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CHRISTMAS LIGHTING & DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS

The Mars Hill Christmas lighting and decoration contest brought out the best in holiday community spirit. This year there were two residential categories – Best Classic Christmas and Most Unique/Festive Christmas – and two business categories – Most Festive Business and Best Business Window. Many thanks to those who participated in the contest this year. We look forward to next year and hope to have even more participation to add to the community holiday spirit. We hope you had a great holiday!

Now, the winners are as follows:

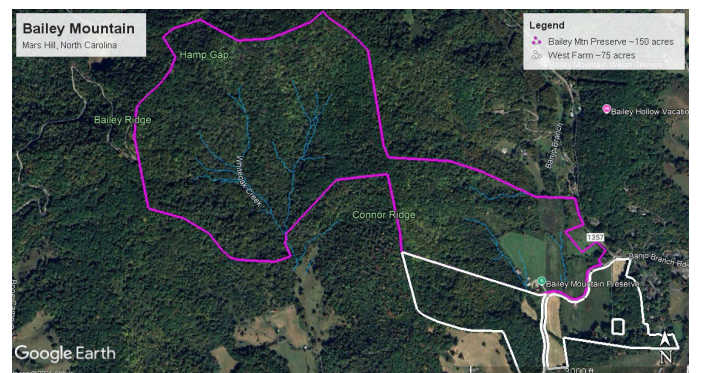


**HAPPY
 NEW
 YEAR!**

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TOWN, HOFFMAN FOUNDATION & FRIENDS OF BAILEY MOUNTAIN WORKING TO PRESERVE FOREST STREET FARM

The Town of Mars Hill has partnered with the Richard L. Hoffman Foundation and the Friends of Bailey Mountain to preserve the 75-acre West Farm located on Forest Street adjacent to the Town-owned Bailey Mountain Park and Preserve. The full purchase price is approximately \$1.6 million. This vast undertaking by the Town to secure funding to complete this property purchase will conserve and protect one of the most beautiful properties in Town. The property will be added to the existing Bailey Mountain property. Town officials have committed local funds for the project and are aggressively seeking grant funding from federal, state, and other sources to complete this important effort. The Hoffman Foundation will work on behalf of the Town to lead the private-sector fundraising effort with the goal of raising \$100,000 in tax-deductible donations from private sources to complete the purchase by the end of 2026. For more information visit: <https://libguides.mhu.edu/Bailey>.





NEED A SUMMER JOB?

EARN MONEY, BE A LEADER & SAVE LIVES

APPLICANTS MUST PASS THE RED CROSS OR SIMILAR CERTIFICATION COURSE

WANTED: LIFEGUARDS

We're hiring! If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a lifeguard for the Town of Mars Hill Pool this summer, contact Town Hall at (828) 689-2301 for more information. The Town will reimburse prospective employees for the cost of obtaining the required certification upon agreement to serve at the pool for the season and successful completion of the certification course.

POOL TO OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Town Recreation Pool is expected to open Saturday, May 24th and operate through early August as available staffing will allow. Tentative operation hours are Monday-Saturday, noon until 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Seasonal pool passes and pool parties are available by contacting Town Hall. In addition, the Town plans to offer swim lessons for children this summer. More information regarding lessons will be announced in the coming weeks on Town social media.



REGISTER FOR CODERED ALERTS!

CODERED ALERTS is a citizen notification system to receive alerts and updates during emergency and special events affecting the Town of Mars Hill. The Town uses **CODERED** to relay information such as emergency conditions, road detours, water line breaks, weather-related directives, closures, or other service-related and event information through phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.

Participation in this alert notification system is voluntary and registration must be initiated by the citizen or business owner. Registration can be completed online at the website: <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/marshallalerts> OR from your smartphone by texting **ALERTMARSHILL** to 24639. If you do not have internet access, please visit Town Hall at 280 North Main Street, or call (828) 689-2301 for assistance by town staff to complete the registration process.

All citizens and businesses are encouraged to register for this FREE service.

DATES OF INTEREST

April 4.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

April 18....Good Friday Holiday

Town Offices Closed

May 2.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

May 26....Memorial Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, May 27th

June 6.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

July 4.....Independence Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed



SART ANNOUNCES SPRING GALA

After a challenging year, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre (SART) is pleased to announce the rescheduled date for its highly anticipated annual Gala. *Step Into the Light* promises to be an unforgettable evening of celebration, as SART reflects on its milestone 50th season and looks forward to embracing a bright future.

The Gala will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the James Thomas Black Box Theatre on the campus of Mars Hill University. The evening will include a live and silent auction, offering a selection of exclusive packages, experiences, and treasures. Attendees will enjoy dinner thoughtfully curated to complement the occasion, while being entertained by some of SART's most talented artists.

Join SART and *Step Into the Light*! Tickets for the Gala are \$50 per person, and due to limited seating, early reservations are highly encouraged to ensure your place at this exciting event. For reservations and more information, please visit www.sartplays.com.

FOG: WHAT IS IT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Residual fats, used cooking oils (UCO), and grease are collectively referred to as FOG.

DO

- ✓ Put oil and grease in collection containers
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms
- ✓ Keep grease out of wash water
- ✓ Place food scraps in collection containers

DO NOT

- ✗ Pour oil and grease down drains
- ✗ Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- ✗ Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- ✗ Put food scraps down drains