Top of the Bald
Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association
Fall 2016

President's Message

Earlene Shofi

This is the time of year that I look around and see leaves changing from green to brilliant colors of red, burgundy, yellow, gold and orange. Every year the same question comes to mind, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? When arriving here in spring, it seemed that fall was so far away and winter, not even a thought, no need to think about closing down the house and preparing the garden for winter, it was just too far away, but not anymore. Good grief, it's here!

This summer after our July WLPOA General meeting we elected new officers for the Board of Directors. They are Secretary Lynn Cagney, who's also our Membership Chair, Treasurer David Smith, and Vice President Fred Tygart. Fred not only is VP and legal advisor, he also has extensive knowledge in waste water treatment plant maintenance, unbeknownst to him he would get this job when he first joined WLPOA as a board member. In addition, I've also seen Judge Fred overseeing the tennis court embankment repair. President is Earlene Shofi. We also welcomed back Joanne Wit, Chair of the Village Club, and Lori Wyman Macaulay is Co-Chair. There are Village Club winter activities being planned this season, Gene Woolf and Cate Aaron have agreed to head the committee. If you have plans to be here during the winter and would like to help with one of the socials, please contact them. Regular emails will be sent to our members advising of activities and dates during the winter and spring seasons. Top of The Bald editor Rich Ashley does a superior job of putting the TOB together and is always glad to include your articles in the publication. Terry Ranostaj is Facilities Chair, he certainly has a lot to do as his job consists of keeping the Village in good order and there is always a long "to-do" list. Gail Ford's title is Village Beautification, let her know if you have suggestions for making the Village more attractive or if you want to volunteer for a project. Jim Landry is our Web Master. Thankfully he takes care of all our tech issues including Zoom for meetings – we would probably be communicating by telegraph were it not for his savvy input. The Long Range Planning Committee's leader is Gregg Davis. If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact Gregg. We have many talented and skilled business people in our community and appreciate those willing to volunteer their time. Bobby Hicks rounds out the Board, bringing his real estate and banking expertise to us.

We have a great Board, willing to devote time, energy and knowledge to projects and activities that are for the betterment of our Wolf Laurel community. I feel very honored to be President of the Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association and hope that if you have suggestions, issues or even complaints, you will contact me. Please take a look inside at all the things we accomplished during this season on the mountain! Happy fall, happy winter and happier spring - when we return.

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186 COTTAGE LANE-$369,900- PATIO HOME WITH NICE VIEWS, All paved access w/carport, spacious mtn home that offers 4 Bdr's, 4 Baths, (2 master suites) 2888sqft, lower level is brand new, 2 fplcs, wood floors on 2 levels, office, open floor plan, gas heat, 2 decks and cvrd front porch, furnished. MLS#3171311

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The Village Club – 2016

Cindy Tucker

It's been a wonderful season here in The Village and I'd like to thank the many people who make The Village and all we do here possible. Our Board of Directors is very involved and supportive along with the many Committees and Committee members who contribute their time and talent in so many ways. Other wonderful Community volunteers bring so many of our programs and special events to our Members – Pickelball, WL Wandering Ladies, Gourmet Cooking Classes, Water Fitness, Strength & Stretch, Tai Chi, The Book Club, Dining with Friends, Monday & Friday Socials, Woofminster!, The Walking Club, Yoga, our 50th Anniversary Celebration, the 3rd Annual Oyster Roast and more. Our Wolf Cubs Kids Camp was packed with 34 wonderful children who brought howling and so much fun to The Village. The 4th of July was a true Community Event – supported strongly by those who purchased tickets and made donations to help us cover costs.

Our Community Art Wall has been so amazing this season! Thanks to Chuck Kinsey, Carol Kinsey, Kim Gordon, Tedi McManus and Larry Smith for bringing their art to share with the Community.

This season, we've been so blessed to have a great crew making up our Village Staff! Jim Deloatch, Suehonor Connor and Joey Leonard have all brought their talents to the Village and many of our members enjoyed the beautiful floral arrangements by Suehonor, the excellent fly fishing classes by Joey and the very important training by Jim in personal safety and defensive tactics. They've also taken good care of The Village and our members and visitors every day. Ronnie Rice keeps our office running smoothly and continues to take on special projects to benefit the WLPOA and the Village Club.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make The Village so special!! As always, our Village Club Members really make this program a reality – and – for that, we thank you all!

In the spirit of continuous improvement, let us know how we can provide more value to you! Planning for 2017 will be starting soon, so please send your comments and suggestions to cindy@wolflaurelpoa.com.

Happy 50th Anniversary Wolf Laurel

Earlene Shofi

The Village Club at Wolf Laurel celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Wolf Laurel by hosting a party in the Village Pavilion on August 5th. We welcomed all on the mountain in celebration of our wonderful mountain community. Lots of memorabilia and photos, old and new, were displayed for everyone's enjoyment. Party favors and fun to wear party hats were given out, with guests asked to write the number of years they have lived in Wolf Laurel on their hats. Fred Buck entertained and, being from one of the oldest families that settled the WL area, was the perfect choice for this celebration. The menu consisted of Brat dogs, buns, slaw, potato salad, sauerkraut and baked beans. All who prepared baked beans were automatically entered in a drawing for two $25.00 gift certificates from Ingles, however, we forgot to purchase the gift certificates so instead gave away two cash prizes of $25.00 and there were no complaints! Special thanks go to Dinah Carver from Wolf Mountain Realty for sponsoring the huge 50th Anniversary cake, enjoyed by all.

1st Annual Woofminster!

Lori Wyman Macaulay

What IS a "Woofminster?" The idea for the Woofminster came up when we had a discussion at our monthly Village Club Committee meeting about how to bring more people in our community together. We thought it might be a nice idea to let our community introduce their 4-legged family members to everyone else. The name WOOFMINSTER was a takeoff on the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. We figured we would create a name that lent itself more to our Wolf Laurel name. Once we came up with the name and the date, we set about creating fun activities for the day.

Early on that Sunday, August 7th, 2016, the weather looked a bit scary, but we were very lucky to have perfectly clear weather by 4:30 for our 5PM start time. Our 3 judges, Earlene Shofi, Willie Romero and Lori Macaulay arrived early to set everything up. We had our judges' table and a bag filled with treats and prizes for the dogs that won in each event.

