McLean David M. Tarlton, Sr. David Ehmig Larry Fontaine</p> <p>BOARD MEETINGS Monday, Sept. 21 @ 5:30 Monday, Oct. 19 @ 5:30 Monday, Nov. 16 @ 5:30 Monday, Dec. 21 @ 5:30</p>
---	---	---



Inside this issue:

6th Annual SafetyFest	1
From the Mayor	2
SafetyFest	3
Volunteers	3
SafetyFest	4
Sponsors	5
SafetyFest	5
Sponsors Cont.	5
Join the 7 Devils	5
Resort Club	6
S.D.C.A.	6
Black Bears	6
Voter Information	6
Group "Forum"	6
Seven Devils	7
Walking Routes	7
Operation	7
Medicine Cabinet	7
Tax Reminder	7
Public Meetings	8



A Positive Altitude!



The Seven Devils Echo

Summer 2009

The Seven Devils Echo

6th Annual Seven Devils SafetyFest

YOU DID IT! WE DID IT!

Whether you purchased meal and/or raffle tickets, bid in the Silent Auction, volunteered, checked out the craft booths, blasted the siren, went up on the ladder truck or just walked around, **YOU** were a part of the successful 6th Annual Seven Devils SafetyFest! The Public Safety Committee has paid the bills and set aside funds to cover anticipated expenses for the rest of the year, as well as "start up" money for SafetyFest 2010. The Seven Devils Fire, Police and Public Works Departments have been allotted \$3500 each to purchase equipment, supplies and clothing to make their job site safer and Seven Devils residents', visitors' and neighboring communities' safety and welfare enhanced. Each department's "Wish List" has been approved and as many requests as possible will be met with SafetyFest 2009 proceeds.

The health, safety and general welfare of Seven Devils residents, visitors, Town employees and neighboring communities are the Public Safety Committee's prime concerns. We address raised concerns throughout the year and strive to improve the quality of life in Seven Devils. Our goal, through the annual fundraiser and donations, is to augment the Town's safety oriented equipment. Proceeds from past SafetyFests have gone to purchase a wealth of equipment, medical supplies and protective clothing for Seven Devils Fire, Police and Public Works Departments (a list of many of these items is posted in Town Hall—check it out). It has also been possible to purchase tables, tents, a large grill and meat shredder for use at fundraisers and Town functions (including Fire Association meetings/dinners/training, High Country Municipal Association dinner meetings and Appreciation Luncheons). Fire extinguishers have been purchased for Town Hall and Public Works. Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detectors will be installed in Town Hall shortly. Donations have been made to Linville Fire Department and Avery Ladder Truck Company in appreciation for their support. A memorial donation was made to Charleston Fire Department and to the Salisbury Fire Department. The Public Safety Committee has pledged support of the Drug Disposal Day—Watauga County to be held October 3, 2009 (details to follow).

Our police, firefighters, 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, ball caps, mugs, coasters, koozies, decals, license plates, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and two story chain escape ladders available at Town Hall) have made this possible. We hope you were able to be a part of SafetyFest 2009. It's always fun to catch up with family and neighbors, to welcome visitors, to be a raffle winner and to enjoy the best BBQ in the High Country. We look forward to seeing you next year at SafetyFest 2010.

Thank You for Supporting Seven Devils!

From the Mayor

Stimulus Money Update - Our engineer briefed the Public Works Committee that the town's Grandview Loop Water Project did not make the June NC State Drinking Water Revolving Fund Report. The Project has subsequently been listed as category 4 which means the probability of being State funded is very remote. The \$500,000 project will replace over a mile of old and deteriorating plastic pipe with 6 inch ductile iron pipe. The project will also add fire hydrants which will improve our fire fighting ability in the area.

In addition to the Grandview Water Loop Project, the Public Works Committee is working on two other water projects to improve water delivery and add fire protection to the areas. The larger, identified as the Four Diamond Water Project, includes Four Diamond Drive, Tangle Lane, Windy Knob Trail, and Moonlight Trail. The area has had limited water pressure and no fire hydrants since the beginning of the Town. The smaller project is in the Snowcloud community and will include a new water line into the area for the installation of fire hydrants. The cost of these two projects is estimated at \$350,000.

As you can see from the above projects, the demand for our revenues continues and the challenge to the Council to find funds to complete these type projects is a major concern and objective.

On a more positive note, the continued improvements made to the Town's water system have helped reduce homeowner insurance premiums and cut our water loss to 29% of total water pumped. This loss may still seem high but it is within the state average and far below some surrounding towns which lose up to 60% to 80% of their water in a quarter. (As an example, three one quarter inch holes in our older plastic lines pumping at 60 pounds per square inch can account for the 29% loss.) Improving our fire fighting ability, minimizing water loss, and maintaining an efficient water system will always be our top priority.

