

# LAKE LURE NEWS & VIEWS

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## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT by H.M. "Chuck" Place III, AICP**

*Every now and then, I come across something on the internet or in an email that really rings home. This is one of them – I hope you don't mind my passing it along.*

### **The Wooden Bowl**

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl! When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he

dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child, "What are you making?" Sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life.." I've learned

that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you; but if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch – holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn! I've learned that you should pass this on to everyone you care about.

.....I just did.

### TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

by Town Clerk Mary Flack, MMC, CTC

**REGULAR MEETING:** The regular town council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Lake Lure Municipal Center.

***Under the "consent agenda," Town Council:***

\* approved minutes of the March 13, 2007 (regular meeting), March 20, 2007 (recessed regular meeting), & March 22, 2007 (special workshop meeting);

\* approved a request from Wayne Edwards to hold a craft show & a custom motor cycle bike show on town property for June 16-17, 2007; suspended the town's peddling ordinance during these events;

\* approved a budget amendment for the town's water loan payments as submitted by the finance director; and

\* approved a request from Vicki Coggins to suspend the town's alcohol ordinance in order to serve beer and wine during a birthday party inside the community hall of the Lake Lure Municipal Center on Saturday, May 12, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

***Town Council also:***

\* held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. 07-04-10 amending the code of ordinances for the Town of Lake Lure, Title VIII, Chapter 83 (offenses pertaining to weeds, grass, and refuse), revising designated town employee responsible for enforcement;

\* held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. 07-04-10A amending the Town of Lake Lure zoning regulations, Title IX, Chapter 92, pertaining to definitions, intent, conditional use permits in all districts, building site minimum dimensional requirements, certificates of zoning compliance, construction progress, and the tents and fabric structures;

\* adopted Resolution No. 07-04-10 approving transportation enhancement supplemental grant application for town center walkway; authorized the town manager to submit the supplemental grant;

\* authorized the mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the town with The Par Group, LLC for executive search services to begin a search for a new town manger. Town Manager H. M. Place noted that he had previously announced his retirement with the town effective as of February 15, 2007;

\* approved a request from Lin Reed for a fishing tournament for veterans of war to be held during May, 2007, but denied Mr. Reed's request to allow fishing from the town's boardwalk; authorized the town manager to work out an arrangement with Mr. Reed setting a date for this fishing tournament;

\* heard a report from Erosion Control Officer Clint Calhoun on the status of water quality violations in Laurel Landing Cove;

\* heard a report from Erosion Control Officer Clint Calhoun on the status of violations of the soil erosion and sedimentation control regulations by the Hickory Nut Gorge Development Company at 144 Dockside Drive property of Joel Seaton and Lois Nelson;

\* directed Community Development Director Shannon Baldwin to contact Vince Wiegman about offering a choice to withdraw his request and receive a refund, or keep it on file regarding zoning text amendment Petition No. TA-07-02 (Lodges in R-1);

\* directed Community Development Director Shannon Baldwin to contact Ed Kale about offering a choice to withdraw his request and receive a refund, or keep it on file regarding zoning text amendment Petition No. TA-07-01 (Cluster Subdivisions);

\* authorized the hiring of a full-time planner rather than an intern to conduct research on the town's vacation transient rental project as recommended by Community Development Director Shannon Baldwin; and

\* authorized funding for participation in the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' health plan and retirement system.

#### ***In other activities:***

\* heard reports from council liaisons on the activities of various boards and committees.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION:** The Lake Lure Marine Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., in the council meeting room of the Lake Lure Municipal Center.

#### ***The Marine Commission:***

\* approved a request from Nathan Larson on behalf of Camp Lurecrest for a commercial boat license for a kayak;

\* approved a request from Doug Long for a dragon boat event;

\* denied approval of a request from Camp Care to waive the fees for three motorized boat permits from June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 through July 7, 2007; and

\* held a discussion pertaining to lake issues.

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### **COMMUNITY POLICING NEWS** **by Chief Eric Hester**

#### **Boating Safety Classes**

The North Carolina Wildlife Commission will be hosting two Boating Safety classes at the Lake Lure Municipal Hall. The first Boating Safety class will be held July 23rd and 24th from 6 pm-9

pm. The second Boating Safety class will be held August 20th and 21st from 6 pm-9 pm. If you are interested in participating in these Boating Safety classes please contact the Lake Lure Police Department at (828) 625-4685 to register. You can also register online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). These Boating Safety classes are based on student participation. Please register as soon as possible because the classes may fill up quickly.

