



Deerlake Diary

President's Message

Mike Thompson

Dates

Thursday,
March 16,
3:30 p.m.

**DVCA Q1
Quarterly
Meeting,
Clubhouse**

Friday,
March 17,
5 -7 p.m.

**T.G.I.F.,
Clubhouse**

Tuesday,
April 25,
4 p.m.

**A Talk: Our
Area's National
Park History,
Clubhouse**

The Deerlake Village Community Association's First Quarterly Meeting (Q1) will be held in the clubhouse and via Zoom on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. The agenda and committee reports will be sent out on the Deerlake Village Email Network and posted on the DVCA website. Zoom meeting information will be sent out by email and posted in the clubhouse.

Andrew Barrett (DVCA Treasurer) reports that, as of January 31, 2023, DVCA had a balance of \$308,125.46 deposited in various interest-bearing accounts. January's operating expenses were \$29,440.32 (29.90% of the annual operating budget), which included \$23,815.00 for dam liability and other operating expenses. From the Contingency Account, \$12,000.00 were expensed to the Morrow Insurance Agency for property liability. Andrew also reported 222 residents have paid their annual assessments while 1 resident assessment remains outstanding. Both Condo Associations have paid their quarterly user fees.

The Deerlake Community would like to extend a warm welcome to new resident Patricia Ray on Stone Drive and to the Polienok family on Eagle Run. The Polienoks recently arrived from Ukraine. Please be sure to read the article by the Welcome Committee in this month's Diary for details.

As mentioned in the February Diary, Sue Jones will be stepping down as chair of the Landscape Review Committee (LRC) at the end of March. The LRC needs additional members, as well as a volunteer for the chair position. The Architecture Review committee is also in need of a volunteer to chair that committee. Co-Chair volunteers are acceptable and encouraged. Contact any board member or current committee chair for information and/or to volunteer. You can also check out the Volunteer page on the DVCA website to find volunteer opportunities. Please consider stepping forward to provide community leadership and service. The quality of our community is built on the foundation of our volunteers.

Ongoing Clubhouse Activities

Every Monday – Poker Game – 7-10

M, W, F – Pool season - Pool Aerobics – 10-11

Every Tuesday – Sit & Stitch – 7-8:30 - First Tuesday – Bible Study – 3-4

Fourth Thursday – Deerlake Book Club – 1-3 - Every Friday – Mah-Jongg – 1-4

(President's Message, continued)

The Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Deerlake dam was submitted by Garner Engineering for review and approval by the Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (DEMLR) of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). The EAP, as required by the state, is a document that provides procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency associated with the Deerlake dam. Once approved by the state, the EAP is required to be updated and resubmitted annually to DEMLR by the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

A Reminder About The Deerlake Email Network

This email network is used to provide community activity updates, construction dates, road work announcements, animal alerts and other short notice updates. There are over 200 residents enrolled on the network and email addresses are entered as BCC for privacy and security. If you want to be added to the network, please send an email to me at mst1az@msn.com.

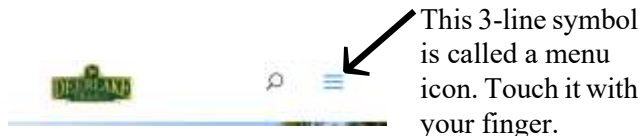
Committee Updates

New Diary Delivery Options, Rich Schram

Research balloons are in fashion, and the DVCA is launching its own tech-based trial. For those wishing to read the Diary online, Jack Christfield has prepared the following instructions for computers or mobile devices such as tablets or smartphones.

To access the Diary on a computer or a tablet, open your browser to deerlakevillage.org (not case sensitive), mouse-over the word **About** from the horizontal row of options to the right of the Deerlake Village symbol. This will open a drop-down list box. Next mouse over the **Community News** item to see the flyout, and then click **Deerlake Diary** to access the page.

On a smartphone, open your browser to the same address: deerlakevillage.org. Near the top of the page, you should see this display:



When you tap that 3-line **menu icon**, the drop-down list should display. From that list, visually skim past **About** and **Community News**. To access the available newsletter issues, tap **Deerlake Diary** with your finger.

The Diary's print-copy publication schedule is unchanged. However, when you are away from Deerlake — or if your newest hardcopy catches fire amid pages of incendiary letters to the editor in the Transylvania Times — these digital options will ensure access. Online access will also be helpful when you want to show friends and relatives some great pictures of Deerlake Village — or examples of fine literature.

