# TBV Quarterly

THE NEWSLETTER OF TOBACCO BRANCH VILLAGE



#### 2022

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## A Note from the Board of Directors

by Michael Richards - TBVPOA, President

2022 is off to a busy start with progress being made for the community. The Board of Directors held two virtual meetings this year to primarily address the foreclosure and possession of 579 Tobacco Branch Road; described later in this newsletter.

The Board of Directors is now preparing for the Annual Meeting that will take place on Saturday July 2, 2022. We welcome all Members and family to attend. We also encourage any suggestions and ideas to improve our community. Have a happy and safe Spring.

## Special Project: 579 Update

Acquired property at 579 Tobacco Branch Road in late February

Former tenants vacated beginning of March

Property secured; water and electricity turned off

Exterior Clean-up: Mark and Samuel Cable

- clean up and hauled away remaining junk on exterior
- hauled away large, abandoned chest style deep freezer full of rotting meat.

### **Special Thanks**

Bill Taylor: site supervisor and entry team lead

- -first to enter and video tape the property and conduct a walk through with the Graham County Sheriff.
- -Worked tirelessly to secure the property and provide access to the former occupants in gathering their remaining belongings.
- -Emptied refrigerators containing rotting food and inspected for demolition purposes.
- -assisted with interior clean-out

**KaeLi Schurr:** photographer when property was taken into possession.

Day Armachain and sister: clean out of interior property.



## **Special Project:** 579 Update Next Steps

The Board voted to allow a charitable organization to come in during a limited and prearranged time period for final interior clean-out.

#### Message from the Board

As of March 17th, our attorney was working on the final end of the paperwork which will legally transfer the property into TBVPOA name. The board has placed all further expenditures to the property on hold. The main hurdles have been conquered; the property is in our name, the former inhabitants are gone, the building is secured and the exterior has been cleaned up so that the place is not an eye-sore when entering the community. There are options with regard to demolition of the property, all of which are costly. This has been a long, drawn out and expensive effort, and now is the time to rebuild our funds and look forward to exploring further options in 2023.

We thank you for your patience and support during this process.

#### **TBVPOA Board**



### RoadWork Updates

Clean-out Work

- -Ditch at North Rhododendron and Tobacco Branch Road
- Tobacco Branch Road
- -Ditch on S Rhododendron

ABC Road Bond (gravel) on Ivy, Pine

Ridge and S Mallard.

**Upcoming Work**: water run-off control on Pine Ridge and Birch





The Water Company had a mostly stable winter 2021-2022 with just one small leak at Well 3. Notification was received on February 8th from the water operator, Lamar Williams, of a potential issue causing the 10,500 gallon tank to empty with over 250,000 gallons of water pumped. Two (2) distribution valves at the tank were closed to allow for refill and a search for the leak was conducted without success. A second investigation involved reading residential meters on February 11th. An overactive meter was discovered caused by spewing water at a split in the supply line near the house. The valve at the meter was closed and water flow stopped. The owner was notified and water damage was discovered inside the home. The tank valves were turned on, but air had entered the lines causing four homes to be without water until the air escaped. In one home it took four days for water service to return.

The Water Board would like to thank everyone for their patience during the investigation and repair of the February leak. As a reminder, please close the valve at your meter when away for a period of time. A total of 223,390 gallons were pumped resulting in a bill of \$2,919.07, which was later adjusted.



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## Local Area Shenanigans

- Women's Club is doing a pre-Easter bake-sale
- Stecoah Valley Center summer concert series; season tickets will be for sale
- June Flame Azalea Festival returning to inperson event.
- Robbinsville Music on the Square
- Two restaurants have burned but there's a new restaurant with full menu in Robbinsville; Cafe
   Ole moved into the former Bojangles site.
- Town of Robbinsville voted in November to allow wine and beer sales; Ingles and local restaurants will start serving in April.
- NCDOT project from Stecoah to Robbinsville moving ahead. Expect lane closures this summer; addition of lanes and a walk-over for people and wildlife at the crest of Stecoah Gap.

## Annual HOA Meeting and Fourth of July Celebration

#### Annual meeting will be July 2nd, 2022

- Meeting starts at 9AM followed immediately by Water Board Meeting
- Dinner begins at 5PM
- Games and Fireworks to follow!
- Contact Marge with questions!
   Reminder card to follow by mail.

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## Community News and Updates

#### **Community Losses**

- -Sam Sami of Azalea Trail; February 2nd, 2022. Sam served on the TBVPOA board for 8 of the 12 years living in the village.
- -Terry Falk of Blueberry Circle; March 6th, 2022. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Sharon, 4556 Tennyson Drive, N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903.

#### Welcome to Our New Members!

-Christopher Adam Phillips and Kirk Jeter of Colorado 39 Birch Trail as well as Lot 7, Block 3 -Jonathon Lackey; new full-time resident! 41 Blueberry Circle







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