#### **Public Safety and Awareness**

We have recently noticed that property crimes are starting to rise as the new season begins to kick off. Please make note of any suspicious activity that you see in your neighborhood and call the Lake Lure Police Department if something seems out of the ordinary. All across Rutherford County, breaking and enterings have continued to rise, especially property crimes. Just in the last month, the Lake Lure Police Department has noticed that breaking and entering of motor vehicles have also been on the rise. Just remember that wherever you park your vehicle, at home or elsewhere, *do not* leave any valuables in the passenger area of your motor vehicle as "Smash and Grabs" are becoming more frequent in our surrounding area. Criminals can break out a vehicle window and grab your valuables and leave the scene of the crime within a couple of minutes. This can lead to all different types of fraud and identity theft issues. For your own protection I stress once again, *do not leave any of your valuables in the passenger area of your motor vehicle.*

#### **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary**

I have spoken with several members of the Lake Lure Coast Guard Auxiliary and they are performing a free inspection of your boat on May 19 from 10 am-3 pm at the Rumbling Bald Resort. Please take advantage of this free inspection because this will help you get started with your boating activities beginning this fiscal year. Be aware that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is here to help with free inspections and to help boat owners with safety standards. They are also here to assist the Lake Lure Police Department by observing

boating activities on the lake. Make a note that you may still be checked by the Lake Lure Police Department and/or the North Carolina Wildlife while operating your boat on Lake Lure even though your boat has been inspected by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.



**1CUSTOMER SERVICES**

**by Linda Ward**

**As a reminder** - The water and sewer bills are mailed out every two months starting in January and are due the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. If the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday, they will be due the following Monday. Payments must be presented across the counter by closing time or postmarked on the date due. A \$25 penalty is automatically applied to late payments.

All non-motorized vessels (canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, hydro bikes etc.) must have a Lake Lure boat permit also. The cost for an annual non-motorized permit is \$22.00 and \$11.00 for a weekly non-motorized permit.

Children under the age of 13 must always wear a Coast Guard approved PDF (life vest) while the vessel is underway (not moored). This also applies to non-motorized vessels.

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**SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL NEWS**

**1 by Clint Calhoun, Erosion Control Officer**

Spring no sooner arrived then winter reared its ugly head once more. Many of our trees took a beating from first cold temperatures which burnt many of the fresh new leaves on the poplars and oaks, and later one of the most severe wind storms that our region has seen since the blizzard of '93. Anyway, things seem to have returned to normal. We have not had any significant rain to speak of in a couple of months, so we have not had any significant erosion issues that are not already being addressed.

For my article this month, I am keeping it short and sweet and announcing that we will be having a Sediment and Erosion Control Workshop here at Town Hall on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 'til 11. This workshop is specifically for contractors working on projects within the Town limits.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide updated information on changes to the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act and to the Town's Sedimentation and Erosion Control Regulations. A significant amount of time will be spent dealing with trout buffer rules and how those rules apply to Lake Lure and how they are being enforced. We will also go over specific erosion control measures that should be implemented on every project, and how to properly install them. We will discuss ground cover and look at different methods as well as different types of vegetation that work well in Lake Lure. We will also try to touch on inspections and what to look for when conducting a site inspection and procedures for preparing an erosion control plan. I think this will be a very informative workshop and an opportunity to learn about what is expected anytime a land-disturbing activity is conducted in Lake Lure.

This will be a great opportunity to ask questions and to have a dialogue about some of the issues that we are faced with as they relate to construction in the mountains. Copies of the Sediment and Erosion Control Regulations will be available as well as other informational materials.

If you are a contractor or you know someone who would be interested in attending this workshop, please tell them about this event. The information you learn at this workshop may prevent you from getting a Notice of Violation in the future and will help us protect properties and water quality. Write the date down on your calendar. Again, it's May 17<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall from 9 'til 11. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

If you would like more information about the workshop or would like to pre-register, give me a call at 625-9983 ext 123 or e-mail me at [eco@townoflakelure.com](mailto:eco@townoflakelure.com). If you have an erosion problem or know someone else who does, please contact me.

**UPPER BROAD RIVER WATERSHED  
PROTECTION PROGRAM  
by Jennifer Beck**

Mark your calendars! The UBRWPP is offering several events in June that are open to the residents of the Hickory Nut Gorge.

On Saturday, June 2 we will host a river cleanup on the Upper Broad River at the Swimming Hole between Chimney Rock and Bat Cave on Highway 74. The clean up is part of the National River Cleanup Week presented by American Rivers. National River Cleanup Week is a series of community-based stream cleanups nationwide taking place the first week of June that raises public awareness of the magnitude of trash accumulating in our nation's waterways. The UBRWPP and residents of the Gorge will be participating along with tens of thousands of volunteers taking part in hundreds of cleanups across the country to remove trash from local rivers and streams. Participants can join us anytime on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.. Trash bags will be provided but we encourage participants to bring gloves. Please call the UBRWPP office for more detailed directions.

