Gentle Reminders

•The first portion of your maintenance fees were due in January. If any ownership you are linked with is not current, reservations will not be allowed until they are paid. The Resort accepts all debit and credit cards with the exception of American Express if you want to call in your payment rather than sending a check. The second portion of the maintenance fees is due in April. Second invoices have been mailed, phone reminders are on-going and additional correspondence is forthcoming. Please contact the Office if your fees are still outstanding.

•The By-Laws and Covenants Committee welcomes your input and suggestions. They ask only that you use a uniform format making it easier for all to understand. The format can be found in a notice in our Document Library on the website.

•Ad Valorem taxes on campers stored at the Resort are required. Once you have paid them, display your certificate in your camper or give the office a copy in the event of inspections by the County.

•The winter upgrades resulted in some sites being enlarged and new 50 amp service replacing 30 amp. The website now features a new map containing the updated information. New full color updated maps are available in the Office for a cost of $5.00. This is an 11" x 17" two-sided document with a Condensed Site Chart on the other side. Many people will have them laminated at an office supply or shipping store. This map and chart reflect the enlarged sites and new and improved electric capability. Check out Area 6 for some nice surprises and increased choices. This is an essential tool for making reservations.

•The "Meet the Candidates Meeting" will take place on Saturday, August 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

•Oftentimes, you think of suggestions for the campground while you are at home that you forget once you are here having fun. In case you were not aware, the Suggestion Form can be downloaded from our Document Library on the website. You can fill it out at home and mail it in or bring it with you during your next visit.

•Please keep the Office informed of changes in your current contact information. Having the correct information helps us help you.

A Sad Case of Mistaken Identity

Unicoi Springs Camp Resort has been in existence in White County for more than 30 years. More often than not, we are mistaken for the Unicoi State Park in conversation and thought.

The best way to correct this mistaken identity is to make a positive impact in the community which will both create and claim the Resort's rightful position in the market and in our community.

We can commit to help those in need – children, families, seniors and/or animals.

The Chapel Committee has quietly and consistently helped individuals and organizations and will continue to do so, but it is time for the entire Resort, in a focused and unified effort, to "be the change".

Please submit thoughts and ideas to fill the gap that will help others, lift our spirits and result in the best and most economical marketing campaign you could ask for.

United Community Bank presents "Bankers Hour" on April 26, 2014

LOCATION: Anderson Music Hall at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee.
COST: $10.00 per person (Tickets are on sale now at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds only.)
Call 706-896-4191 for more details

FINAL PERFORMANCES at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
If you've ever wanted to attend—this is your last chance!

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

You will be missed.

Extreme Makeover for Deer Run

Despite inclement weather, our steadfast Maintenance Department has been performing their winter magic on Area 6 (Deer Run). Once the favorite area for campers seeking solitude and the extra cardio of walking to the Clubhouse and owners with smaller campers only requiring 30 amp service,

Deer Run will soon have many new fans. Deer Run's extreme makeover should have its own TV show!

Since this is the newest area, it had to wait its turn for upgrades, but the time has finally arrived. Site 294 and

Sites 300 – 316 will now have brand new roomy concrete pads and driveways, 50 amp service. The power boxes, cable connections and frost-free spigots are now located at the back of each site wherever feasible. Beautiful new wooden retaining walls (one nearly 150' long and 4' high) add to the beauty and utility of this area. (Check the updated map of the park for particular dimensions and slide out capabilities of each site.)

Brand new patios will measure 12 x 24 with a few slightly smaller. Two street lights, one at each end section will shed new light on the area.

Five 200-amp panels have been constructed and added to this area. In addition to this massive undertaking, numerous water lines had to be repaired which can eat

into valuable time planned for the upgrade.

Pictured here is one above the Pavilion in which the pipes and pumps were four feet under the roadway. Getting to it required digging up the road, digging down to the pipes and ultimately repouring cement once pipes and pumps are replaced…no small feat.

When the weather made it impossible to work in the mud and ice, major renovation and repair of at least three of the rental campers was accomplished inside the maintenance headquarters. The target date for the completion of Deer Run is March 24, 2014 provided the weather cooperates. In the meantime, this project and the daily scheduled responsibilities such as winterizing rentals, observing and maintaining the wells, preventive maintenance and upkeep of the equipment continues with the yearly equipment

inventory and a massive "honey do" list thrown in for good measure.

Watch for beautiful completion pictures in our next issue, or better yet, come and check it out in person!

Visit us on the web!
www.unicoispings.com

Two Openings for the Board of Directors

The terms of two board members are coming to an end this year. Beth Cruz, who has served since 2007 and Marvin Hill, serving since 2011 will be leaving two open positions on the Board.

Any owner in good standing can apply to be nominated. According to Article III, Section 8 of the By-Laws, the Board will select those to be nominated from the applications received.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a selfless act of the highest caliber, putting the elected individuals both in the line of fire and at the heartbeat of the Resort. Your decision to run for the Board is crucial to keeping our Resort the five star experience we all share.

Commitment, integrity, communication skills, discerning judgment and a willingness to be an effective conduit between the owners and the Board in a cooperative effort with administration are the requirements necessary to make this work.

Application forms may be obtained in the Office. The applications of those nominated will be considered the formal resume' and will be duplicated and sent out to all current owners for their consideration prior to voting. The completed form must be received by the Board no later than June 7, 2014 by 5:00 p.m.

