



Community Chat • January 2025



Snow graced Deerwood the third of January and the mountain winter weather has not stopped as of this writing. There have been 10 days so far of daily highs under freezing temperatures. Five to six inches or more of snow have accumulated. The New River has frozen twice at the Hwy. 93 bridge.

Photo by Tony Gestido



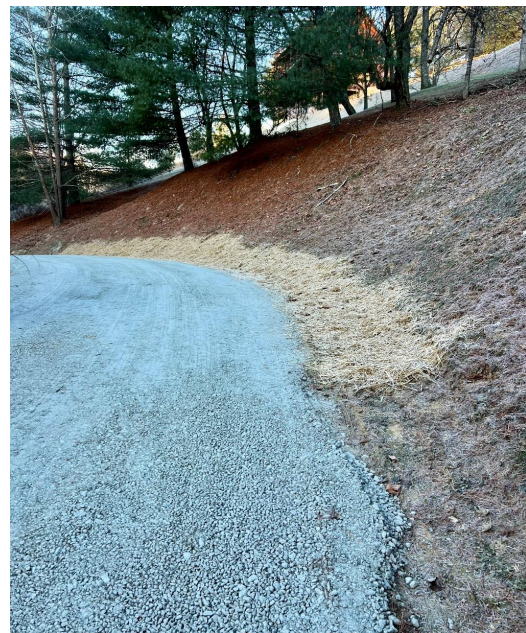
COLD & SNOW PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Two plowings of the snowy roads have been completed this year for a total of \$2,500 (\$1,250/each). The fountains were removed in December to prevent the pumps from freezing. Since the temperature is below 20 degrees, a faucet was turned on in the clubhouse to a trickle to keep the water lines from freezing. The clubhouse heat has been set to 58.

HURRICANE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Months of work has been completed since Hurricane Helene took a toll on our development. Roads and shoulders have been greatly improved, creek beds have been pulled back to prevent erosion, culverts have been replaced and improved, landslides have been repaired, and winter rye grass has been seeded where needed, just to name a few. Emails detailing the extensive work, with before-and-after photos, were sent out previously.

The second phase of the Special Assessment road repair has been stalled temporarily until temperatures rise. As of this writing, \$78,592 has been raised out of the \$100,000 that was approved by HOA owners at the October Annual Meeting. If you haven't paid your share of the assessment, please do so we can complete remaining repairs.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR + SUZANNE ANDERSON

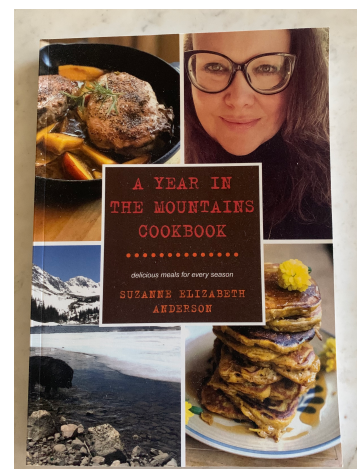
If you've spotted a “bear” strolling through the neighborhood, chances are he's happily walking alongside his owner, Suzanne Anderson. Bear is a friendly Newfoundland dog, and both he and Suzanne call Mountain Ridge Road *home*.

Suzanne has had quite the journey—she was a scholarship swimmer at the University of Michigan, worked on Wall Street, and has lived in Florida, Michigan, and Colorado, as well as places as diverse as Kyiv, Ukraine. But since 2023, she has found her happy place in Deerwood Park. Bear, now retired, is a fan of really cold weather, so he's living his best life.



Suzanne is an accomplished author and an amazing cook. Among her published books, she has a published cookbook where she shares “delicious meals for every season.” She often switches her chef’s hat to a sun hat, having recently developed a passion for gardening. This past summer, her yard was a stunning burst of color with zinnias, black-eyed susans, and shasta daisies.

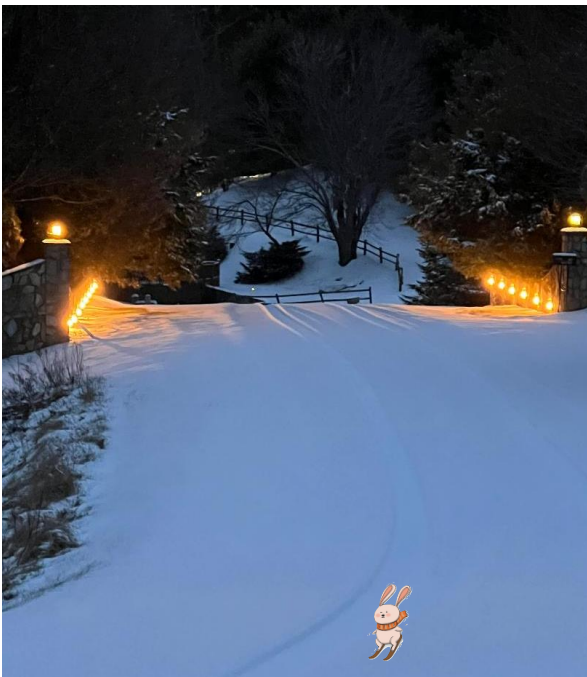
A dedicated member of our Architectural Review Committee, Suzanne contributes to the community in her own special way. “I love the natural beauty of Deerwood Park and our friendly community. My only wish is for more year-round residents!”



SUZANNE’S BOOK, “A YEAR IN THE MOUNTAINS COOKBOOK,” IS FULL OF AMAZING, MOUTH-WATERING RECIPES. WHAT TIME IS DINNER, SUZANNE?

**"The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake."**

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
Robert Frost



THANKS FOR TUNING IN. WE'LL CHAT MORE IN FEBRUARY.

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