If I Am Hit By A Bus, Rich Schram

Mind you, I have no plans to abandon my position as Diary editor — I have persuaded myself that cobbling the Diary together keeps my brain active and they'll have to pry my keyboard from my cold, dead fingers. (Never mind that some naysayers tell me my holding action failed long ago.)

Nonetheless, I have suggested to the board that we should err on the side of caution. Some medical situation may occur requiring a substitute editor step in for one or two issues. For example, what if I'm hit by a Brevard Community Bus as I'm scrambling across Asheville Highway to buy a desperately-needed birthday card at the Dollar Store? Thumpah-thumpah! ER, here I come.

With the unexpected looming as a possibility, I am casting about for a sub. Let me generally enumerate the duties.

1. Invite articles from committee chairs.
2. Juggle and paste them into a suitable format for readers.
3. Email the Nobel-quality product to UPS.
4. Pick them up so some local volunteers* can ensure that mailing labels are applied appropriately. (*Volunteers being people named Overbeck, Williams, and Tyna.)
5. Deliver sealed/labeled Diaries to the Post Office.

If you have experience with computers, may have once heard the term text-box, are comfortable with written grammar, and would substitute for me if a circumstance arises when I am unable to construct the Diary, please call me at 828-577-1924.

Committee Updates, continued

Landscape Review Committee, Sue Jones

Experiencing unusually mild weather for most of the winter season thus far, many plants are sprouting early. This is very pleasant to look at, but some plants could be killed off with later freezes or frost. Don't try to plant too early, as soil will not warm sufficiently and could also be too moist to support new plantings or tender seedlings.

The LRC has had four requests thus far in 2023, primarily for tree removal. We continue to recommend an arborist view the tree(s) prior to our visit. Again, we remind everyone that we make visits on the first and third Wednesday of each month, generally in the afternoon. It will be beneficial if anyone requesting LRC approval complete and submit their form well in advance of the projected date for completion. This applies to requests for tree removal or any other work needing approval of LRC.

Maintenance Committee, John McKowen

Plans are under way to install a new roof on the clubhouse during March or April. This will be accomplished in sufficient time to allow regular opening of the swimming pool.

Installation of the security gate for the clubhouse parking lot is planned for mid 2023.

Mulch will soon be applied around the clubhouse and other common-area flower beds.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 478-361-2219.

Editorial Comments, Rich Schram

UPS Desserts

Thanks again to Rita Decklever for providing a snack to UPS in support of February's Diary and to Lisa McHenry for volunteering for this month's issue. Donna Raspa will handle the April issue.

I greatly appreciate the many residents who have created these snacks over the years. These snacks and desserts provide a way — in addition to our patronage of the UPS store — to show our appreciation to the UPS staff for the generosity of their time (and paper) in printing our monthly Diary.

Community Relations, Brent Dormann

There has been one concern expressed this month.

Dog owners who walk your dogs, please avoid allowing your pet to urinate on landscaping plants and young trees and bushes (particularly the same ones repeatedly). There are lots of targets available in open areas, for example Ivy (I don't think you can kill ivy), mature trees, etc. (You get the picture). We have a beautiful, well-taken-care-of community in which the owners have spent a lot of money and time maintaining and enhancing their property. These owners take great pride in the appearance of their yards, just as you are proud and love your dog — please be mindful of this.

Thank you for your help with this!

T.G.I.F., Nancy Davis

T.G.I.F. was held on Friday, February 17, with 31 residents attending. Many thanks to hosts Lou and Mike Shelley and Eve Gregg and Don Hessemer. The Valentine's Day decorations created a lovely atmosphere.

The next T.G.I.F. will be on Friday, March 17, from 5-7 p.m. Each resident should bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share with 6-8 others, a beverage of choice, and \$1.00 per person donation.

March's hosts will be Margo and Chris Williamson and Penny and Jim Grecni. Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your neighbors.

Anyone wishing to host T.G.I.F., please contact Nancy Davis at pandndavis@comporium.net.

Deerlake Book Club, Chris McKowen

Please join us in reading a vivid and compelling story about the last days of the Romanov family in Russia seen through the eyes of their young kitchen boy. Our March book will be *The Kitchen Boy: A Novel of the Last Czar*, by Robert Alexander. Books will be available in the clubhouse to check out and our next meeting takes place on March 23 at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call Chris at 478-550-8575.