If you have a sincere desire to take a "hands-on" approach to maintain our mission, protect and represent the interests of all owners; if you've ever thought "I can make things better for everyone." please consider submitting your application.

The "Meet the Candidates Meeting" will take place on Saturday, August 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

If you are unable to commit to this responsibility, encourage someone who does fit the bill to run and make sure to give the ultimate opinion...VOTE. Don't assume that one vote won't matter - you know better.

2014 Activities Forecast

It's going to take some doing to top last year's activity schedule with all the festivities held celebrating our 30th year, but why not let this be the inspiration for more fun and camaraderie during the 2014 camping season?

Now that you've had a taste of going "that extra mile", there's no reason to stop now. Our 2014 schedule published in the November, 2013 newsletter gave an overview of the major planned activities, but the on-going and special weekly activities round out the season for everyone.

Card and pool tournaments, craft classes, shared luncheons and breakfasts off-site or in our newly updated Activity Building, Walk Away the Pounds and Water Aerobics are just a part of the Resort and will always be on the schedule as long as there is interest.

Sunday church services and Wednesday night weekly prayer meetings at the Chapel are important to our owners throughout the season. The Chapel hosts popular gospel groups such as The Watkins Family who will be performing on May 21st.

As always, the Georgia Mountain Ministries will bless the children with their June and July Vacation Day Camp Monday through Friday with the special added treat of Family Nights on Wednesdays in the Clubhouse.

If you have a talent you would like to share, an idea or suggestion for additional activities, be sure to submit it to Tommy Walker or David Stover so the weekly printed activity schedule will include it.

Unicoi Springs has made more of an effort in the past few years to focus well deserved recognition on our veterans. You will notice a Veteran's Information Form enclosed in this newsletter. If you choose to share this information for the purpose of giving more detailed information for our recognition ceremonies, the information will be shared at those times. The forms can be turned into the Office. The form can also be downloaded from Document Library on our website.

Volunteers are just like Jello.."there's ALWAYS room for more!". If you are interested in lending a hand, you are invited to jump on the bandwagon. The monetary pay is non-existent but the benefits to your heart and soul are priceless.

Grand Opening Dedication of New Unicoi Kitchen July 12th at Noon

Our article in the November, 2013 issue of The Communicator showcased the kitchen renovation in real time.

Now that the final touches have been completed, it's time to show it off and thank the many volunteers who helped with the construction, painting and cleanup. We also want to thank those of you who have spent hours in the old kitchen cooking, serving and cleaning to make our activities in the Park as popular as they have always been.

Everyone is invited to this celebration - especially every volunteer who helped with construction, raising funds, cooking, cleaning, etc. as well as all owners and Unicoi staff. Finger food and drinks will be provided by the Park.

Watch for any additional details on the Activity Sheet and on the website for that week. Mark your calendar and make your reservations to share in this special occasion.

Unicoi Springs at the Atlanta Camping and RV Show

Joyce Tallman and Christine Hubal traveled to the Atlanta area, set up and manned the booth on January 24, 25 and 26th at the Atlanta Exposition Center South in Jonesboro, Georgia for our third year.

Preparations began in November for our resort's participation for the third year.

The front office turns into an assembly line of sorts. Giveaways are personalized with the Unicoi Springs logo and contact information in house saving a substantial amount of money by doing so.

This year, Steve and Mary Jo Henson showed up with bags of key tags, pins, a coffee mug, a plate and coasters they had created with Unicoi Springs photos. They donated these items for the booth giveaways and we thank them for their generosity and hard work.

We also appreciate the visits and support of owners and board members who stopped by the booth.

A surprise price increase by the display company tripled the cost of renting tables, chairs and a carpet. Rather than pay this price, 2 chairs and a table were borrowed from the Resort, 2 additional tables were borrowed from a staffer, inexpensive carpeting and table drapes were purchased for less than half the cost of the usual rental fee and can be used for future shows. Packing and moving the items presented a different challenge, but in the end, the booth looked professional and welcomed a record number of visitors during the show.

The number of persons who took time to register for our free stay doubled our highest year increasing our database of prospective buyers.

Unicoi Springs gained one new owner while connecting and educating numerous interested campers who will be visiting us when the season begins.

Fortunately, Joyce and Christine made it home before the weather causing gridlock occurred.

As always, this was a positive experience which will further establish Unicoi Springs' position as one of the foremost camping resorts in the country.

Memory Bricks Project

The Memory Brick project as part of our 30th Anniversary celebration will continue indefinitely. Order forms may be downloaded from our Document Library on the website and are also available in the Clubhouse.

Orders and payments (checks or cash only) can be turned into the Office. To get free shipping, orders must contain a minimum of 10 bricks so consideration to this must be given when placing an order. (Checks will not be deposited until the order is submitted).

This is a lovely way to commemorate a family member or friend who has passed, someone who has, or is currently, serving our country and to celebrate any special life event in a permanent way.

More than 50 bricks have been ordered and delivered. Watch for installation plans and dedication ceremonies.

The potential for gardens and paths featuring the fondest memories of our owners will be exciting to see as it unfolds.

Unicoi Springs Homecoming Sunday, May 18th
Chapel Services at 10:00 am. Lunch at 12:00.
Please bring 2 dishes. Ham, Turkey, Tea, Lemonade and Utensils Provided. Everyone is Invited!!