

# *TBV Quarterly*

THE NEWSLETTER OF TOBACCO BRANCH VILLAGE



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**2024**

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

by Michael Richards - TBVPOA, President

With the fantastic assistance of Twyla, the Board has been able to consistently produce a Quarterly Newsletter for Tobacco Branch Village. That was before the United States east coast was affected by two (2) major hurricanes within fourteen (14) days. On September 26, 2024 Category 4 Hurricane Helene made landfall in the Big Bend region of Florida near the city of Perry with sustained winds of 140 mph. Helene quickly moved over the Tennessee Valley on September 27th and stalled over western North Carolina before dissipating on September 29th. Tremendous catastrophic rainfall triggered massive flooding in western North Carolina including Asheville. The result was horrific property damage and tragic loss of life. That was followed by Hurricane Milton impacting the west coast of Florida beginning on October 9th as a Category 3 storm making landfall near Siesta Key, Florida. Milton then travelled east across Central Florida with winds and heavy rain which caused extensive flooding.

Prior to the hurricanes, the Board had been working on a Fall newsletter but were rudely interrupted. While I was unable to travel to the Valley due to the hurricanes, I was informed that the TBV dam was unaffected and undamaged although the waterflow was significant. So please accept this Winter 2024 Tobacco Branch newsletter as a combination.

## ***Farewell to our Friend***



Bill was such a huge part of the Tobacco Branch community. He had been coming to the valley for 50+ years and we all have such wonderful memories with him. Bill spent many years as the VP to our HOA board and took his duties very seriously. He was always there to help his neighbors and friends when he could and was trusted to give advice when asked. Bill left behind a loving family that will continue to be a part of the Valley for many years to come.



## ***Treasurer's Report***

Association balances as of 12.23.2024:

Checking: \$10,941.94

Savings: \$11,728.87

Paper Invoices were mailed out to most residents December 21, 2024. You should be getting them in your mailbox soon. In addition, Alex (our new treasurer) recently sent a link to all residents enabling you to pay 2025 dues electronically. This has expanded your ability to pay in almost any form you choose. It makes our job easier when everyone pays in a timely manner.

As a reminder, residents are encouraged to visit the website for a complete information on minutes, financials, and homeowners dues.



## **2024/2025 Board Members**

On September 17, 2024 a board meeting was held to vote on Officers of the Board of Directors. Please welcome our

new/returning Officers:

Michael Richards, President

Ray Morrison, Vice President

Alex Rudloff, Treasurer

John Lukasiewkz, Secretary

Bill Taylor, Director

Marge Harper, Director

Donna Howard, Director



## ***Lake Testing updates***

This summer we continued our testing of the lake water performed by Earth Environmental Services out of Murphy, North Carolina. Testing began in 2021. The tests that are performed are for Fecal Coliform. This year as in the past the water quality results have been excellent.

In October 2024 the water quality testing of the lake was the final water quality test for the 2024 season. All of the tests revealed excellent water quality of our lake. Test results are posted on our website.

## *Fourth of July Picnic*

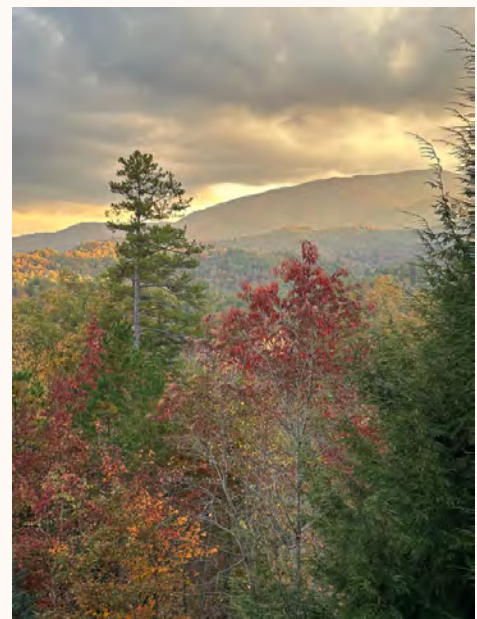
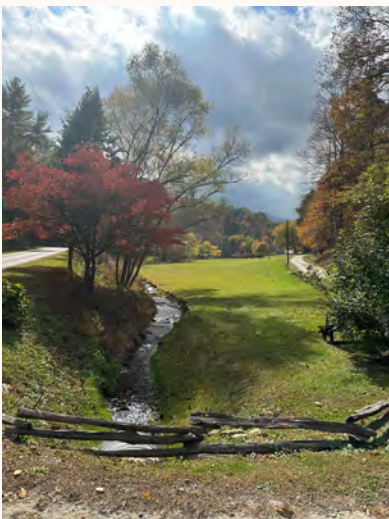


### **Message from TBVPOA President:**

**The Annual Meeting of the Tobacco Branch Village Property Owners' Association took place on Saturday, July 6, 2024. While I was unable to attend, it was my understanding attendance was good. Vice President, Ray Morrison conducted the meeting. We again report that there will be no increase of the Annual Assessments for next year, 2025. The current assessments remain in place which are \$575.00 for the seventy-seven homes and \$270.00 for the fourteen lots.**

From the Organization crew:  
We had a fantastic turn out at our annual picnic with almost 100 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ from Rib Country, the 50/50 Raffle, the silent auction, and the kids especially enjoyed the games, splash pad and slip and slide. Duck races were enjoyed by all! The grand finale of the event was the spectacular fireworks display at dark. We're already planning and looking forward to next year. Mark your calendars for  
**Saturday July 5th, 2025!**

## *Fall Around the Valley*



## *Community News and Updates*



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### *Water Board Updates*

Water Board information is available in the newsletter posted on the TBVPOA Facebook page.

**The Water Board NEEDS Volunteers!** Contact Jeff Reed for additional information: jeffreed950@yahoo.com

Pics from the September Water Line Break and repair on 9/12. The repair included removal of a tree and 2 inch pipeline.



### *Neighborhood Services*

- TBV Pavilion Reservations can be made by calling Marge @ 828-506-1398
- 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
  - Betty Bloom Boards in Bryson:  
[www.bettybloomboards.com](http://www.bettybloomboards.com)
- Masseuse (Local; travels to location): Katlyn Baggarley  
Eddings-message on FB
- Local Tree Service: Chad Burchfield (828) 735-2508
- 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!
- Follow Graham County on FB for updates!
- Know TBVPOA rules concerning the community burn pile and burning on property.
- Preventative Measures to consider for all homeowners:
  - Follow ALL burn restrictions and warning
  - Designated safe firepit areas with gravel held reduce unwanted fires.
  - Post signs by firepits as a reminder to guests
  - Consider spark guards for extra protection.

# *Hurricane Helene in Bryson City*



## Local Area Shenanigans

- Stecoah Valley Events
  - Stecoah Learning Classes
  - 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!](#)
- Art Explorations of WNC has a new website listing all classes and events. Check it out [here!](#)
- Bryson City Wine Market
  - Wine Flight Tastings on Fridays!
  - Custom made Charcuterie Boards!
- Bryson City Outdoors Run Club
  - Tuesday and Sunday runs!
- Nantahala School for the Arts
  - Link to 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!](#)
- Swain County Center Events
  - Thursdays line dancing, Deep Creek walks, and much more!
  - Check out the calendar [here!](#)
- Bryson city events listed [here!](#)
- Nantahala Outdoor Center events listed [here!](#)

