



Latest Happenings Around DWP

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Strange But True Occurrence on Old Barn Road

On the first Sunday in March, permanent residents Wayne and Lana Saxon noticed, on their way to church, that they were impeded by a non-functioning gate on Old Barn Road.

Was it vandals or something else?

The final verdict was *lightning*. An Allegheny Sherriff's Deputy arrived, and an on-call Blue Ridge Energy employee showed up, and a licensed electrician made the necessary repairs to the meter panel. The electrician believed that lightning was the culprit. Wires in the panel were "fried" in a way that indicated a lightning hit. The strike launched the meter out of the panel and across the road into the bushes.



Repaired
Meter
Panel



We are fortunate to have local law enforcement and specialists that responded so quickly to investigate and remedy such situations.

More Work on Old Barn Road Meter Box



A licensed electrician grounded a rod for the meter box and a new surge protector, lightning arrester, and photocell were installed.



Spotlight on Deerwood Park!



New LED spotlights and a Dusk-to-Dawn Photocell now illuminate the chapel at night.



New Lights on Stone Walls Installed

More than 25 new light units were installed on March 18, replacing the old and broken fixtures. The lights were purchased previously at a significant discount and were not part of this year's budget. You may have seen the new units on the columns on Milky Way, and on the Rocky Creek and Old Barn Road bridges.



**Previous
fixtures were
worn out.**



P.S. Lighting in the photos is brighter than in real life.

Rocky Creek Bridge



Old Barn Road Bridge



Milky Way Lighting With New Dusk-to-Dawn Photocell



Timed Beauty

A new timer has been installed for the fountain at Rocky Creek pond. The old timer had been not working for quite some time.





Post-Wind Maintenance

March arrived in its leonine form March 9 & 10. Below is a partial pick up of several loads of limbs from the 50-60 mph gusts.





March winds swirled and puffed down a tree on Horse Trail. Our mowing crew, Jeff Rector and his son, removed the tree.



Refurbished Benches!

Thanks to Cindy McCandless and Cheryl Battiste, who took up the “Sweat Equity Challenge” from the previous newsletter, newly painted benches are emerging around the development. They worked on two benches. Who will be next?



Bench at the Chapel



More Clubhouse Renovation



A new hot water heater and a new shut-off valve have been installed in the clubhouse. Hot water is now available.



Spring Cleaning

“Yes, Officer. I can see much clearer now.”



The unsightly stop sign at our main entrance was cleaned up.

More Spring Cleaning — Rocky Creek Bridge Gate



Environmental News

As a HOA member, you may have noticed what appears to be dead or dying spruce trees on Deerwood Park property, like the one pictured here at the entrance of Mountain Ridge Rd.

The following information is from the NC Cooperative Extension in regards to blue spruce trees that are on the Deerwood Park property:

“Colorado blue spruce trees are meant to be in Colorado at high elevations enjoying cool, flowing air and low humidity. It stands to reason that they would suffer in small yards surrounded by woods when the temperatures are near 90 degrees and the humidity is 85%. It is too hot, humid, wet, and shady for the trees in much of Western North Carolina.



Blue spruces like dry, sunny, windy environments. They are from Colorado, Utah and the southwestern states where they get very little rain. Our humidity is too much for them and most of us have too much shade and not enough air circulation for them. They eventually get needle cast fungus, which makes the needles fall off.”

Editor Note: The trees need to be treated when they are young. At an older stage of growth, there is no feasible treatment.

A Look at Deerwood Park in 1997



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Meet Your DWP Neighbors



Hey Deerwood Neighbors,

We are Mike & Cindy McCandless and we live on West Ridge. We purchased our cabin in Feb 2020 and moved here full time in Feb 2022, relocating from Stanley, NC. Between the two of us, we have 4 daughters and 11 grandkids.

God placed us exactly where we needed to be at exactly the right time.

We enjoy kayaking, biking and walking with our shih tzu Lucy. We enjoy meeting new people and hanging out with our dear friend Cheryl. We love being part of such a wonderful church family at Cornerstone Community Church in Galax, Va.

If you would like to be featured and to get to know your neighbors, send an email to the Deerwood Park website and send your information via an email.