The dogs started to arrive around 4:45. By the time we started at 5PM we had 20 dogs, their owners, and plenty of bystanders observing the festivities. Our first event entailed introductions and a trick by each participant. We were introduced to and entertained by a Labradoodle named Lily and a teeny Chihuahua named Sundae, but the dogs that won this event were a Schnauzer named Sootie who did a very fancy pirouette, and Dixie, a Black Labrador who was very focused on the toy his owner threw and would not go retrieve it until instructed to do so.

The game that was the most challenging for our owners and their dogs was our version of Doggie Musical Chairs. Everyone formed a large circle on the basketball court and started walking around in a big circle as Katy Perry sang Firework on our speaker. Each time the music stopped, the dogs were instructed to sit. The last dog to sit would be out. This game lasted quite awhile until we only had two dogs left. We played the music, they both sat at exactly the same time. The music began. The music stopped and again they sat at exactly

the same time. This went on for several rounds until the judges made an executive decision: they'd both be winners. The two winners of this event were the very same ones from our introductions, Sootie and Dixie. We had several more events and by the end of our 1st annual Woofminster, the "Best Of Show" went to the two best dogs, Sootie and Dixie.

Lots of dogs received prizes for events like best of show, best behaved, most unique bark and shaggiest coat. Our event lasted for one hour and everyone left with big smiles on their faces. We intend to repeat this fun event next year, so start training your dogs now in preparation for our 2nd Annual Woofminster.

3rd Annual Oyster Roast Sold Out Again!

Earlene Shofi

There were lots of folks with big appetites! Even those who didn't dine on the delectable oysters had delicious alternatives, with pulled pork and lots of sides offered. Gwynne Beneke, Lynn Matthews, Bill Thaxton, and Scottie Davis prepared the outstanding pulled pork. Joanne Wit and Becky Shennan mixed the now famous Asian slaw.

Those on the Village Club Oyster Roast planning committee are Joanne Wit, Cate Aaron, Barby McQueen, Gwynne Beneke, Lori Wyman Macaulay, Leslie Plank, George Shennan, Nancy Schmidt and Earlene Shofi. With over 100 in attendance, our committee (plus

honorary committee member, Garry Wit) stayed very busy keeping everything running smoothly. Thanks to Jim Deloatch for keeping the Pavilion looking nice and tidy, in spite of our rather messy fare. We also had the very best oyster shuckers: Mitchell Whitt, Tanner King, Ansel Ringler and Patrick Stafford, serving oysters with great skill and good humor. Many folks, including the committee, have asked if they would return next year. Tom Ploski of Black Mountain Realty provided beautiful centerpieces of potted mums for the tables.

But, the real star of this show is Peter Beneke! Peter hauls the custom harvested Chesapeake Bay oysters on ice all the way from Virginia - 8 bushels fresh out of the Bay! Not only did he truck the oysters to WL, this year he also brought a custom made steamer that he donated to the Village Club for future roasts. Thank you Peter from the bottom of our happy tummies!

ASPIRING TO BE A GOURMET COOK?

Michaelene Sanders

Interested in learning some creative new ways to entertain your mountain guest? Look at what's been cooking at the Village Club. Summertime is our fun time and we have enjoyed getting together, meeting new friends and having lots of fun, fellowship and food.

Michaelene Sanders, has offered gourmet-cooking classes as a way to raise funds to help our Village club. Over the past four years we have enjoyed cooking classes and house tours of many unique and beautiful mountain homes. It has been an enjoyable way to spend a day, meeting other Wolf Laurel neighbors, while getting fresh new ideas and recipes to share with your summer house guests.

Our classes include cooking lessons, recipes, lunch and a house tour! We have cooked everything from French favorites, unique summer soups and salads, to Asian Cuisine, and let us not forget to mention desserts galore!

Our summer's grand finale this year was hosted at Jim and Susan Jahna's beautiful home on Hawberry. The menu for this lunch was an Arugula salad with roasted eggplant topped with sesame shrimp and a ginger Wasabi sauce, Soyaki stir-fry with coconut rice, individual mango Pavlova. Everyone went away happy. See the slide show on our WLPOA website: www.wolflaurelpoa.com/photo-gallery

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WELCOME New Members!

We are pleased to welcome the new members below that have joined WLPOA since publication of the Summer TOP OF THE BALD. Please seek them out and let them know of all the exciting opportunities WLPOA has to offer, and invite them to an upcoming event.

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Lot 173

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Lot 241

The Village Bookclub - 2016

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 was our last meeting for the summer. Harriett Hill provided a wonderful narrative review of the first of our last two books, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Beckman. Martha Tate's review of "My Name Is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout was another wonderful narrative. A guest and new member, Susan Parker, joined us for our final get-together.

For our winter reading, the suggested book is "The Secret Wisdom of the Earth" by Christopher Scotton. The Village Bookclub is open to everyone. We enjoy our discussions and we invite you to join us next May when we will meet again in the Village Pavilion.

Happy Reading,
Karen Gerry

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Village Club Winter Socials! All Welcome!

Special thanks to Gene Woolf for heading up these great Winter season special events! These gatherings will all be held in the WLPOA Community Center. Note – this schedule is tentative and subject to change due to weather (Weather alerts and other details will be made available via e-mail if needed).

Friday, November 11th 6pm: BYOB and an appetizer to share. $5 per couple cover for non-Village Club guests (or $3 per person).

Saturday, November 26th 6pm: Turkey themed Saturday Social – BYOB and appetizer or dish to share. $5 per couple cover for non-Village Club guests (or $3 per person).

Saturday, December 17th 6pm: Christmas Party! RSVP to cindy@wolflaurelpoa.com. Chili theme with volunteers to provide chili and desserts. Other sides provided by the Village Club. $5 per couple for Village Club members (or $3 per person) and $8 per couple for non-Village Club guests (or $4 per person).

And Continuing into 2017:

Saturday, February 11th 6pm: BYOB & an appetizer to share. $5 per couple cover for non-Village Club guests (or $3 per person).

Saturday, March 18th 6pm: BYOB & an appetizer to share. $5 per couple cover for non-Village Club guests (or $3 per person).

Celebrate the New Year at the WL Country Club!

All welcome! This event is being organized by Crystal McMurray and will feature music by the ZuZu Welch Band! Payment for attendance should be made by November 15th and that attendance will set the price per person. All monies should be paid by December 1st. Please contact Crystal at boxerholler@gmail.com. BYOB.

