



Mountain News

VOLUME 3

Welcome Spring!!!



Hello neighbors!!

Hope you enjoy the third edition of our Grant's Mountain Newsletter...

I met with Freddie Killough of the Marion Business Association a few weeks ago and asked if she could provide us with "updates" on new "happenings" in our town; ie, new business openings, events, etc. Included in this newsletter is a **"What's New in Marion"** section, that includes her information. Be sure to check it out! Freddie has agreed to submit updates throughout the year that I'll include in each newsletter.

We welcome all comments and suggestions about the newsletter, including your ideas on what you would like us to include! My email is: joan.wnc@gmail.com

President's Message:

Hi Folks!

I will again be brief, as I realize that this section is not the reason that you read Joan's newsletter.

It appears that the economy is finally picking up if our slice of the planet is any indication. Four houses have sold lately, and a lot or two has changed hands. I've also received a couple of inquiries from realtors regarding our covenants, dues, etc. in the past few weeks. This follows a long period of inactivity.

I also want to mention Board positions. Most of the current members are on their second time around.

Members of the past board have also served on multiple boards, giving their time and energy to the association. It's not a terribly difficult job and only takes minimal time, but it's time for other members to step forward. In short, we need new blood! Please consider joining!

One more thought: Spring can't come soon enough!

Thanks!

Rich

Trash Pickup:

A huge "Thank You" to all those homeowners who volunteered their time to pick up trash along our beautiful roads these last few months!

Keith and Marilyn, Joan and Rich, Jan and Johanna

Up Next:

March: Terri

April: Linda and Ron

May: Leah and Alan

June: Joel and Teresa

There's still time to volunteer for a coming month!!! If you'd like to sign-up for a month, please check the calendar on the "Cleanup" tab of the website for an available month!! Email the VP at Grant's mountain to request a month. We certainly appreciate everyone's help in maintaining our mountain!!

Meet Our New Neighbors:**Lot #18:**

Jon and Liza Rushford

Lot #62:

Brandon Herder and Robert Allen

Lot #48:

Anika and John Brown

"What's New In Marion":**New Businesses Opened:**

Atlantic Bay Mortgage – Marion Business Center, North Main Street

Bojangles – Sugar Hill Road

Dalton Candle Craft - 84 South Main Street

Chad Beam Funeral Home – Rutherford Road

The Rock Shop – North Main Street, Shops on the Five

JC Construction – Rutherford Road

Cafe Marion – 88 South Main Street

Ribbon Cuttings:

Dazzling Divas Direct – 160 South Main Street

Main Street Signs and Awards – 178 South Main Street

Other Business Updates:

Movie Theater – City and County had a consultation with the UNC School of Government Development Finance initiative regarding movie theater recruitment. More to follow!

McDowell Hospital – Construction is underway for the \$45 million project. Projected occupancy in the new facility is early 2018.

Taproom, Brewery and Meadery Projects are all planning to locate downtown. The **Taproom** business signed a lease on a Main Street Building. Property for a **Brewery** in under contract in downtown.

Moving up Marion is progressing to develop the up-stairs of downtown properties. There is definite interest and hope that property owners may pursue projects. The City of Marion is making grants available for the next architectural phase.

There is a positive trend for retail sales that will hopefully continue in upcoming months!

2017 EVENTS:

Saturday, April 8: *Easter Egg Hunt* at the YMCA, 10am

Saturday, April 29: *Rally for Recovery*, 3p-7p, Main Street

Saturday, May 6: *Sidewalk Yard Sale*, 7:30a-12p, Main Street, 50+ vendors

Saturday, May 20: *Carolina Donut Festival*, 10a-3p, Main Street

Saturday, May 27: *Memorial Day Car Show*, 10a-4p, Main Street

Saturday, June 3: *Liver Mush Festival, "It's a Squeal"*, 5p-9p, Main Street

Friday, June 16: *Summer Concert, Local Dance Band*, Market Shade Shelter

Tuesday, July 4: *Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks*, 6p-10p, Main Street

Friday, July 21: *Summer Concert, Local Dance Band*, Market Shade Shelter

Tuesday, August 1: *National Night Out*, 6p-9p, Main Street

Saturday, August 5: *Sidewalk Yard Sale*, Main Street, 50+ vendors

Friday, August 18: *Beach Bash-Shag Band*, Market Shade Shelter

Saturday, October 14: *Mountain Glory Festival*, Main Street, 140+ vendors plus crafts, entertainment, Kid's activities

Tuesday, October 31: *Fall festival and Downtown Trick or Treat*, Main Street and Tailgate Market

Sunday, November 19: *Christmas Parade*, 3p, Main Street

December: *Blue Ridge Artisan's Craft Show*, MACA on Main Street

Saturday, December 2: *Appalachian Potter's Market* at McDowell High School

Thursday, December 7: *Melodies on Main with Santa*, 5p-7p, Main Street

Sunday, December 31: *New Year's Eve Celebration*, 9p-Midnight, Main Street

Tailgate Market, West Henderson Street:

Tuesday's: 3p-6p, May – December

Saturday's: 9a-12 noon, May – October

Marion Cruise-In car Shows @ Tailgate Market Shelter, West Henderson Street:

Saturday's, April 22, June 24, August 26, September 23, October 28; 5p-9p

Music at the Depot: every Thursday, 7p, Free Admission