Another service provided is full-time, 24/7 public safety protection. The citizens of Seven Devils have always demanded full-time service and the Town is proud to say this has been provided. In order to provide this service, we have 5 police positions; however, our high turnover rate combined with leave demands make providing full time service tougher and tougher. Currently, we have one vacancy. Aggravating our dilemma is the Town's starting salaries for the police, which are significantly lower than the State average and the surrounding towns. These problems create an all too frequent vacancy and severely limit our ability to hire experienced officers or to retain a new officer after we finance their initial training. Obviously, additional staff and competitive salaries would be one answer, but limited revenues reduce our options. The Council is looking for solutions and welcomes your comments.

New Walking Routes

The Recreation Commission has identified seven walking routes in Seven Devils and will soon start marking these routes with arrows pointed on roads at intersections. To explore walking routes on many of our beautiful roads, pick up a "Walking Routes Packet" at Town Hall. It contains descriptions and maps of walking routes. It also explains where to park to start walking if you want to walk a route that doesn't run past your home.

See Seven Devils website for information on walking trails



"OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET"

Saturday, October 3, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Pharmaceuticals may be brought to the following for disposal:

Food Lion - Old 421 South, Boone, NC

Food Lion - 7533 Valley Blvd., Blowing Rock, NC

Food Lion - 1980 Blowing Rock Road, Blowing Rock, NC

Also

Town of Seven Devils Town Hall

1356, Seven Devils Road, Seven Devils, NC



DISPOSITION OF PHARMACEUTICALS—A PERSPECTIVE

By: Richard DeMott

Please consult the Press Release and your Town's Resolution on "Operation Medicine Cabinet". They remind us of our responsibility to be good stewards of the use and disposal of our pharmaceuticals. These imply knowing and distinguishing the difference between being "care-ful" and "care-less". Pharmaceuticals can be used to promote healing and health but, when misused can lead to unhealthiness and even death. When appropriated for the wrong, and often illegal use, for greedy profits, "care-lessness" turns ugly.

"Operation Medicine Cabinet" provides a way to dispose of unwanted and unused pharmaceuticals by monitored collection without recrimination and then incineration. Here "caring" means not being "care-less", slipshod, about the disposition.

Disposition through discarding through general garbage or dumping in septic systems, private or public, is not effective or secure. Your own septic system or public ones are not effective. They do not have the ability to render out pharmaceuticals. Pharmaceuticals are by their very nature not easily destroyed. They can enter into the soil and leach into our streams and rivers and then travel distances. A pumped septic system which is trucked elsewhere and deposited in another system or stream transfers the contents without change. It is a case of our attitude assuming that "out of sight" is "out of mind". Proper disposal means our knowledge and wisdom being brought to bear on disposition. We need to be "care-ful" and not "care-less" for the health and safety of everyone.

Reminder from the Seven Devils Finance Office!

Property Tax bills will be sent in mid-September. If your taxes are held in escrow, a copy of your bill will also be sent to your escrow company. If you have changed escrow companies in the past year, please contact Debbie in the Finance Office with the new escrow account information.

Debbie Powers (828) 963-5343 or fax (828) 963-7418

**SEVEN DEVILS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SEVEN DEVILS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SDCA) WILL BE HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST AT 4 PM AT THE SEVEN DEVILS RESORT CLUB. 2009 ACTIVITIES WILL BE REVIEWED AND THE 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED. ALL CURRENT MEMBERS AND INTERESTED OWNERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Dues have been waived for existing members for the next year beginning October 1st. New members annual dues have been lowered to \$50 per family.

For further SDCA information call:

Bill Diercksen, President

(963-7529)

Or

Barbara Tarlton

(963-8045)

**Black Bears in North Carolina
NC Wildlife Resources Commission
www.ncwildlife.org Tel. (919) 707-0050**

The black bear is the largest wild mammal in North Carolina. This powerful animal can be found in increasing numbers where the state's forest grow thick with food and cover. About 8,500 black bears live in the North Carolina, and occupy more than 9 million acres, mainly in the mountains and along the coast.

The human population is growing too, with about 7 million people calling North Carolina home. Humans and bears can live in the same territory if people take steps to keep bears wild and prevent them from becoming a problem.

Female black bears as young as 3 years old can produce their first litter of cubs and every other year after that. Mating occurs from June through August, but development of embryos does not begin until November or December. One to five cubs are born in December through February while the females are denning. Newborns weigh from 6 to 12 ounces at birth, having pink skin covered with fine, dark hair. After one month, their eyes open, and at two months, they begin to walk. They leave the den in three months, and are weaned by seven months.

