

## 2018 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

- March: **31** **EASTER EGG HUNT** and games for children.
- May : **19** **UNICOI SPRINGS HOMECOMING DINNER:** (Ham, Turkey, Tea, Lemonade and utensils provided.) Bring two side dishes to share. (This is the first year our dinner will be on Saturday.)
- May : **26** **MEMORIAL DAY** Veterans' Ceremony and Parade, Evening Dance. **COOK-OUT:** Sign up required. Tickets required.
- June : **Summer Day Camp** for children. Exact dates to be announced.
- June : **8** **Application for Candidates for Directors** due in by 5:00 p.m.
- June : **9** **SUMMER CRAFT FAIR AND YARD SALE:** In and around the Clubhouse (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Sign up to reserve table - \$10.00 table fee.
- June : **30** **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:** Camper Decoration and Golf Cart Decoration Contest, Parade, Veteran's Recognition Ceremony, Evening dance. **COOKOUT:** Tickets Required.
- August : **4** **"Meet the Candidates"** Meeting in Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m.
- September : **1** **LABOR DAY** **COOKOUT:** Tickets Required.
- September : **15** **ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING** in the Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m.
- October : **20** **FALL CRAFT FAIR AND YARD SALE:** In and around the Clubhouse (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Sign up to reserve table - \$10.00 table fee.
- October : **27** **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION** Morning Children's Activities. Evening "Trick or Treating", Costume Contest, dance and entertainment. *(Bring a snack to share at the dance.)*
- November : **10** **THANKSGIVING DINNER** Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Tea, Lemonade and utensils provided. *(Bring 2 side dishes to share.)*
- December : **22** **CHRISTMAS MEAL** - Details to be announced.
- December : **31** **NEW YEAR'S MEAL** - Details to be announced.

*This is a basic blueprint of our most important events. As final details unfold, they will be posted on the website at [www.unicoisprings.com](http://www.unicoisprings.com) and appear on the weekly activity sheets. As the year unfolds, exciting new events and traditions could be added, so watch the website and the notices around the Resort. Volunteers are always welcome to help make these events as enjoyable as possible. Don't hesitate if you have skills you want to share, time you can spare, ideas we can build on or muscles to flex. Having this much fun is hard work!.*



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### In Memoriam

William Michael Frey  
James A. Horton  
Bill Morrison  
Don Nardelli

*You will be missed...*

To the families and friends of these owners, we send our condolences. Please help us recognize anyone whose name has been inadvertently omitted.

NOTE: This space is to inform you of the passing of current owners. Much as we would like to recognize and remember publicly our beloved former owners, regrettably, space does not permit.

Don't forget to visit your website at [www.unicoisprings.com](http://www.unicoisprings.com)

### Your New Board in our 35th Year

The election results were announced at the Annual Owners' Meeting on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The terms of Beth Cruz and Bonnie Jordan have come to an end and neither chose to run again.

Three candidates stepped up to the plate and the results were Doug Jackson, 510

votes, Kathy Davis, 408 votes and Mary Hill, 382 votes.

When the Annual Owners' Meeting adjourned, the new Board of Directors convened in their first Executive Meeting to assign positions and responsibilities as follows:

David Stover, President, Activities and Interim Grounds;

Thurman Carpenter, Vice President and Buildings; Doug Jackson, Treasurer and Safety; Kathy Davis, Secretary and Covenants; Tommy Walker, Entertainment and Equipment; Arlon Maddox, Rules and Regulations; Frank Ward, Owner Relations.

### Enjoying Wi-Fi at Unicoi Springs

Our Wi-Fi capability elicits a love-hate relationship with some of our owners. This article is an addendum to a previously published article introducing our newest amenity.

When you first log on, (*password is uncoisprings*), watch the list of available access points for a few minutes before clicking on one. Some will flicker or drop completely. Click on a good steady access point.

Sometimes, even the one nearest your camper will be affected by other campers, the wind or cars going by. Some may not be nearby, but within a straight unobstructed line and give you a stronger signal.

If you are not actually using the Wi-Fi, log off until you need it again. Always make sure that your Wi-Fi switch is "on".