The following Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will host a free, informational workshop at the Lake Lure Municipal Center. Workshops are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the evening so that you can drop in for one or stay for all! Our workshop agenda is based on the expressed environmental interests and concerns of our residents.

- 5:30-6:00 "The Upper Broad River Watershed Protection Program" Nicholas Provov, AmeriCorps Watershed Assistant, will discuss the UBRWPP's Cost Share Initiative that allows participating landowners to receive payment up to 90% of the average cost of repairing their eroding hill slopes, stream banks, roads, and ditches.
- 6:00-7:00 "Treatment of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid" Frank Varvoutis, certified arborist and owner of Hemlock Healers, will discuss the

identification and methods of control of the invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

- 7:00-7:30 "Erosion Control Workshop for Contractors and Landowners" Clint Calhoun, Environmental Management Officer with the Town of Lake Lure, will discuss the proper design and installation of erosion control BMPs (Best Management Practices) during construction activity.
- 7:30-8:30 "Invasive Exotic Plants in Southern Appalachia" Lindsay Majer, Environmental Planner with Equinox Environmental Consultation and Design, will discuss invasive exotic plants, methods of plant identification with live specimens, as well as control and eradication methods.

For more information on either event please contact us at 625-9983 ext.123 or visit our website [www.upperbroadriver.org](http://www.upperbroadriver.org)

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
by Shannon Baldwin**

The **Community Development Department** recently created a series of pamphlets to answer frequently asked questions regarding construction in Lake Lure relative to "land and sea". Please feel free to drop by Town Hall and grab a few for your own enjoyment. Below are the titles of the pamphlets regarding various topics created thus far:

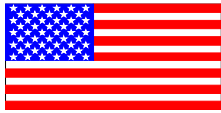
Rezoning Property  
Amendments to Zoning Regulations  
Certificates of Zoning Compliance  
House Construction  
New Commercial Buildings and Additions to Commercial Buildings  
The Conditional Use Permit

Variances  
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Regulations  
Construction on Lakefront Property  
Boathouses on Lake Lure

Lake Structure Permits  
Shoreline Stabilization and Seawall Construction

Streams and Construction  
Riparian Buffers on Trout Waters  
Flood Damage Prevention Regulations  
Tree Protection Provisions (**pending**)  
Signs and Outdoor Advertising  
Real Estate Signs

Subdividing Land in Lake Lure  
Major Subdivisions  
Conservation Subdivision (**pending**)  
Steep Slopes (**pending**)



### NEWS AROUND LAKE LURE

**Beach news** - There were some questions concerning the article in the January newsletter about residents getting into the beach for free. The article said that Lake Lure residents would be admitted free with an official North Carolina picture ID showing a Lake Lure address. The following rules will apply.

Adults will be required to have a North Carolina drivers license with a Lake Lure address or an official picture I.D (another state's drivers license or state I.D. card) along with a Lake Lure utility bill (water/ sewer, electric or phone bill) in the name of that property owner. Children 4 to 12 years old must have their own picture I.D with a Lake Lure address to get in free. The beach will not be able to grant children permission to get in free without it. Children under the age of 4 are automatically free.

**The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 2007 Bat Cave Arts and Crafts Fair** will be held on Saturday, May 26

from 9 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be available from 11 am to 1 pm.. This is an alcohol free event

If you are interested in having a booth (No flea market or manufactured items may be sold) at this fair, notify Lori Loftus at 140 O'Brien Rd, Lake Lure, NC 28746, 828-625-8222 or e-mail [loril@blueridge.net](mailto:loril@blueridge.net).

It's that time of year again...Spring! And time for the **Annual Hickory Nut Gorge Kiwanis Memorial Days Festival** which will be held on May 26, 27 & 28. There will be three days of lively entertainment, a wide range of arts and crafts, and a variety of tasty foods. Something for everyone!

Artists and crafters from throughout the region will offer handmade wares such as quilts, sketches, pottery, watercolors, oil paintings, photography, jewelry, needle crafts, wood crafts, leather crafts and all sorts of artistic decorative items. DJ, Renny High, will offer a wide range of music all three days. Several food vendors will offer hot and cold drinks and tasty treats.

For more information about the festival contact Chuck Place at 828/685-2726 or, Paula Jordan at 828/691-5008.

