

## Additions to Town Staff continued...

The Beech Mountain Police Department would like to welcome a new Officer, Brett Stocton to the Mountain. Brett has been in Law Enforcement for 8 years and comes to us from the Avery County Sheriff's Office. We are very excited to have him become part of our family and look forward to working with him for many years.



Lauren Lampley joins the Recreation department. Lauren grew up in Upstate South Carolina then attended Lees-McRae College for Wildlife Biology. Immediately after graduating Lees-McRae in 2014 she attended Montreat College to receive a Masters of Science in Environmental Education in 2016. Lauren worked for three seasons at Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation as a Seasonal Naturalist before making her way to the Town of Beech Mountain where she is now an Outdoor Recreation Technician. In her free time she enjoys birdwatching, hiking, and taking her dogs Sage and Olive on walks.



## Clean Streets are Pretty Streets

The Town of Beech Mountain Public Works Department has recently purchased a new Vacuum Leaf Collector. The ALC 25 Leaf Collector made by The American Road Machinery Company will be a great asset to the Public Works Fleet this Autumn.



## News from the Visitor Center

October brings more music on Sunday evenings, with Jazz concerts by Shane Chalke at the Alpen Inn from 5-8 pm. The Beech Mountain Museum remains open through October 20th, open Wednesday - Sunday from 1-4 pm. Late November, the Beech Mountain Resort will open for Ski Season.

December brings Santa to Beech Mountain, on the 14th from 2-4 pm in the lobby of 4 Seasons at Beech. New Year's Eve festivities will take place at the Beech Mountain Resort, both for adults and for families.

Remember that your Visitor Center is not just for visitors, it also exists to support local businesses and provide information to residents so stop by the Visitor Center to find out what else is new and happening. Call us for more information at 828-387-9283.

## Public Safety Signs

Public Safety is a high priority for the Beech Mountain Town Council and staff. As of August this year, the Town now has a portable message board to alert the community and visitors of any emergency situations and important event information.



## Town Council

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## October - December 2019



## Public Works Building - Moving Forward

The Public Works building, The Convenience Center and the Salt Building were voted on and approved on September 18, 2019. The Company that got the bid is MBI Builders LLC. out of



North Wilkesboro NC. They will have 480 calendar days to complete the total project once the letter to proceed is mailed to them. West Consultant is the engineering firm that designed and laid out the whole project. West Consultant and Beech Mountain have a great working relationship as they designed the new water treatment plant. The Public Works building will consist of five offices, a total of six bays in which three bays will be drive thru. Two of these bays will have equipment lifts, one 35,000 lbs., and the other 15,000 lbs. One bay is a vehicle/equipment wash bay and the remaining two bays will be work and storage bays. Total of 12,000 square feet of building.

The Convenience Center will have two 30 yard covered trash compactors. A new office/cardboard compactor and storage for 20 bales of cardboard. It will also have cover roof and three sided building for the metal, furniture, glass, plastic, mix paper aluminum and construction dumpsters. The salt bin will be a round roof building that will be able to store 600 tons of salt for winter road applications on paved roads.



The addition of these new buildings will not only help beautify the front end of Beech Mountain, but really help aid our Public Works staff in all they do to keep our town in pristine condition. The town is very excited to get started with this project and move forward in its renovation endeavors. For more renderings visit town hall.



## Beech Mountain Parks and Recreation's Fall Events

The Parks and Recreation department is geared up for yet another event packed Fall for families and holiday shoppers. Every year it seems that our Fall offerings grow and we keep adding new things to each event. See below for our schedule of events and be sure to give us a call at 828-387-3003 with any questions regarding everything recreation on Beech Mountain!



### October 5, 12pm-2pm - Leaf Looker Hayride

This event is held at Buckeye Recreation Center. Free event for families with our old fashioned apple cider, donut bobbing, candy apple making and a wagon ride through the woods.



### October 11, 5:30pm-8pm - Sip and Paint

Enjoy creating a fall craft while sipping on some nice wine. This is a great night out with friends or just to get out of the house. Held at Buckeye Recreation Center. \$25 per person. Wine and Hors'dourves provided.



### October 19, 1pm-4pm - Wine Hayride

A seasonal favorite, this hayride leaves from Town Hall and visits Banner Elk Winery. Enjoy the spectacular views and a wine tasting, then tour the winery at your leisure. \$15 per person.



### October 23, 4pm-6pm - Pumpkin Carving

In its 3rd year, our community pumpkin carving will be held at Buckeye Recreation Center. All pumpkins provided and a free event! BYOB



### October 25, 6pm-7pm - Trail-or-Treat

Help us provide a fun and safe trick-or-treat experience. Decorate your booth for our booth contest. Booths will be set-up inside the recreation center.



### October 25, 6pm-8pm - Wild West Halloween Party

Join if you dare! Our kid friendly haunted house is back again, this year with a Wild West theme, help catch the bandit using your tracking skills. Event is FREE and open to public. Games, food, and fun for all!



### October 29, 6pm-8pm - Halloween Trivia Night

Test your knowledge at all things Halloween. Located in the haunted house at Buckeye Recreation Center, trivia goers can enjoy finger foods and beverages along with tantalizing questions.



### November 30, 10am-4pm - Holiday Market

Start off your Christmas shopping at Buckeye Recreation Center with our local vendor craft holiday market. There will be over 30 vendors this year and shoppers will also be welcomed with LIVE MUSIC by Shelby Rae Moore.



### November 30, 5pm-7pm - Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration

New this year, we will have the first Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration at Town Hall parking lot. Join us in Christmas caroling, hot chocolate, hay-rides and the lighting of the town's holiday ornament

## Additions to Town Staff

Over the last couple of editions we have highlighted a couple of retirees, and as sad as we are to say goodbye, there comes opportunities for new faces and new roles.

Former Parks and Recreation employee Kelsey Wise can be found at the front desk of town hall assisting the public, town planner, and the finance officer. Kelsey worked as part of the outdoor recreation crew for five years before moving into a new position as an administrative assistant this summer. Kelsey enjoys spending her free time outdoors with her 8-month-old daughter Haylee. Kelsey has a degree in residential carpentry and a bachelor's from Lees-McRae in wildlife biology. Kelsey looks forward to the new opportunities and people she will meet while working at town hall.



We welcome Whitney Spagnolo to the Town of Beech Mountain as the Administrative Assistant for the Department of Public Works. Whitney is a Watauga County resident and North Carolina native. Whitney recently obtained a Master of Arts in Geography with a concentration in Geographic Information Science and holds a Baccalaureate degree in Environmental Science/Geology. Whitney and her husband Paul live in Vilas with her two dogs, three cats and four backyard chickens. She enjoys fishing, hiking and cooking for friends and family.

We welcome both Bob Guinn and Tyler Street to the Sanitation Crew for Town of Beech Mountain Public Works Department. A native of Elk Park, Bob spent 32 years as a volunteer fireman for the town. He is full of interesting stories about his travels out West and his visits to Civil War Battlefields. When he's not working hard for the Town of Beech Mountain, you might find him at the Bristol Dragway.



Mr. Tyler Street and his wife Bethany have a son named Remington. A dedicated Christian, Tyler gives sermons at several churches in his hometown of Roan Mountain, Tennessee. He is an active member of Little Mountain Baptist Church and enjoys hunting in his free time.

We congratulate longtime employee Josh Cordell for his recent promotion to Water Plant Operator. He began working for the Town of Beech Mountain Public Works in March of 2015. He and his wife Heather have two children, Tristan and Alden. He enjoys coaching his boys and is the Commissioner for Roan Mountain Football.

