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Special First Edition

This is our first issue, but we hope to make it a quarterly publication, based on feedback from you, the owners. All info is compiled by the Concerned Co-Owners of Christie Village group. We welcome your suggestions, recommendations, and information- tell us what you want us to include- we want to hear from you. Email us at <u>info@christievillage.com</u>

Share the News

Christie Village timeshare owners can take advantage of several organizations to bank or swap their units. Most of your are familiar with Interval International, but do you know about Dial an Exchange Live Timeshare exchange service? They offer a free membership option (no annual fee) and are growing in popularity and the number of resorts available to swap. You can belong to DAE and still be an Interval International member- gives you more options to exchange your Christie Village unit. Check out all the details at http://www.daelive.com/ Or phone them at 1-800-468-1799.

On vacation? Don't miss a workout! For those seniors who participate in Silver Sneakers, you can attend Silver Sneakers classes in the Beech Mountain area. Find Silver Sneakers participating locations: <u>http://www.silversneakers.com/LocationFinder.aspx?zipcode=beech+mt+nc</u>

Want to check the weather before you drive to Beech Mountain? Look at:

http://www.raysweather.com/

This website is always up to date, and has the latest weather bulletins from the National Weather Service. Click on the webcams to see current pictures of the different areas.

Meet the Neighbors

Each edition, we would like to highlight one of our owners. You can volunteer or send us an email nominating someone else. (Please get their permission first!) Let's find out how long they have been an owner, what's their favorite thing about Christie Village, what are their fun hobbies, what's their favorite vacation destination; have they ever swapped their unit for another timeshare destination?

Back in Time

Do you have any old photos of Christie Village? Email them to us at <u>info@christievillage.com</u> and share them with all.

Enjoy our Beech Mountain Area!

Youth Sledding Hill-

Beech Mt town-maintained sledding hill is hours of fun, and it's FREE.

Bring your non-metal sleds and warm clothes. Hill is located next to the Town Hall and the Beech Mountain Visitors Center. Call (800) 468-5506 for current conditions. Hours of operation (weather permitting) are: Weekdays: 1pm-5pm and Weekends: 9am-5pm

March Ski Specials-

Beech Mt Resort will provide special pricing for the remainder of the ski season- kids ski free, weekday prices all week long, other specials. For complete info on skiing and snowboarding at Beech Mt Resort, visit <u>www.beechmountainresort.com</u> or call (800) 438-2093

March 9- Ski Competition-

Beech Mountain Resort will be hosting a slope style competition. Ski and Snowboard competitions. Event begins at 11:00 AM. More info: <u>www.beechmountainresort.com</u>

March 30- Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Come to the Buckeye Rec Center at 9:00am to enjoy games, a visit from the Easter Bunny, the Bunny Hop, a bunny petting zoo, and an Easter Egg Hunt. A light breakfast is included in the celebration for a donation of your choice.



March 31- Easter Sunday Sunrise Services

Please visit the website below to find info for the church of your faith: <u>http://www.yellowpages.com/beech-mountain-nc/churches</u>



Sunday Yoga-

After Church on Sunday, join a special Sunday Yoga class at the top of the mountain. Tone, strengthen and stretch your body as you gently relax. 10:00am at Town Hall. For more info, call 828-387-3003



Beech Mountain Adventure Trail Park-

Eight mile biking trails are making Beech Mountain a year round attraction. Details at www.bikebeechmountain.com

May 1- Beech Mountain Town Anniversary & Arbor Day Celebration

Happy 32nd birthday! Come celebrate with good food, good company, and great entertainment. Please bring a dish to share and any beverages you would like. Iced tea, lemonade and a birthday cake for dessert are provided. More info: 828-387-3003

Changes are Coming

HOA Reform is close- Changes are coming that will affect the management of our Christie Village community! This is a very important reason for Christie Village to have an active Board in place. The House Select Committee working on HOA Reform includes planned communities such as Christie Village. Rep. Jonathan Jordan (Watauga) is co-chair of the committee. The concerned owners from Christie Village are working closely with his team as well as the NC Coalition for HOA Laws Reform. We are actively supporting a well known HOA activist and assisting with his efforts to enforce existing laws that pertain to our community. The NC legislature has just reconvened for their long session; the bill should be introduced this session.

There are many organizations out there, all working together to change the existing laws to better protect us, the owners. Check out <u>www.nchoalaws.org</u> or just Google "NC HOA Reform"- We will report any concrete significant changes as they occur.

Here are some highlights of proposals being considered:

- On site Managers would need to take a class offered by (REC) Real Estate Commission
 Ongoing education in finances, etc will be offered and mandated
- POA/HOA Boards would need to take training courses provided by the REC
- POAs and HOAs would need to register with the state of NC
- All association records would be open to review not only by owners but also by the REC
 - Boards may be required to conduct annual financial reviews or audits and make them available to all owners and the REC, if requested
- Voting by Proxies will under-go a huge change. There will be limits to how many proxies one individual can vote, as well as pending changes to even have proxies. One

bill proposes having owners vote by absentee ballots if they are unable to attend an annual meeting. That means that every issue being considered or voted upon would need to be sent out to the general membership in advance of the annual meeting and each individual owner would vote on the issue.

Let's Clean up our Property!

Volunteers are needed to form committees to meet monthly and start restoring our property. If you are interested in helping, please email us at <u>info@christievillage.com</u>. Any and all are welcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

We now have WIFI at Christie Village! Many thanks to Heber Rast and his grand-son for making this possible!

US321 traffic will be disrupted for a long time due to 4 lane widening from the termination spot of the previous widening to the traffic light at *Shoppes on the Parkway Outlet Mall*. Visit the NCDOT Traveler Information Management (TIMS) Web site at <u>www.ncdot.org/traffictravel</u> or call 511, the state's travel information line for current travel conditions and suggested detours to avoid long delays.

The new Cracker Barrel is open in the old Mountain House location in Boone.

The Mountain House restaurant is now in the old CiCi's Pizza space.

AppUrgent Care Center is open next to Walgreen's in the old Black Bear Book space in Boone.

Boone has a new 5 Guys Hamburgers. They are on Blowing Rock Rd, next to Pizza Hut.

Beech Mountain Ski Resort plans to stay open through end of March- this March has had the most snow in many years, and has made for a very successful ski season.