Committee Updates, continued

Welcome Committee, Bob Agnew

Please join us in welcoming **Patricia Ray**

Patricia moved to Deerlake from Lake Toxaway Estates, where she lived for 30 plus years. She is originally from Statesboro, Ga, which she still calls home. She was in retailing most of her life and owned several shops in North Carolina. She enjoys nature, walking, and hiking, among other things.

Please also welcome **Yurii, Anastasiia, Kirill, and Nicole Polienok.**

The Polienoks recently moved to Deerlake after living at the Brevard Music Center for eight months. The bio for this Ukrainian family, who arrived in the United States in May 2022, is quite moving and inspirational.

In March of last year, they escaped from Mariupol, the Ukrainian city that came under siege by Russia at the start of the war a year ago. When the bombing began, they took refuge in the home of Anastasiia's parents, sheltering in the basement. Food and water were scarce, they were frequently without electricity and heat, and they regularly heard the sounds of gunshots and bombs exploding. On top of that, Anastasiia was pregnant! They were cut off from the rest of Ukraine but managed to escape to Lithuania and eventually to the U.S.

The Polienoks were sponsored by Keith Mast from Connestee Falls, using the United for Ukraine program set up by the U.S. State Department. Keith created Transylvania County Cares, a Brevard organization, and is assisted by many others, including Deb and Khoi Le here at Deerlake. Also, our own John Bundy, drawing on his knowledge of the Russian language, has befriended the Polienoks and welcomed them to Deerlake.

Yurii is an electrician working for All American Electric. Anastasiia worked in health care in Ukraine, but is now at home caring for Nicole, who is eight months old. Anastasiia is an excellent baker and cook. Kirill, age 13, is now attending Brevard Middle School. His English is excellent, and he is doing well at school. The Polienoks hope to bring Anastasiia's parents, now in Lithuania, to the U.S., if they can find a sponsor. As much as the Polienoks have endured, they report that Anastasiia's parents have endured even more.

Please give a hearty welcome to the Polienoks when you see them pushing Nicole's stroller along the streets of Deerlake or when you see Kirill walking to school or playing the piano at the clubhouse. For more about their story, please go to TransylvaniaCountyCares.org.

Clubhouse Activity Sign, Donna Raspa

The board purchased a portable sign which was approved in the 2023 budget. It may be used by the board, committees, or clubs to announce meetings or other events. etc. It is stored in the clubhouse near the top of the stairs.

Display letters, numbers, and other symbols are in a plastic container underneath the sign. The sign is weather resistant and can be wheeled to a location.

The thought is that this sign will eventually be used at the first Cambridge Drive entrance to Deerlake to announce events. A new marquee / info sign will be built and placed outside the clubhouse to replace the green wooden marquee next to Deerlake Road. The old sign will be removed and the area cleaned up to allow a better sightline for those driving past the clubhouse. This project was also included in the 2023 budget.

Community Activities Committee, Carol Weinhofer

Although our next speaker event is not until April 25 at 4:00 p.m., we want to give you plenty of notice to get the date on your calendar! Our very own community member, William Hunter, will be giving a presentation on the National Park Service history throughout the southeast region of the U.S. Mr. Hunter, NPS regional historian, will provide an overview of the Parks in the region; introduce the Park history program and then share updates on the important NPS initiatives and projects, including several interesting case studies. The presentation will highlight the challenges and opportunities facing the NPS at this critical moment in our nation's history. An enlightening event, for sure!

Let's Go Fishing! Lake Management Committee

The next printed copy of the directory should be mailed out with the April Diary, please send any updates to dlakedirectory@gmail.com.

The spring fishing season is here. To help minimize problems, we ask that you familiarize yourselves with the Deerlake rules and regulations. Take special note of those rules concerning guests of residents. Please be sure to share this information with your guests and ask them to display a Deerlake ID tag or button while they are fishing.

- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Swimming in the lake is prohibited.
- Only watercraft owned by residents of Deerlake are permitted. All craft must be approved and registered and display an assigned decal.
- Boats must carry Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices for all occupants.
- Fishing is limited to residents and their guests only. Guests who live locally must be accompanied by their Deerlake host at all times.
- Residents and guests must display their DVCA ID tags while fishing.
- Only rods and reels or poles may be used.
- Live minnows must not be used as bait. Disposal of live or dead organisms in the lake is prohibited.

FISH HARVESTING REGULATIONS

Proper harvesting is an important factor in lake management.