WLPOA Community Center Hours of Operation

November 2016 – March 2017

As of November, the WLPOA Community Center will be open Monday – Wednesday each week from 8:30am – 4pm. Please note that this schedule is subject to change due to weather, etc. The WLPOA Library is available for folks to find a good book on those days we're scheduled to be open.

The WLPOA Board Meetings will take place as scheduled on the second Friday of each month and members are always encouraged to attend (note if any date is changed, an e-mail will be sent out to let you know):

Friday, November 11th, 2016 10am
December – no WLPOA Board meeting
Friday, January 13th, 2017 10am
Friday, February 10th, 2017 10am
Friday, March 10th, 2017 10am

If you need wi-fi access and the Community Center is not open, you can pick up a signal by parking close to the pass-through and use the wi-fi from the warm comfort of your car!

If you need RM&S for car stickers, etc., please go to the building across from the Community Center – last porch. The RM&S hours are Monday – Friday 8am-4:30pm.

Food Pantry Donations

Cleaning out your pantry? Leaving for the season? Please bring your non-perishable food items to the WLPOA Community Center for a local charitable organization - The Beacon of Hope. Beacon of Hope distributes food boxes to over 500 low-income families each month. Please support this important cause and needy families in the area! The WLPOA Community Center is open in October 7 days a week 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and starting in November, Monday - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. And, you can always leave your donation by the door if we are closed. Thank you!!

Meet The Macaulays

Hello! We are The Macaulays and we bought our home in Wolf Laurel in the fall of 2012. Marc, our daughter Ali, our two four-legged family members, Sport and Sundae, and I, Lori, come up from South Florida as often as we can. We bought the house that everyone seems to know. It's the one on Birch Springs Lane with the GIANT logs. It's been called the Flintstone House, the Happy Hour House, and the Real Estate Tour home (before we bought it), among other names. Our home sat empty for many years while residents of Wolf Laurel would enter through the open back door and wander through the house. So many wondered how our log home could be built without a fireplace. There were odd cuts and corners in the house, but when we walked up to the front door and saw the big logs, we knew it was something we could call home.

Marc and I met while we were both working on a little television show in the 1980's called Miami Vice. I was the Florida Casting Director of that show and Marc was an actor on the show while he was living in New York City. Since Marc grew up in Winter Haven, Florida, and Florida was booming with film and television production at that time, Marc moved back down to Florida, and we got together as a couple. That was in late 1988 and the rest is history.

As a child, my family would come up to the mountains of North Carolina every summer. We usually vacationed at a resort in Hendersonville called Osceola Lake Inn. As young as I can remember, I would say that I was going to own a log home in the mountains of North Carolina. It was my mantra, of a sort. Once Marc and I became a couple, I shared that dream with him, even taking him to stay at my childhood vacation retreat, so he could see the beauty of the area. Once Marc was hooked, we went to as many log home conventions and universities as we could find. We explored log home magazines, books, manufacturers, home shows and any resource we could find that would educate us about log home building, upkeep, styles, sizes, kinds of wood, floor plans, you name it. I even maintain a vision board containing photos of my dream log home in my office that I have had for many years. As a matter of fact, when we originally walked up to the door of this log house, I shouted to Marc, "THAT'S THE DOOR!" The door of our home on Birch Springs is the exact same door that had been up on my vision board for years.

Marc and I were going to build our dream log home at the beginning of our journey. We came up to Western North Carolina in the late 1990's and our realtor at the time brought us up to Wolf Laurel to look at lots. We thought it was so beautiful, but a little far out of town, so we kept looking. Fast forward to 2012 and our new realtor brought us to this one special log home that also happened to be in that same magical place we had visited over a decade earlier. We now realized it wasn't as far as we had initially thought. From the moment we set foot in this brand new home, that no one had ever lived in, we knew we could make this our dream come true.

We have had a lot of fun getting this house together. Marc asked me recently if we would ever be done with our log home, and I said NO! He said, "GOOD!" We just love shopping, buying, fixing up, decorating, and making this home exactly what we want. This home is

our art project, our hobby, our passion. We have done a lot to this log home so far and we are not done yet. We are still accumulating stories about our home. AND THERE ARE MANY! We have added a fireplace, expanded the master bedroom, redone three of the five bathrooms, added laurel and locust stair railings, added window treatments, built out all of the closets, replaced our living room light with a Roc Corbett chandelier, and we just added a fire pit on the side of the house this past summer. Now these last two can come off of the vision board. Time to add more exciting ideas to enhance our work of art.

When people ask us if we are going to move up to Wolf Laurel full-time, we tell them we cannot right now. Our daughter just started high school this school year and I still run a very busy casting office in Miami. This coming season I will be casting seasons three of the very popular Netflix show entitled Bloodline and the HBO show, Ballers, starring Dwayne, THE ROCK, Johnson.

You can usually find me in the exercise classes at 9:00 in the morning when I am up on the mountain and I just got elected to a second term on the board of the WLPOA. This past summer Ali, our 14 year old, was a participant at the Bird Camp and the Horse Camp. She even volunteered to help out with the Wolf Camp. We love taking advantage of everything Wolf Laurel has to offer. Marc enjoys taking his fishing gear down to the pond, I hike up Big Bald and the Nature Trail, and Ali goes swimming with friends she has made up here. We met some of our closest friends up here at the first Friday Nighter we attended and discovered that they went to Junior High School with Marc. What a small world!

We attend as many art festivals as we can and have lots of wonderful art pieces in our home from the various crafts people we have encountered. We have commissioned a local woodworker to create a sign with the name of our log home, to display proudly, just as soon as we can decide on a name.

We love showing off our work of art. If you see our car in the driveway, stop by and pay us a visit! Don't worry, the wolves don't bite!!

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Restaurant Ramblings

Gwynne Beneke

Writing this column has been a lot of fun. What a great excuse to go out to eat! But I'm also pretty picky about not just the food, but also the atmosphere and details of the restaurants that I've recommended. The atmosphere, the lighting, the level of background noise, the tables, how they're set, how the food is presented, the service – all of it influences how successful, how enjoyable the evening may be. I've been looking forward to the reopening of a small neighborhood pub, particularly because I knew that the meat would be provided by the Chop Shop Butchery next door.