There are some solutions that you can use to make your

internet perform better. Wi-Fi extenders are relatively cheap and work well with our system. Some come with a small antenna that sticks to the window and boost the signal inside.

We DO NOT recommend using a booster connected to another wireless router. In that case you are simply broadcasting more radio waves that distort the signal for you and your neighbors.

ALSO, if you have, or are using a jetpack or similar cellular device to receive internet connected to a wireless router in your camper, please TURN DOWN the power of your wireless router.

In that case, you are interfering with your neighbor's ability to use the campground Wi-Fi system. Be thrifty and be considerate.

Know that any streaming device, especially a Roku, will require and use a lot of bandwidth and definitely affect

the performance of those around you. The problem is even more pronounced if some are streaming in HD and a larger screen resolution.

We have increased our bandwidth substantially since the system was installed. It is more than sufficient for our busiest times provided you or your neighbors do not use your own devices.

You can check to make sure that your wireless card in your computer is up to date by going to the support site for your computer. Look for your device, find the model, drivers and downloads. Detect drivers. Computer will scan for outdated drivers. You can accept the download and install it.

## Unicoi Springs and the Worldwide Web

If you are familiar with the Unicoi Springs website, you know that this is the place to contact the Office by email and see what's going on at the Resort while you are away.

The Library is filled with past history such as newsletters dating back to the 80's and one of the first Unicoi Springs Cookbooks. Current information includes Rules and Regulations, the By-Laws and Covenants, board meeting minutes once they have been approved by the Board, and various forms and instructions for transferring or selling an ownership.

NOTE: Board Meeting agendas are posted in the Resort a few days before the actual meeting, but not on the website.

You WILL NOT find financial reports on the site open to the general public, however, you can request them in the Office at any time.

Details about planned weekly and area activities can be found under the News heading. The Announcement Page has mini-updates, a link to things going on in the area, a look back in

## No Way!!!

How can that site be booked on the very first day!!!!!!

The conversation starts out something like this: "I need to make a reservation for October 26th for 14 days." (*It's August 28th...the earliest this reservation can be made.*) "Where would you like to stay?" "I'd like Site 270, 271 or 273."

"I'm sorry, those sites are not available for these dates, where else would you like me to look? "HOW CAN THAT BE...THIS IS THE FIRST DAY SOMEONE CAN MAKE THAT RESERVATION????!!!" (In the interest of journalistic integrity, capitalization was required here.)

For those of you who have asked that question or possibly entertained the thought, here is the explanation.

time and snippets of information of interest.

To assist you in making reservations, the Map of the Park and detailed site information can be accessed as you make reservations. (Full color 11 x 17 copies are available in the Office for \$5.00 each. Black and white copies are also available at no charge.)

Keep in mind that the Unicoi Springs website is a great sales tool to share with those you want to join you at the Resort or if you have decided to sell your ownership, just direct them to [www.unicoisprings.com](http://www.unicoisprings.com) or add the link to your description and let it do the talking for you.

### FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION...

Unicoi Springs Camp Resort does not have an official Facebook page. The page you might find has been created by owners who have shared their location with others.

The Yahoo Group for Unicoi Springs is also an owner-generated web presence. It is not monitored by, nor moderated by Unicoi Springs administra-

Using the dates previously mentioned as your example, on August 28th, the earliest someone can BEGIN a reservation with October 26th. (We are using this example to illustrate how important it is to plan for our busiest holidays.)

However, the day or week before, a reservation could be made that would encompass and flow through this time frame, essentially removing those availabilities from the time frame that begins with October 26<sup>th</sup>.

If even ONE day you are trying to book is not available and already booked during the time period you are requesting, that removes the sites booked from the equation.

The Office will accommodate your

tion nor the Board of Directors. Occasionally, a board member may participate as would any other owner, but not in an official capacity.

If you have any issues or questions, you are advised to address them to the Office who will delegate or distribute the information to the proper department or to the Board of Directors in writing.

If you are placing inquiries, problems or questions to the group expecting answers from the Board or the Office, this is not the place to do so. If you want to have social conversation with other owners, sell something, or just plain introduce yourself, this is the place to do it.

