

# *TBV Quarterly*

THE NEWSLETTER OF TOBACCO BRANCH VILLAGE



Christmas Decorations . Photo credit: Larysa Bumgarner

**2022**

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## ***A Note from the Board of Directors***

by Michael Richards - TBVPOA, President

As we close out this year 2022, we are thankful for all of our blessings and our wonderful community. After years of legal expenses we have finally taken ownership of 579 Tobacco Branch Road. Next, we are faced with how to proceed with the property. It is currently secured and unoccupied. Our financial situation continues to improve as reflected in the Treasurer's Report both in the newsletter and posted on the website. Updates will follow in the Spring 2023 newsletter. Be sure to pay your Annual Assessments. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Michael Richards

## ***RoadWork Updates***

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Jeff Reed for his dedication and expertise as Roads Coordinator for 2 years. After 3 years as secretary for TBVPOA, I have enthusiastically changed hats to roads coordinator. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions. (See TBVPOA Directory for contact info.)

Over the summer, I toured our village roads 3 times: with Jeff Reed, contractor Jim Howe, and long-time resident David Tilly to get a handle on areas needing attention. I've met with owners of 5 properties regarding drainage issues. The board has approved requests for funds to have 5 culverts/ditches and 3 guardrail breaks cleared. Covid and weather has delayed that work. The board has also approved a plan to have monthly preventive maintenance on culverts and ditches. Jim Howe has done a splendid job of monthly grading. Notable is his technique of reclaiming mograted gravel and rerouting onto road surfaces. Several trees in the right-of-way deemed to pose a danger of falling across a road were removed. The board has approved funds for up to 10 loads of gravel and identified top priorities once fall leaves have broken down and washed away.

KaeLi Schurr, Roads Coordinator

## ***Winter 2022 Water Updates***

The Water Company experienced unexpected expenses within the last 60 days. The pump in Well #3 failed and had to be replaced. It was last replaced in April 2014. On 12/9 a large leak developed due to a broken pipe on Azalea at Birch Trail causing a brief water outage. After the repair, the area was smoothed and road bond was delivered. The system is now up and running without issues.

Tobacco Branch Village Water Company

## ***Winter 2022 Treasurer's Report***

In September 2022, the TBVPOA Board hired an Accountant in Bryson City to handle our finances. He is Toby Allman with Smoky Mountain Tax & Accounting Services. You should have already received the 2023 Assessment statement. Please pay as soon as possible. In January 2023 Toby will file our federal taxes and I will upload the report to our website. Monthly Income & Expense Statements have been uploaded to our website to bring everyone up to date. We will be switching to a new format using our accounting software reports next year. Currently we have over \$22,000 in checking and savings. Over the last 2 years we spent a great deal of money on the foreclosure of 579 Tobacco Branch Road. We succeeded and those legal and cleanup expenses have ceased. Our goal now is to continue adding to the Reserves. There are no large expenditures anticipated for next year. The Board continues to meet on a Quarterly basis. Check the website for the Minutes.

Michael Richards, Treasurer



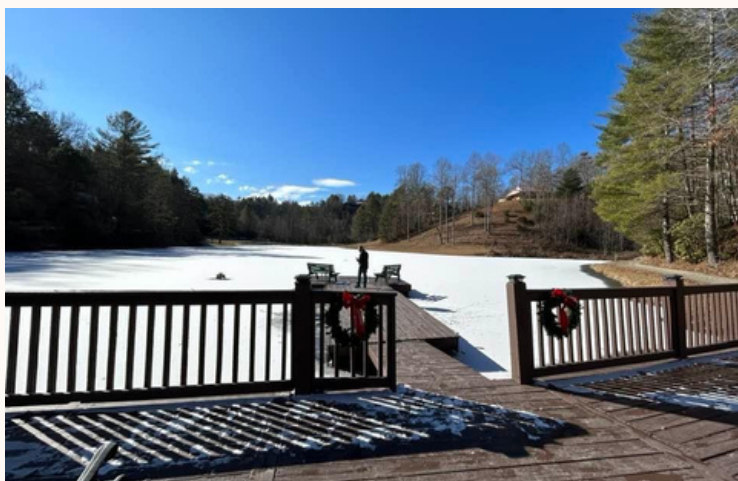
## *Community News and Updates*

### *Neighborhood Services*

- Trash service: Farley Trash Services
  - Contact Samuel Farley for information and to schedule service.
  - 1-828-735-9449
- TBV is on the delivery route for Darnell Farms! Check them out online to order: <https://darnellfarms.square.site/>
- Several Local Charcuterie Services in the area with delivery to TBV
  - Hoot and Wren:  
IG @hootandwrenboards
  - Bryson Boards & Baskets:  
IG @bryson.boards.baskets
- Masseuse ( Local; travels to location):  
Katlyn Baggarley Eddings-message on FB
- Local Tree Service: Steven Pressley ( 828 788 9558)
- Cake Your Day: Local cakes and baked goods delivered to TBV and surrounding areas: Click [here](#) for FB page to order!

### *Fire Safety*

- US Forest Service Fire Restrictions Website. Click [HERE](#)!
- Homeowners with Guests: BE AWARE of the conditions and in communication with your guests to prevent an issue from occurring!



December Views.

Photo Credit: Robin Morrison



Deep Creek Waterfall Hikes in the Fall  
Photo Credit: Twyla Cheatwood



Fall and Christmas Decorations.  
Photo Credit: Larysa Bumgarner



## ***Local Area Shenanigans***

- Stecoah Valley Events
  - Community Jams
    - Every 3rd Tuesday; 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
    - Email [amber@stecoahvalleycenter.com](mailto:amber@stecoahvalleycenter.com) for a list of our 10 core songs for the first half hour.
  - Sit n' Stitch group
    - Meets weekly on Fridays at Stecoah Valley Center starting at 10 am. All crafts and skill levels welcome. Please call 828-479-3364 for information.
  - Schoolhouse Sit & Knit
    - Every 2nd Tuesday; 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
    - The Event is FREE to the public – RSVP is recommended. Call 828-479-3364 or [amber@stecoahvalleycenter.com](mailto:amber@stecoahvalleycenter.com).
- Darnell Farms Events click [here!](#)
  - Sweetheart Market – 2/11/23
  - St. Patty's Day Spring Kickoff – 3/18/23
- Bryson City Wine Market
  - Wine Flight Tastings on Fridays!
- Bryson City Outdoors Run Club
  - Tuesday and Sunday runs!
- Nantahala School for the Arts
  - Link to Spring Class Registration is [here](#)
  - Call or email for more information: Jeff Marley, 828-366-2005 or [j\\_marley@southwesterncc.edu](mailto:j_marley@southwesterncc.edu)
- Harrah's Casino- Cherokee
  - Upcoming Concerts [here!](#)
  - Styx, Jamey Johnson, REO Speedwagon
- Swain County Center Events
  - Thursdays line dancing, Deep Creek walks, and much more!
  - Check out the calendar [here!](#)



Fall Views and Nolan Creek Hikes.  
Photo Credit: John Lukasiewicz





**2022 TBV Cookie Swap**  
**1st Place went to Patti with the winning Lemon Squares!**