The wait was definitely worth it! The opening of BONE AND BROTH, on Charlotte Street, sandwiched between City Bakery and The Chop Shop, occurred two weeks ago. We were finally able to have dinner there last night. Oh boy. What a treat. Quickly seated in the room adjoining the (already full at 5pm) bar, my initial impression was "hmmmm, this could be special." Unwrapping the utensils from the hefty cream-with-black-stripes napkins, a dinner fork, knife, and round soup spoon appeared. Good weight. Smooth finish. The napkin rested on my lap – no fear of it slipping off onto the floor. Locally-sourced CELTIC sea salt and pepper grinders were on the table. The menu revealed a modest selection of options. The broth-of-the-day was pork. Not normally wild about pork, I asked for a sample. (In case you haven't heard, bone broth – hours in preparation – is the most talked about health food of this and the past year.) I sipped skeptically. Light. Fragrant. A hint of herbs. Hours and hours to prepare. But then ingredients ARE from the Chop Shop. Very impressed also by the staff: friendly, efficient, knowledgeable.

All three in our party decided to order the same entrée: a new cut of steak, a 6 oz. "Bavette" (think a cross between sirloin and filet), served with a roasted pepper puree, roasted potato cubes, a small arugula with Parmesan salad, and baguette toast. But when the waitress set the steak knife before me, I swooned. No kidding. I'm a snob when it comes to steak knives. No wimpy lightweights for me. The HEAVY, worthy-of-capitals, BLACK, beautifully balanced knife that the owner insisted on acquiring, is worthy of the most expensive Porterhouse available anywhere. Wait 'til you see it!

The bavette was worthy of the knife: served rare to medium rare, it was tender and absolutely delicious. The price? $14! Why? The portions were modest. Too many times I'm over whelmed with the amount of food served and the price to match. Not here. Scallops at $23 was the most expensive entrée on the menu.

The drink menu/wine list was generous with by-the-glass and splits surprisingly visible. A "Blue Hair" cocktail looked interesting. Run, don't walk. Opens at 4, closed on Sunday, no reservations. You can call ahead to tell them to expect you.

Another BBQ joint that opened over last winter is BUXTON HALL, off of Coxe on Bank Street, next to Catawba Brewery, on the "South Slope." Featured in SOUTHERN LIVING and named #9 for '16. Don't expect fancy. IT'S BBQ! Eastern style. Big portions, big venue (although there was a BON APPETIT block long line, waiting for doors to open at 5:30); this is a family/kid-friendly place with truly Southern fare. The venue was formerly the African-American roller skating rink; the original sporting murals grace the walls. Again no reservations, open every day. But arrive early if you don't want to wait or come even earlier and have a brew next door at Catawba Brewery.

One last note. We participated in a truly authentic FARM-TO-TABLE dinner at The Farmers' Hands in Mars Hill. A delightful young couple, a magic outdoor tented setting, superb food. Make reservations with your WL friends next season. NOT TO BE MISSED – I promise.

Many of you have left the mountain for winter digs. HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON. See you next year!

Meet Your WLPOA Board

Earlene Shofi – President
My husband John and I have been enjoying Wolf Laurel for about 15 years, first visiting friends, then renting and eventually buying our home ten years ago. It was my goal to own a home in WL after retirement, as we were immediately drawn to the natural beauty of the area and the genuine warmth of its residents.

Since moving here, I have been active in the Wolf Laurel Women's Golf Association, being one of the five founding members of the very successful organization, serving as Chair for two years, as well as on the golf committee for one year. WLWGA also started a charitable Susan G. Komen Golf Tournament which I Chaired for three years. Hospice and Special Operations Warrior Foundations Golf Tournament are other volunteer activities.

After college I worked for AT&T in Maryland as Dept. Head in the Fraud Investigation Division. Several years later I moved back to my native Tampa, Florida and worked for GTE/Verizon in their corporate public relations office until deciding to be a stay-at-home Mom. I started my own rental company and worked from my home office until selling my interests when my husband John retired.

I am currently Amenities Chair for the WLPOA and have enjoyed working with our residents and employees and hope to continue to serve the community.

Fred Tygart – Vice President and Legal Chair-RMS Liaison
My wife, Susan, and I first visited Wolf Laurel in 2003 and loved the unspoiled beauty of the mountain. We were particularly impressed with the picturesque rustic Village with the historic barn and all its amenities. When the opportunity to purchase the Village opened in 2010, we gladly invested in a life equity amenities membership to be a part of preserving this irreplaceable asset in perpetuity. Since that time, the Wolf Laurel Property Owners Association has matured into a wonderful full-service organization which provides a multitude of programs and events, together with membership services, that enriches each member's mountain experience. All this would not have been possible without the generosity of the members and the efforts and dedication of the Board. I presently serve as vice president and immediate past president as well as chair of the legal committee.

David Smith – Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair
David has been a Wolf Laurel homeowner since 1980, first on Chestnut Lane and currently on Silver Fox Lane. He and his wife Lynn have maintained their permanent residence in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, since 2012. David spends time at Wolf Laurel in all 4 seasons of the year enjoying golf, tennis, skiing and hiking with friends and family. He and his family have been members of the POA and the Amenities Program since their inception. David is a member of the Wolf Laurel Country Club as well as Sawgrass Country Club, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl. He has an abiding love for Wolf Laurel, a community of friends and neighbors residing in one of the most unique and beautiful areas in the country.

Lynn Cagney – Secretary and Membership Chair
We have been WLPOA and Village Club (formerly Amenities) members since 2004 when we bought our cabin. I am in my 2nd year as a WLPOA Board member. During my first year on the board I served on the Membership and Long Range Planning committees. I co-presented a, hopefully entertaining, review of WLPOA expenditures at the July 30th WLPOA Annual meeting. This year I am serving as Board Secretary, chair of the membership committee and member of the Long Range Planning committee. I am particularly interested in increasing positive communication between all entities on the mountain. I volunteer for and support activities on the mountain including Hospice, Upper Laurel Community, Ebbs Chapel, Festivals, Friends of the Library, etc. I am also a proponent of maintaining the natural beauty of Wolf Laurel.

Rich Ashley – Editor, TOP OF THE BALD
Julia and I have been permanent residents of Wolf Laurel since 2003. I retired in 2013 and Julia in 2014. In addition to being a board member of the WLPOA for the last three years, I've been treasurer for the annual Wolf Laurel Hospice event for three years and the Treasurer for Bright Hope Laurel UMC for ten years. I would like to see the eventual coalescence of WLPOA with Roads and Security as well as open communications among mountain entities and transparency of all boards to their constituents.