When bears emerge from their winter sleep in March or April, they are very hungry. They will feed on almost anything including garbage, bird seed in feeders, grease on a backyard grill, or pet food. Do not feed them or allow them to eat garbage or anything other than wild foods. Bears prefer berries, nuts, insects, carrion and roots. Bears are most likely to look for human food May through early July because wild foods are less plentiful. During the summer and early fall, bears feed nearly constantly to fatten up. Keeping human food away from bears helps them settle in natural areas; instead of becoming pests that may ultimately need to be destroyed.

FOUR CANDIDATES FILE FOR COUNCIL SEATS

Voter Information Group

Incumbents, Bob Dodson, Kay Ehlinger, Bill Wilkinson, and candidate Davis Ehmig have filed to run for the three open Seven Devils Town Council seats. Elections for these seats will be on November 3rd at Town Hall beginning at 7:00 AM and ending at 7:00 PM.

One stop and absentee voting begins October 15 through Oct 31 at county Board of Election offices. North Carolina voter registration forms are available at Town Hall or at Board of Election Offices.

The Voter Information Group will hold a Forum to meet the candidates on Oct 15 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall. The purpose of the Forum is to hear discussions among the candidates on various topics of importance to the Town. The Forum will be in a discussion format, lasting no more than one hour followed by an opportunity for impromptu questions and informal interaction. Phyllis Miller and Jane Champion will moderate the discussions.

Topics you wish to be covered during the discussions can be sent to Bobbye Hurlbrink at www.bobbyeh1@charter.net or 129 Green View Dr; Seven Devils, NC; 28604. As many topics as possible will be included within the hour. An impromptu question period will follow before a social event to end the evening. The complete Forum may not last more than two hours.

We look forward to your interest and participation as we try to learn more about our candidates and their perception of Town needs.

***SAFETYFEST VOLUNTEERS
Where Would We Be Without Our Volunteers?***

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 and banners, renting equipment, purchasing supplies, selling tickets, etc. Town employees put up and take down banners, tables and chairs. This extra muscle is a must. Thank you Kevin, Bubba, Mark and Brian!!! Mark Virginia, our BBQ culinary wizard, sees that Seven Devils can boast the **BEST BBQ** in the High Country. The assistance from the Town Hall staff, Fire, 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 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"** before, during and after—you made it come together!

Where would we be without our volunteers—we'd be "up the creek without a paddle" and very tired. 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.

Bob Bridges	Ann Griffin	Dan Griffin	Linda O'Neal
Krissann McCormack	Bobbye Hurlbrink	Barbara Pariseau	Barbara Tarlton
Jane Champion	Sarah Manning	Larry Manning	Shirley Nelson
Mary Hooper	Sue Ehmig	David Ehmig	Bill Logan
Donna Chaires	Mary Maclean	Don Maclean	Connie Lee
Lois Evans	Ann Fontaine	Larry Fontaine	Heidi Powell
Lois Dodson	Bob Dodson	Pat Cain	Jim Cain
Martha Stearns	Larry Stearns	Denise Aldridge	Dylan Aldridge
Ilene Pool	Carlton Pool	Nancy Cope	Sam Cope
Peggy Sell	Frank Sell	Bill Overhouser	Mary Ellen Overhouser

Town of Seven Devils

Town Hall Staff, Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department

A special thanks to Ed Evans, Kevin Aldridge, Bobby Powell, chuck Davis, Jimmy Keener, Mark Virginia and Bob Garland who came in on their day off (Fourth of July at that) !!!

Thanks to all from the Public Safety Committee

George Ehlinger, Kay Ehlinger,

Mike Tarlton, Dick Nelson, Jim Drum,

Tom Bookstaver, Phyllis Miller, David Hooper,

Brad Lambert, Kay Lambert and

Richard DeMott (Town Council Liaison)



SAFETYFEST SPONSORS

Each year the Seven Devils Public Safety Committee approaches area businesses seeking sponsorships and/or raffle and silent auction donations. We are most grateful for their continued support especially in today's economy. Without the dollars to help pay for the "up front" expenses, the in-kind donations to defray costs, and donations of goods and services to be raffled or included in the Silent Auction, the 6th Annual SafetyFest would not have been the success that it was. Please visit these businesses and thank them for supporting Seven Devils and SafetyFest 2009.