Proceeds from this and other Kiwanis sponsored events; together with charitable collections from Kiwanis members and the community at large, support such Hickory Nut Gorge service and charitable efforts as Helping Neighbors, Inc., Hickory Nut Gorge Recreation Assn., The Martha Jane Powers Annual Memorial Children's Christmas Party, Lake Lure Police Department's Children's Fund, Friends of the Library (Mountains Branch), volunteer fire and rescue groups, The Hospice organizations of Rutherford and Henderson Counties and, The Kiwanis Club of Hickory Nut Gorge Educational Grant.

Kiwanis meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 6:00 PM, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Noon at The Lake Lure Inn. If you're interested in how you might become a part of the largest national charity organization primarily supporting children, please call Paula Jordan at 828/691-5008. We'd love to have you.

**For the Artists & Crafters.....**Don't miss your chance to show and sell your wares at this year's Annual Memorial Days Festival.

Call Chuck Place at (828) 674-5697, or Marilyn Storm at 664-9156 to reserve your booth. PLEASE NOTE: There is no booth charge for non-profit organizations.

Hope to see you there!

**Concerned, unhappy with your 2007 tax assessment?** Join the Hickory Nut Gorge Taxpayers Group where we are addressing this problem and can use your support. We must make the County Commissioners listen to our plight. Please plan to attend the next two County Commission meetings, which last about one hour and will be held on the first Monday of May and June. The commissioners will be working on the 2007 Budget at these meetings and the more people who attend, the more likely they are to listen. If you are interested in attending and being heard by your commissioners, please contact Fred Noble at 625-8706, Harvey Harris at 625-8872, Bob Keith at 625-2874, Blaine Cox at 625-1256 or Nancy McNary at 625-1024.

The **Friends of the Mountains Branch Library** are proud to present their Second Annual Murder Mystery "The Demise of the Downhome Dealers". It will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5 at 6:00 pm at the Bill's Creek Community Center. Tickets are \$35 (which includes dinner and the play) and available NOW at the library or at the door on the event dates. Last year was a sell-out, so get your tickets soon! All proceeds go the Mountains Branch Library. Pick the date that is best for you and we will be there each night with Murder, Mayhem and a Mouthwaterin' Meal!

It's gonna be a killer....

There will be **Memorial Day Ceremony by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars**, Post 10473, at the Veteran's Memorial between the Lake Lure Inn and the Arcade building on May 28 at 9:00 AM. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

**Lake Lure Newcomers** invite those who are new residents in Lake Lure (24 months or less) to join them in various activities which include: potluck, gourmet, out'n about, theater, bridge/poker, book club, and hiking. Anyone interested in becoming a member, call Chuck and Char Leneschmidt 828-625-5201.

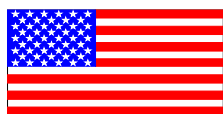
**Lake Lure Lakefront Owners Association (LLLOA).** If you are interested in Lake issues and concerns and own lakefront property on the shores of beautiful Lake Lure, the LLLOA invites you to become a regular member. Associate memberships are also encouraged for those who are interested in our Lake. Each year members receive a directory of members, informative Muse Letters, and a first class mailed subscription to the Town of Lake Lure monthly newsletter, Lake Lure News & Views. Members meet at the Town Community Center socially at least annually to meet neighbors and discuss issues. Annual dues are currently a modest **\$20.00**. You may pick up an application for membership at the Municipal Center, via the website at [www.townoflakelure.com](http://www.townoflakelure.com) under Lake Management or call Bob Keith, Pres. at 828-625-2874 for an application or any questions you may have.

**For the convenience of the public**, the VFW Post 10473 has placed a receptacle for old and worn out American flags in the covered walkway at the town hall near the entrance to the police department's door. If you would like a replacement flag, for a small fee, or are eligible and wish to join the VFW contact VFW Vice Commander Charles Hicks at 828-625-9278.

**Free online newspaper** for Lake Lure, Chimney Rock and Rutherford County. Local history, comprehensive calendar, groups, preserving the Gorge, fun things to do in the Gorge and local authors. <http://www.hickorynutgorgenews.com>

**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.....**The newly formed Lake Lure Coast Guard Auxiliary will

perform a free inspection of your boat(s) on May 19, at the Rumbling Bald Resort from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Upon a successful completion, you will receive a sticker indicating that your boat(s) have met Federal Safety Standards. We have set up this event because feedback from boat owners who have used this service has been very positive. If you cannot attend this event and would like an inspection, call Clyde Ingersol – (828)779-2670, Jim Boxerman –(828)606-8510 or Ken Stephen – (828)206-0212 to set up an appointment.



#### NOTICE

**Weather permitting, Lake Lure Tours is open 7 days a week from 9 am – 5 pm for gas or your other needs. For questions or comments about the hours or operations of the Lake Lure Tours, call 828-625-1373.**

*The deadline for newsletter articles to be received at Town Hall for the June issue is May 23, 2007.*