The bottom line is this...

If you have a question, need help or information, call or come to the Office. If your question or issue can not be answered immediately, they will have the appropriate department or board member contact you with the facts.

needs by checking modified date ranges for you if you are willing to change your dates, stay less time and/or perhaps move to another site for the second portion of your stay.

As always, remember that reservations may be made 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. as far ahead as 60 days in advance. Cancellations are required 24 hours in advance. During the busy holiday seasons, it never hurts to check back as the date get closer for new availabilities resulting from this 24-hour ruling.

## Gentle Reminders

- If you are artistic and want to participate in the craft shows, watch the schedule to plan ahead. We now invite the public so business will be better. There is a small \$10 fee to pay for advertising and food to be served.

- Your Unicoi Springs on-line store is a great place to Christmas shop. Contact the Office if you would like to have an even more personalized product prepared for you at no extra charge. Just click on the Unicoi hoodie on the home page of our website to see.

- Need some extra holiday cash? Refer someone to purchase an ownership

## Maintenance Fees for 2018

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find your maintenance fee invoice (s) for 2018. Once again, the split payment plan has been offered.

The first half of \$205.00 is due by January 1, 2018; the remaining balance of \$205.00 is due April 1, 2018. You may pay by mail or by phone. Unicoi Springs accepts all major credit and debit cards with the exception of American Express.

Receiving these maintenance fees in a timely manner is crucial to the operation of the Resort and to you, as an owner. Timely receipt of the maintenance fees means that additional re-

## Winter Goals and Upgrades

Effective November 15, 2017, Areas 2 (Sites 50 - 77, 317 and 318) and Area 6 (Sites 275 - 316) with the exception of the rentals located in those areas will be closed until the spring. The closure of these areas is to enable additional construction and repairs.

Anticipated plans include new 2" water lines on both sides of the road from Site 316 to Site 77, not including Site 69 and 277. The new lines will serve 50 sites. Also planned, is the installation

and you can make \$300 to go into your Santa Fund, OR get one year free maintenance fee OR a two year paid membership in Coast to Coast. This is for every ownership you refer to the office that results in a sale by the Resort. With all the wonderful improvements recently made, it is easier than ever to boast about our resort. Check with the Office for more details. Not too many years ago, there was a waiting list to purchase an ownership. Recent visitors to our Resort marvel at the price and all that it includes. As the holidays draw near, strut our stuff and make some money at the same

sources necessary for collection can be used for the improvement of the Resort which everyone can enjoy.

Our yearly operating budget is based upon this very important income and is necessary to maintain the Resort in the manner to which you have become accustomed.

As you know, reservations may not be made on any ownership linked with one having a past due balance of any kind i.e., maintenance fees, storage or fines.

If collection efforts become necessary, liens will be placed on properties. There will be an additional \$15.00 lien

of 50-amp electric service to 15 sites. Weather and time constraints permitting, Sites 281, 282 and 283 will possibly have new decks. Also on the list, if at all possible, during the slower winter season, is the reconditioning of Sites 14, 24 and 26

We are so fortunate to have both skilled and certified individuals on our maintenance staff who are more than willing to handle the phenomenal number of daily tasks required to keep our

time!

- We encourage you to come and get a free black and white map with the site statistics on the back and research sites that will work for you. Your camper and your needs are individual. The more you know, the better we can help you find the perfect site each time you stay.

- Please remember to come to the Office and request temporary parking passes if your site is not big enough for your car or you have a guest. Just because a site is empty does not mean that it has not been reserved.

release fee once the fees are current.

Should outside collection be retained, legal fees accumulate and credit ratings are adversely affected.

If you have any outstanding balances with the Resort, it is imperative that you contact the Office to discuss them to avoid the necessity of involving outside parties.

If you decide to sell your ownership, the fees would have to be paid and liens released before the new owner can use it. The Unicoi Springs website has complete instructions on transferring or selling an ownership.

resort running and yet, stop and help an owner with a problem in the middle of their busy day.

The additional upgrades and winter goals are the icing on our wonderful cake. They will continue with working on these projects on a daily basis come rain, sleet or snow until they are completed for all to enjoy.