PLATINUM SPONSORS

- Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority
- West Consultants, Morganton, NC
- SkyLine-SkyBest, Seven Devils, NC
- Stevens Fire Equipment, Morganton, NC
- A & L Concepts, LLC, Seven Devils, NC
- Fifth Third Bank, Banner Elk, NC
- Blue Horse Promotions, Boone, NC

GOLD SPONSORS

- Mountain Community Bank, Sugar Mountain, NC
- Iron Mountain Construction, Mountain City, TN

SILVER SPONSORS

- Grandfather Trout Ponds, Banner Elk, NC
- Pepsi Bottling Venture, Deep Gap, NC
- Grandfather Storage and Shipping, Banner Elk, NC

PLACEMAT AD SPONSORS

- Seven Devils Tourism Development Authority
- Sky View Painting, Boone, NC
- High Country Communications, Linville, NC
- Stevens Fire Equipment, Morganton, NC
- Freeman Gas, Foscoe, NC
- Quiznos, Banner Elk, NC
- Legendary Ford, Marion,
- Foscoe Country Corner Deli & Catering, Foscoe, NC

PLACEMAT AD SPONSORS / Continued

- Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp., Boone, NC
- Mountain Top Construction & Realty, Seven Devils, NC
- Antler Realty (Julia Heinlein), Banner Elk, NC
- Northwest Glass & Mirror, Boone, NC
- High Country Cabinets, Banner Elk, NC
- Farm Bureau (Bradley Myers), Boone, NC
- Foscoe Pharmacy, Boone, NC
- Blue Horse Promotions, Boone, NC
- New River Building Supply & Lumber Company, Banner Elk, NC
- Advanced Realty (carol Sommer-Isquith), Boone, NC
- A & L Concepts, LLC, Seven Devils, NC
- Bailey's Drywall & Acoustics, Banner Elk, NC

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION SPONSORS

- DeWolfson 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
- Country Gourmet, Hwy 105, near Seven Devils
- Wolf Creek, Hwy 105, near Seven Devils
- The Lighting Gallery, Hwy 105, near Seven Devils
- T & T Small Engines, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Thelma's Things, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Perfect Nails & Tan, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food
- Finders Keepers, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food
- Mountain Ground Coffee & tea, Grandfather Center, near Lowes Food

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION SPONSORS / Cont.

- Special Additions, Shoppes at Tynecastle
- Nick's Restaurant and Pub, Shoppes at Tynecastle
- The Dandelion, Shoppes at Tynecastle
- Pappy's, Hwy. 105 S.
- Ski Country Sports, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Levi's Barber Shop, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Bella's, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Mr. E's Video Rental, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Bayou Smokehouse & Grill, Banner Elk
- Stonewalls, Banner Elk
- Banner Elk Café, Banner Elk
- Bluefish Grill, Banner Elk
- Jacaloupe's View, Beech Mountain
- Banner Elk Winery, Banner Elk
- Bank of America, Banner Elk
- High Country Hearth, Banner Elk
- Zuzda, Banner Elk
- Mountaineer Garden Center, Banner Elk
- Blackberry Mattress Outlet, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- The Golf Shop, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- Foscoe Fishing Company, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- The Greater Foscoe Mining Company, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- A Cut Above Garden Shop, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- The Brown House, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- Ultimate Kitchen Design, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- Souvenir Shirts of Banner Elk, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Banner Elk Discount Furniture, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Clemons Produce, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Extreme Sports, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Aunt Sis's Dog Boarding, Banner Elk
- The Chimney Wizard, Hwy. 105, Foscoe
- Banner Elk Car Wash, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Avery Rent All, Tynecastle Hwy.
- Bandana's Bar B Que & Grill, Boone
- Dan'l Boone Inn, Boone
- Tweetsie Railroad, Blowing Rock

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION SPONSORS / Cont.

- The Blowing Rock, Blowing Rock
- Grandfather Mountain, Linville
- Sugar Mountain Golf Club, Sugar Mountain
- Lees McRae Summer Theater, Banner Elk
- Hayes Performing Arts Center, Blowing Rock
- Appalachian Summer Festival, ASU, Boone
- Barter Theater, Abingdon, VA
- Scream Time Zipline, Hwy. 105, near Seven Devils
- Hawksnest Zipline, Seven Devils
- Dick and Shirley Nelson
- Phyllis Miller
- Richard DeMott in loving memory of Jane DeMott
- HD Supply Waterworks, Asheville, NC

*Thank you to Universal Zipline technology
Westfield, North Carolina
For a most generous donation!*

JOIN THE SEVEN DEVILS RESORT CLUB

It offers it's members numerous activities throughout the summer season as well as an opportunity to meet neighbors, make new friends, and form life long relationships. Our season is May through October.

Activities include:

Weekend & Holiday Cookouts

Catered Dinners* *Golf Outings

Ladies Bridge* *Covered Dish Dinners

Private Lake Trout Fishing Licenses

Theater

&

Watauga Lake boating picnic trips

and much more!

Please contact: Carol Sommer-Isquith

(828) 260-4991