- **Bass**
 - o No limit on bass under 12 inches
 - o All bass over 12 inches should be carefully released
- **Bluegills and Red ear sunfish**
 - o Six (6) fish per person
- **Trout**
 - o October through April: One trout per day per person
 - o May through September: No limit

Around Our Community

Not Worthy of a Broach for Cleopatra, Rich Schram



Photo credit: Iowa State Univ. Extension/Outreach

Maybe you eyed the photo and thought, *Wouldn't this look good as a gold pin?* Not this time; that's not an Egyptian beetle. It's a stink bug—an Enemy of the People. Prominent on the USDA's hit list is the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug or BMSB, an insect so worrisome the USDA funds StopBMSB.org, a program involv-

ing more than 50 university scientists. This is not just a bunch of BMSB BS. This four-initial ID is well known by the nation's entomological community. Of nature's almost 5,000 stink bug species, the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is a priority because of damage it inflicts on fruit, veggies, and ornamentals — and tobacco plants — although I don't see how hindering tobacco's success is undesirable. (On the other hand, damage to coffee bean plants would be criminal, so I hope Keurig and Folgers are StopBMSB sponsors.)

They don't bite or sting but can be a skin irritant. In general, humanity's opinion about stink bugs is summed up in the name. If molested as juveniles or adults, their defense mechanism is the controlled release of a mix of noxious chemicals through their rough exoskeleton. Not pleasing, but still not as fear-inducing as skunks, are they?

After stowing away into the Mid-Atlantic states from Asia in the '90s and NC's Forsyth County in 2009, they gradually spread into the piedmont and mountain areas. According to NCSU, as of March, 2022, BMSBs were resident in 77 of NC's 100 counties. (Sorry, no word as to political affiliation. 🤔) StopBMSB.Org says the bugs have spread to 47 U.S. states and 4 Canadian provinces. In new areas, BMSBs first set up house-keeping in urban landscapes, where I think they invade with evil intent, hoping people will say, "Oh, what a cute bug." Or maybe not . . .

Humans might not notice them until September or October when the urge to overwinter in diapause state enters their true-bug minds. If they have a management hierarchy, BMSB leaders might say the following to new recruits:

- Slip through that crack in the siding, and if you're lucky, the family cat won't slap you around like a hockey puck.
- Reduced activity: no flying into lampshades, no chewing house plants. You're on bedrest until about April or May.
- Then it's back to the woods and maybe some ag fields.
- Think romance. Jitterbug? Mate and lay some eggs.
- Come June or July, those eggs will hatch and grow

through 5 nymph stages. All of you will be hungry.

- If summer is warm enough and long enough, maybe you'll lay more eggs to create another generation.
- By late August, you'll stop laying eggs, and overwinter-planning will begin again.

BMSB appear to be innocuous, rough-bodied little shield-critters. Not so when great squadrons descend upon an orchard and drill their juice-sucking probosces into growing fruit. BMSB's juice-sucking behavior leaves dimple marks that makes fruit less marketable. Both the adult and nymph stages feed on the leaves and fruit. U of FL entomologists report BMSB favors plants with fruiting structures, including "apple, pear, peach, grape, blueberry, soybean, tomato, and corn." Among its ornamental preferences are maple and ash trees.

A clutch of 28 eggs will be light green or light blue in color and about 1mm in diameter, i.e., roughly 1/25 of an inch. After hatching, the first nymph stage is the one that people may mistakenly ID as tiny yellow-and-black ladybugs about 1/8" in size. Follow-on nymph stages progressively look similar to the adult stage. Adults are mottled-gray with six legs, and the adult's two antenna always have white bands against the antenna's darker color. Egg to adult development takes about 40 to 60 days.

BMSB's 28-egg hatch-rate, ability to hatch more than once per season, and lack of enough natural predators imply inadequate deterrence against its population potential. NCSU, as well as many states' agriculture-extension organizations are investigating control options, including:

- Population studies to determine movement and infestations (BMSBs hitch rides and follow I-40 to mountains.)
- Life-cycle and food-source availability (Granny Smiths are targeted. Is this entomological senior exploitation?)
- Identification of natural parasitic enemies such as samurai wasps from Asia, where they are 70% effective in infecting eggs and killing nymphs. Various native insects will also parasitize or use BMSB eggs as a nursery but not as successfully as the samurai wasps. Other native predators eat BMSB eggs: some crickets, katydids, beetles, earwigs, ants, assassin bugs, mantids, spiders, lacewings, and pirate and damsel bugs. More predators are needed.
- Pesticides are effective, e.g., pyrethroids and neonicotinoids, but yield environmentally unpopular side effects.

The battle against BMBS continues, and science will always fight for the Granny Smiths of the world. It must.

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