Gregg Davis – Long Range Planning Chair
The long range planning committee is charged with identifying future needs of the WLPOA and finding possible ways of meeting those needs. I have experience in management, vision casting and labor relations. I am content to serve with such selfless board members who put in many uncompensated hours. Wolf Laurel is a special place with special people.

Gail Watkins Ford – Village Beautification
John and I visited Wolf Laurel in the summer of 1994 and before we signed a contract on a Condo and two years later bought a Villa. We fell in love with the area and are still in awe of its beauty. My passion is gardening and I have been associated with three garden clubs and have served in numerous roles. I am a member of the Garden Club of Charleston, the oldest garden club in America. I am also certified as a Master Gardner. The last three years I have taken care of several flower beds at Wolf Laurel: the rose garden at the Nature Trail, the pass-through at the pavilion and the announcement sign and boxes at the entrance, all at the request of our friend Frank Perritt.

My educational focus was nursing, a Masters from Emory University and a Doctorate in Health Care Administration from the University of South Carolina. I taught nursing for thirty years at USC and served on numerous committees at the college, University and professional organization level. I am certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and worked in that capacity for seventeen years at Sumter Medical Specialists, a Nephrology and Endocrinology practice. I retired for the second time in 2014. The Amenities program focus on health and well-being, and preserving the natural beauty of the area are a good match with my background and experience.

Bobby Hicks – Membership and WLCC ad hoc committee
My wife Mary Lou I moved to Wolf Laurel in September 2014 and we are absolutely thrilled with our decision. We had been living in the mountains of North Carolina since the mid 1990's, essentially moving to NC to attend college, and we never left! Prior to Wolf Laurel we lived in Hendersonville for 14 years, both working in downtown Asheville. We were looking for our new home, within a reasonable commute to the greater Asheville area, and we wanted to find a home to literally live in for the next 40 years. My parents purchased a second home here at Wolf Laurel in 2013, so we were very familiar with the community, and my banking career exposed me to many golf course and gated communities in the region. We thought, why wait until retirement to live in paradise? This community is beautiful and it is the people in the community that truly make this area magical.

In 2012, I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western Carolina University with a Master's degree in Entrepreneurship. The focus of my academic program was the real estate industry, business plan development, and the formation of companies. As a commercial banking officer for Carolina First Bank and TD Bank in western North Carolina, dealing primarily with real estate, it was a very natural transition to form Hicks Real Estate Group in 2012 and leave traditional banking.

Jim Landry (Emeritus) – Webmaster
For more than a decade, I have met and worked alongside some amazingly selfless volunteers of Wolf Laurel, and I appreciate the Board allowing me to continue as an emeritus member of the Board. Most assuredly, the gate and Village encourage an interest in property ownership within Wolf Laurel. My goal is total residential participation that will accept membership as an investment in the Association that works to maintain the value of all properties.

Lori Wyman Macaulay – Village Club Co-Chair
Lori is a Miami, Florida native and has been a part-time resident of Wolf Laurel since the fall of 2012. She lives with her husband, Marc, and her daughter Ali. She has 2 dogs that always travel with the family to and from her mountain home.

In her professional life, Lori has had an award-winning career in film and television casting that has spanned from 1979 to the present. Lori is considered one of the biggest casting directors in the entire Southeast. Her projects include Miami Vice , Dolphin Tale, Dolphin Tale 2, Burn Notice, Graceland, The Glades, Magic City, Bloodline, and Ballers.

On an organizational level, Lori is a board member of the Florida Speaker's Association and a member of the National Speaker's Association. She is a member of the CSA (Casting Society of America) and this year she is currently serving her second term as a board member of WLPOA. As a board member she would like to see more activities on the mountain so neighbors can

socialize more and get to know one another better. She would also like to come up with more creative ways to help out our neighbors in need as there are so many in the Mars Hill area who are less fortunate than we.

Terry Ranostaj – Facilities Chair
My wife Kim and I have been residents of Wolf Laurel for four years this October. I work in the internal audit department of Goodman Mfg, a leading maker of residential and commercial air conditioning units. Kim has been a lifelong resident of Asheville, and when we married 9+ years ago, I moved here from Houston to be in the mountains. We had looked at numerous properties in Western North Carolina, but once we drove through the gate here at Wolf Laurel, we fell in love with the community. I would like to see Wolf Laurel continue to grow, not only as a second home/ mountain home community, but perhaps as a permanent residence for those looking to get further away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Joanne Wit – Village Club Chair
I guess I could say "I'm Back". I served on the POA Board several years, took a year off and now I am back. At this time I am serving as chairperson of the Village Club Committee. Although I have been involved in many ways with the Village Club and what it offers to our community, I am still getting my feet wet in my present role. Thanks to committee members – Laura McCauley, Barby McQueen, George Shennan, David and Nancy Schmidt, Cate Aaron, and Leslie Plank and of course our Village Club Director, Cindy Tucker – I am finding my way in maintaining our excellent Village Club program and exploring new ideas to better serve all members in our community. I hope that if you have a suggestion or problem with any Village Club related issue, you will call or email me. It is the goal of our committee to facilitate members' understanding of the value of the Village Club and to offer programs that best serve your interests when planning and certainly to do our best to keep improving our Village Club Program(s).

Above:
L to R: (at table) Gail Ford, David Smith, Jim Landry, Lynn Cagney, Lori Wyman Macaulay, (standing) Earlene Shofi

Right:
L to R: Earlene Shofi, Fred Tygart, Joanne Wit, Jim Landry, Greg Davis, Rich Ashley

Can You "Read" Me Now?

Jim Landry

Earlier this year the POA changed its host service and upgraded the website. This month we concentrated on our email communications for issuing alerts, surveys and TOB newsletters.

The previous system was cost-free and the rule "you get what you pay for" proved true. The program did serve us well but required considerable time for initial set-up and file maintenance, and it did not give feedback regarding its effectiveness. We had no knowledge of who was actually receiving the emails and who was not, and lately the system has just not performed to satisfaction.

Our new service involves two separate but coordinating service entities: The first service company acts as our secretarial desk where the accounts, lists and emails are developed. The second service company acts as our mail carrier (server) and actually sends out the emails within a matter of seconds. They also provide us with delivery status reports to include who got the emails and who did not. Connections that did not complete are known as "hard bounces" and "soft bounces." Hard bounces are permanent errors, and are to be removed from the mailing list while soft bounces are either temporary or permanent; usually because of a filled mailbox. This is where you can help us and yourself by insuring we always have your most current email address.

