

The
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Newsletter

SUNSET AT THE SETTINGS! PHOTO BY CINDY HIGH

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# The Leaves Are Starting to Fall!

Dear Neighbors,

Fall is now upon us. Western North Carolina provides the stage for arguably one of the most spectacular landscapes we have the privilege to experience right here in our mountain community, The Settings. What a wonderful place to call home!

On Friday, October 21st we will be having our annual fall gathering. While it will be mostly social and fun, the Board will be discussing changes to HOA dues and be available to answer questions. The Settings continues to see several new homes and neighbors building in the community with 30 homes under construction or in design review. We have been working closely with FSR and thanks to the Communications Committee led by Lisa Antognoli, we have updated the Welcome Packet. The board is also currently evaluating both our landscape and management company services as required every three years. Thank you to all the committee members who have spent time evaluating and meeting with the potential companies for our community.

It is with great remorse we report the loss of our neighbors, Drs. Bill and Beth Ann Gist who died in a tragic plane crash, in September. It is the first such loss in our community and many people reached out to support the family. The family was so thankful for the food, flowers, and wine that many folks provided. Thank you all!

Once again, The Settings provided our semiannual dinner to the Police and Fire departments of Black Mountain under the wonderful leadership of Joanne Rechtine. It was an Italian Feast!! Our social committee has been active planning many activities and organizing the Clubhouse. We have added some games and are in the process of creating a Lending Library area. In closing, our Trail Committee under Randy Sarton will be looking for volunteers to help in clearing the leaves on our various trails in November, dates dependent on nature.

I hope you all find some time to appreciate the beauty of the place we call home here in Black Mountain and enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

Regards,

Janice Johnston

President



Police and Fire Dinner

## HAPPENINGS IN THE SETTINGS

## Social Committee

The Social Committee has planned a variety of activities. And one such event was an opportunity for 26 folks from The Settings to attend an Asheville Tourist Baseball Game. It was a great evening! And the weather cooperated with a cool breeze and no rain!



We recently held Drinks on the Porch on September 22. See the photos to the right.

Here is a schedule of upcoming activities!

October 21 — Fall Gathering 5:30 PM at the Clubhouse

Brats and Fried Chicken will be provided. Bring a side or dessert. RSVP by 10/16 to Roynan at Roynan.Jones@gmail.com

November 15 – Game Night at the Clubhouse 6:00 to 8:00 PM Brink your drink and a snack to share

December 8 – Holiday Social Save the Date! More information will be provided soon









## Ladies of the Settings (LOTS)

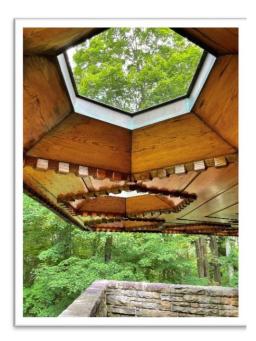
SAVE THE DATE!!! The next outing for LOTS will be a visit to the North Carolina Arboretum on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow soon!

And here is a photo from the last outing which was a history tour of Grove Park Inn.



# Where Did You Go on Your Summer Vacation?

It is always nice to see where people traveled over the Summer. Enjoy the photos that were submitted!



Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob



Snake River, WY



Crystal Coast, NC



Monterrey, CA Aquarium



Grand Tetons, WY



Newport Beach, RI



Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, CA



**Scottish Highlands** 



Bow Glacier, Canada



Hotel by Frank Gehry in Rioja, Spain



Sunset on NC Estuary



French Chateau, Ancy-le-France



White Sands, NM



Santa Fe, NM Mission



Jekyll Island, GA

### ATTENTION BIBLIOPHILES

We are starting the Settings Lending Library! Have one or two good books you have finished reading that you could pass along to others? Bring them to our new Settings Lending Library and find your next read!

We will be collecting our books inside the credenza, located under the TV in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

Give a book, take a book!!

#### **BOOK CLUB**

The book club has selected books for the coming year. The book club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:00 PM.

Now for the Book Club Selections!

October 19 – *The Kurdish Bike.* Author Alesa Lightbourne

November 16 – *Black Cake*. Author Charmaine Wilkerson

December - no meeting

## **Dumpster Dumping**

With the increasing home construction activity in our community, there are quite a few large dumpsters on the construction sites.

These dumpsters are private property and are not for use by the community. We have had several reports of people dumping their trash in the dumpsters after the construction crews are gone. We know this because many sites have surveillance cameras. Unauthorized use of the dumpsters constitutes trespassing. Besides it's not neighborly. And if you are not aware, the owner/builder are subject to fines for garbage in the dumpsters. So please do not use construction dumpsters for trash disposal.

#### TRASHWISE

By David Gramley

A community trash enclosure to be used by "weekender" residents was installed in June. A weekender is any resident who leaves town before the Tuesday morning trash pickup by the Town of Black Mountain. The primary residential pickup option for trash continues to be curbside if you are home on Tuesday.

The enclosure is from Bear-a-Cuda, and is, as the name suggests, bear proof. Inside the enclosure are two 95-gallon trash bins. These bins will hold 6 to 7 kitchen trash bags each, and thus should serve at least 6 or 7 households per week (we assumed two bags per home per week). If you haven't seen it, we located the enclosure on Cottage Settings not far from the main gate.



The Town of Black Mountain is very happy to empty the trash from this enclosure, but there are conditions. Mostly, we all need to use common sense.

"Trashwise" Guidelines:

- The trash must be bagged.
  - Do not use paper grocery bags. A paper bag was placed in the bin a few weeks ago, and it fell apart since it had liquids. Very messy.
  - Place bags in upright. If there are liquids in a bag and the opening is not at the top, the bag will leak.
- Do not over fill the trash bins.
  - The bins were overfilled one Tuesday in July. The bags tore open, and trash
    was all over the sidewalk. The Town sent me photos and asked for our help
    to keep this from happening again.
  - Limit any use to two kitchen trash bags, with no recyclable waste. If the bins are full, do not force the bags in. Take your bags home or to a neighbor.
- Ensure the enclosure is kept bear proof
  - o Latch all doors and do not place any trash outside of the enclosure
- The enclosure is intended for use only by residents of the HOA
  - o I've noticed the bins are almost full by Friday each week, so it is likely the bins are not being used as intended or by those intended.
  - o If you see unusual activity (contractors, cars driving in from outside the neighborhood), please let me know, or even stop to ask.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me.