Although it still takes time to develop, filter and categorize the email lists, the ease and time to do so and to update has improved immensely. A big plus is to have it all alphabetized, and the price of $11/mo for the entire package is very reasonable.

All the above is going on behind that simple-looking email you receive from the POA. There is one noticeable addition you will see at the bottom of each announcement and that is the phrase allowing you the opportunity to "opt out" of receiving further emails. This is a requirement of the CAN-SPAM ACT of 2003 that sets national standards, and hopefully you will not exercise that option or to label the email as spam. Should that happen, we are obligated to delete your email from our list. To assist in filtering your emails, we use a descriptive title so you can decide to trash the message before spending time to read it. Should you accidentally opt out, please simply email the POA for a correction.

As always, any questions regarding this subject or anything the POA can help you with can be sent in via the website Contacts/WLPOA page of the website: www.wolflaurelpoa.com.

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Each year the Upper Laurel Community Organization (ULCO) sponsors a Christmas Party for the EBBS CHAPEL VFD and EMT's. Critical to the success of this event are the donations from Wolf Laurel and the Upper Laurel communities which provide funds for the dinner, gifts and gift cards for the families involved. You probably know that, in recent years, the ECVFD has responded to Wolf Laurel for several house fires and the EMTs have responded numerous times for medical emergencies. For their dedication and responsiveness we are all grateful.

Wolf Laurel, alone, has provided about 50% of the funding for this event and, once again, these volunteers need and deserve our continued support. If you would like to help with this event, checks should be written to the Upper Laurel Community Organization and mailed to:

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The ULCO is a 501 (c) 3 organization and your contributions are tax deductible. You will be mailed a receipt. The event is scheduled in the first week of December and the organization needs the money in time to plan the event and do the shopping. The ULCO thanks you for your support!

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Gene Woolf

One day Billy Beagle was out for a walk with Joe.

It was a nice day. The sky was blue. The grass was green. There were many nice smells in the air. There were rabbit smells, and squirrel smells, and bird smells. Billy liked smells.

Joe and Billy walked down a country road. They went around a curve and came to farmer Jack's house. Farmer Jack had a big old brown dog. Sometimes the big old brown dog would bark at Billy, but Billy was not afraid, because the big old dog was tied up to a chain and could not get loose to chase Billy. This time the big old dog did not bark at Billy. He just lay on the ground and watched Joe and Billy walk by.

Billy barked, "Hey old dog, why aren't you barking at me?"

Old brown dog growled a little, and then he answered. " I am so tired of being chained up. All I can do is walk down there a little ways to that barn. Then I can turn around and walk back here. Then I can do it again. And again. And again. That is all I can do. I can't chase rabbits. I can't chase squirrels. I can't smell new things." I wait a long time. I wait all day. Then when it is getting dark Farmer Jack comes home. He brings me food, but he does not play with me. He does not talk to me much. I think he is getting old. Yesterday he forgot my food. He brought it today, but I was so hungry. I am so sad. Can I go with you?"

Joe said, "Look, Billy, Old brown dog does not have any water to drink. His bowl is empty." Joe looked around, he looked here, he looked there, he looked every where, but he could not find any water.

"Stay here, Billy. I will go up to the Farmer Jack's house and get water." Joe went to Mr. Jack's door and knocked. No one came. Joe knocked again, and no one came. Mr. Jack is not here, thought Joe. Joe took his cell phone. He called Suzie. He asked Suzie to come in the car and bring some water, and some dog food, for Old Brown Dog.

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"Billy, we will wait here with Old Brown Dog," Joe said. Billy went over to the old dog and gave him a friendly sniff. Joe petted the old dog, and rubbed his back.

"Oh, please, please can I go with you," said the old dog, softly.

"Suzie will be here very soon," Joe told Billy. "We will give Old Brown Dog some water and food. Then we will wait a while and see if Farmer Jack comes home. We need to talk to him about his dog."

Suzie came very soon. She gave Old Brown Dog some dog food and he ate it all up. She gave him some water, and he drank it all up. Old Brown dog looked at Suzie and Joe and wagged his tail one time, to say "thank you very much." Suzie asked Billy if he was hungry, and he said yes. He ate his dog food too. He ate it all up, and he drank some water too.

Just then they heard a noise. Farmer Jack was coming in his old red truck. Farmer Jack got out of his truck. He smiled at Suzie and Joe. "Thank you for feeding Old Brown Dog." I get home so late, and I am so tired. I am old. I can't take care of Old Brown Dog anymore. Do you know anyone who would take care of him for me?"

Suzie smiled at Joe. Joe smiled at Suzie. They smiled at Billy. They asked, "Billy, would you like to have another dog with us?"

Billy wagged his tail. Old Brown Dog wagged his tail again and again.

Joe said "Farmer Jack, can we buy Old Brown Dog and take him home with us. We will pay you and we will take good care of Old Brown Dog, and love him too. "

Farmer Jack said "You don't have to pay me. I am glad that my dog will go to a good home and be with another dog. I still have a leash and a collar. I will go find them, and I will tell him goodbye."

Joe knew that Farmer Jack needed some money, so he said "I will buy the collar and the leash, and pay you money."

Farmer Jack said "Good. OK. I will be back in just a minute." When he came back, he handed Joe the Leash, and Joe put it around Old Brown Dog's neck. Farmer Jack gave his dog a big hug, and felt very sad. The dog looked at Farmer Jack, and felt sad too. But he said goodbye by wagging his tail one time.

Suzie and Billy got in Suzie's car. Joe spoke to Old Brown Dog. He said. "Brown dog, you are going home with Billy and us. Here, jump in the car." Brown dog did. Then Billy licked brown dog, and gave a woof.

Farmer Jack stood by his old red truck, and watched them go. He watched for a long time, because he was sad to see his old dog go.

Old Brown Dog looked back at Farmer Jack for a long time. Then he gave one more woof. Then they drove away to his new home, where he could run on the green grass as much as he wanted, and play with his new friend Billy.

Wolf Laurel for Hospice:
30 Years of Giving
Pam Gregg

When Wolf Laurel started planning for the 2016 Wolf Laurel for Hospice fundraiser, an ambitious goal was set by the event chairman for its 30th anniversary. After a summer full of activities including a Memorial Day plant sale, golf tournament, bake sale, auction, dinner and Hearts for Hospice, the goal was realized and achieved. On September 19th, event chairman, Willie Romero, and committee presented the results of their efforts to Hospice of Madison - $75,000.

The $75,000 donation is the largest since the event's inception in 1987. In the past 30 years, over 1.1 million has been raised for hospice by Wolf Laurel with support from area businesses and community members.

"We continue to be humbled each year by the giving of Wolf Laurel, local businesses, other associated businesses and our communities as a whole. And this year is no exception," comments Teresa Strom, Hot Springs Health Program Executive Director. "Willie (Romero) and everyone's efforts will touch each and every one of our hospice patients."

"I know that the fundraising committee felt they were getting a late start this year, but their positive attitude, determination and enthusiasm to help others raised a record amount this year," says Larry Burda, HSHP Board Chairman. "Our patients and families are truly fortunate."

When it comes to hospice, the Wolf Laurel community understands the benefits. Many of the Wolf Laurel residents have experienced hospice care personally, through relatives or friends and they want others to receive the same quality end-of-life care. Each year, the residents of the gated community rally in support of our local hospice – Hospice of Madison – to ensure that the residents of Madison County and the surrounding area can receive care and support at end-of-life.

Hospice of Madison, a division of the Hot Springs Health Program, provides nursing, medical social work, home health aide, physical, occupational and speech therapy, bereavement, spiritual and volunteer services as well as integrative therapies such as aromatherapy, healing touch, REIKI, pet therapy and other alternative therapies.

100% of monies raised by the Wolf Laurel for Hospice event are used for patient care and related services. For more information on hospice services, call Hospice of Madison at 828-649-2705 or go to www.hotspringshealth-nc.org. For more information on Wolf Laurel for Hospice, go to www.wolflaurelforhospice.org.

Hot Springs Health Program, a non-profit healthcare organization, offers hospice and home health services as well as a full range of primary and preventative medical and pharmacy services at four convenient locations – Hot Springs Medical Center, Laurel Medical Center, Mashburn Medical Center, and Mars Hill Medical Center. For more information on our services, call 828-649-9566 or got to www.hotspringshealth-nc.org.

Special Operations Warriors Foundation Tournament

John Ritchart

The annual SOWF tournament and fundraiser was held at the Wolf Laurel Country club on August 13, 2016 and again this year was very successful – raising over $48,000 for this very worthy cause. The Special Operations Warrior Foundation provides (1) Full college educations for children of fallen special operations warriors, and (2) Immediate financial grants to the families of severely wounded special operators. Special Operations Warriors include Army Rangers, Navy Seals, Air Force Pathfinders, and Marine Recon soldiers among others.

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation's administrative costs are less than 6% of revenue. 94% of revenue goes directly to the mission. The foundation receives the highest ratings from independent raters for charities due to the low overhead structure of the foundation. In any given year about 150 children of fallen Special Ops soldiers are in college fully funded by this organization. The foundation tracks the progress of these children through High School and contacts them periodically to discuss their academic progress and future plans.

Wolf Laurel CC raises money for the Foundation on golf tournament entry fees, Corporate and major sponsor contributions, golf hole Sponsors, silent auctions, and contributions from many generous individuals.

We are all very proud to support this fine Foundation.

HAVE YOU MET YOUR NEIGHBORS?

Getting to know the Wolf Laurel Village wildlife! (2nd of 2)

Joey Leonard

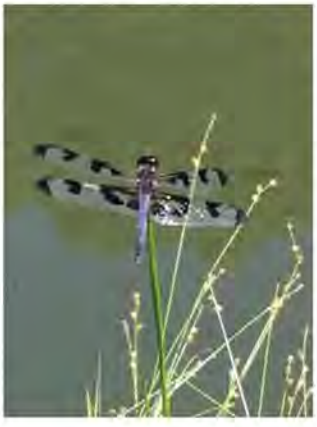
1. *Epargyreus Clarus*- The Silver-Spotted Skipper

Named for the light skipping motions that this bug uses to fly, the Silver-Spotted Skipper is one of the main inhabitants of our trout pond. Mainly residing in open, grassy areas and along forest edges, this butterfly loves to take advantage of the various flowers and blooming shrubs planted here. An odd fact about the Silver-Spotted Skipper is that they are hardly ever seen retrieving nectar from yellow flowers, though you will see them seeking out milkweed, red clover, blazing stars, and those prickly, purple thistles. These friendly flappers begin their lives as an egg but quickly hatch into a caterpillar, which then undergoes a pupal stage before maturing. This pupal stage occurs over the winter months, giving the Silver-Spotted Skipper the advantage of not needing to seek out food during that time. They are known to commonly lay one to two broods each year, but here in the Deep South they usually lay up to four!

2. *Apis Mellifera*- The Western Honey Bee

These pollinating king-pins are the most common type of honey bee in the United States, and feed exclusively on a diet of pollen, honey, and water. Previously inhabiting most of the United States, their numbers have dwindled drastically, for urban expansions and improper environmental stewardships have eliminated much of the Western Honey Bees' natural feeding grounds. Though they are equipped with a stinger, and venom to match, they are actually one of the most docile species of honey bee in the world. These life-generating insects love to hang around the Wolf Laurel Village, so unless you are allergic, feel free to search them out! Just be wary of disturbing their work; they take it very seriously and will defend it swiftly.

3. *Libellula Pulchella*- The Twelve-Spotted Skimmer



The Twelve-Spotted Skimmer is considered a large species when it comes to dragonflies. People often see these aerial aces around bodies of water, but many do not know that they actually begin their life in water as a naiad (an aquatic insect that does not go through a pupal stage and looks very different from its adult counterpart). They are bottom-feeders as naiads, eating larvae, pupae, nymphs, and other naiads. As adults they eat any flying insect that does not have a hard exoskeleton, such as butterflies, moths, termites, and mayflies, which they snatch right out of the air! Always keep in mind that mayflies are a particular favorite of trout. If you are out walking a stream with your fly rod and trying to find out where the trout are, looking for these water skimming acrobats can be a good idea.

4. *Nerodia Erthrogaster*- The Plain-Bellied Water Snake

This snake is a distant relative of the Garter Snake, and is named for its non-patterned underbelly. It shares a number of qualities with its cousin: dietary habits, size, and being mistaken for a dangerous animal. The Plain-Bellied Water Snake can vary in coloration from black to light brown or gray, with a plain yellow or tan underbelly. They often stay close to permanent bodies of water, such as ponds and streams. When these snakes feel threatened they coil up, performing quick striking motions, and flattening their heads. These defensive actions often lead them to being mistaken for a Cottonmouth (Agkistrodon piscivorus). Do not fret, though, for these snakes have less venom than their smaller counterparts: none!

5. *Lepomis macrochirus*- The Bluegill

(Left: Several Bluegill nests. Right: A school of Bluegill near their nesting sights.)

The Bluegill is a member of the sunfish family, often referred to as Bream or Brim. You can see these fish thriving in hearty numbers in our pond, forming their seasonal nests along the far banks (near the pavilion with a swing). Bluegills are extremely opportunistic eaters, biting at almost anything that is small enough for their tiny mouths. They naturally feed on both live and dead insects, smaller fish, worms, and zooplankton, but have also been observed to eat many human staples such as cheese, corn, cracker crumbs, hot dog bits, and bread. These sunfish are endemic to the Eastern United States, but can now be found in every part of the country. They are unquestionably considered a vital prey item for predators such as otters, larger fish, snapping turtles, and birds of prey.

6. *Rana Catesbeiana*- The American Bullfrog

(Left: Mature adult Bullfrog resting on a boulder near the WL Pond. Right: A Bullfrog tadpole sunning itself along the edge of the water.)

The American Bullfrog is arguably one of the most easily recognizable species of frog in our country. With their massive size and force they will overpower and consume any living prey they can fit in their mouths, including both large and small insects, small fish, birds, rodents, reptiles, shellfish, and bats. They reside near shallow but permanent bodies of water, such as streams, ponds, and lakes, which are needed for reproduction. A female bullfrog can lay up to 20,000 eggs at a time on the surface of the water. In a few days they will hatch into tadpoles, which will congregate around the shallow edges of the water. It takes an average of about twelve weeks for these tadpoles to grow into adult bullfrogs. Healthy, adult bullfrogs' legs are often utilized as a staple in the culinary arts, but we do ask that you do not attempt to use the bullfrogs here for that purpose! These happy hoppers pose no threat to humans, and are sly enough to keep out of our sight, but they are certainly not afraid to make their voices known.

Where Am I?

Here's a feature to test your scenic knowledge of Wolf Laurel and environs. See how many locations you can identify in these photos. Answers on page 30. How'd you do?

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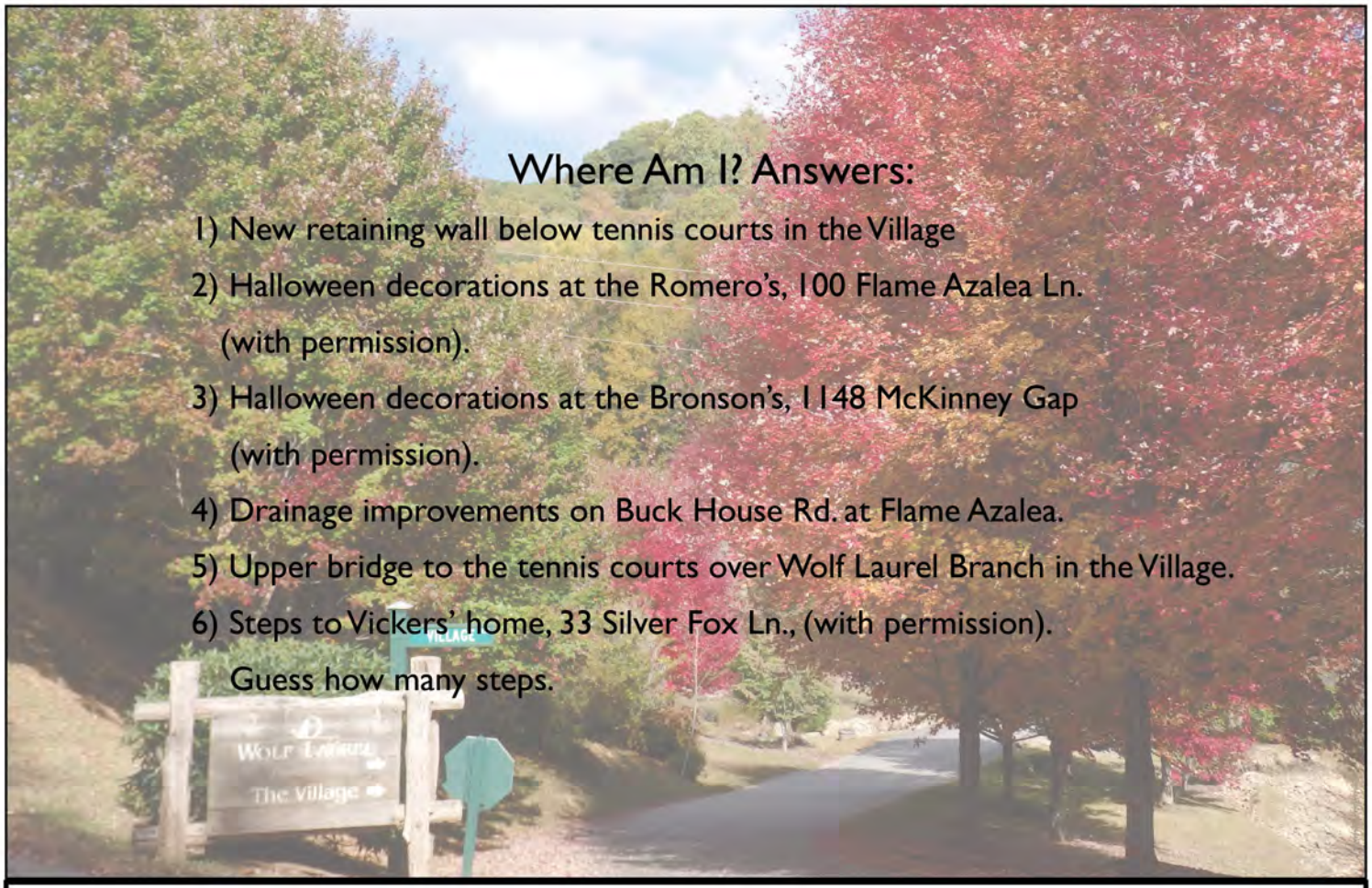

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1823 sq ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Near ski slopes. Easy access. Winter views. **$299,000**

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1169 ENGLISH RIDGE
2976 sq ft 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Well maintained home
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