

# The Springs Communicator

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## In Memoriam



Jimmy Lee Brock  
Ivan Grady Buice  
Ronald M. Burden  
Hugh Glen Chambers  
Edweena Penn Glosson  
James David Kelley  
Earmon Eugene Kent  
Rebecca Alice Pittman

*To the families and friends  
of these owners, we send  
our sincere condolences.*

### FLASH SALE

The purchase price for Unicoi Springs Camp Resort ownership has been reduced to \$4,500 for the remainder of 2020.

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## Spring Updates



### CoVid 19

The year 2020 brought a historically unusual spring. Weekly and annual activities screeched to a halt on April 2<sup>nd</sup> as Governor Kemp issued a shelter in place order. We were all saddened to see the clubhouse rocking chairs empty and still.

We pulled out board games, went for long walks, craved restaurant dining, treasured family time, grew closer to those under our roof, finished puzzles, deep

cleaned our homes, discovered new hobbies, and benefited from technologies like Zoom and Facetime.

Even as amenities opened, life at the resort did not return to its previous operation.

### Happenings (or not)

May 15 was an exciting day for many owners as almost all amenities at the resort were reopened. Pools remained closed until the afternoon of May 22 when the lower pool opened to the excitement of many Memorial Day campers. The annual homecoming and Memorial Day

festivities were eerily missing at Unicoi Springs due to CoVid 19 concerns. Some activities were slowly added back to the schedule in June including the opening of the upper pool. New procedures were put in place to enjoy the ice cream social on Saturdays while practicing social distancing. For the first time in decades, the Children's Summer Camp was not held. Chapel services began on the front lawn of the Clubhouse in June then were held inside by July.




### Ivan Buice

Beloved security guard Ivan Buice departed this earth on June 3, 2020. Ivan served loyally at Unicoi Springs Camp Resort for well over a decade. Many friends and family members attended a wonderful celebration of Ivan's life on June 12 at Set Free Church. A dedicated and active member of Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry, Ivan will be sorely missed at the ministry as well as at Unicoi Springs by co-workers and resort owners.

# Friendly Reminders

## Reservations

 **SPEED UP** the process. Before calling for reservations, know your U number as well as the dates you want to book. With the pertinent information ready, you will reduce the time required to make your reservation.

## Confirmations

Help us help you...  
The resort office is often bustling with activity. Please listen closely when given your confirmation number and as the reservation details are read back to you. Make sure the reservation details are correct.

## Golf Carts

Only licensed drivers 16 and over are permitted to operate golf carts on Unicoi Springs Camp Resort property. If a person with a learner's permit is driving, the driver should be accompanied by a licensed driver.

## Gated Community

An important perk of Unicoi Springs Camp Resort is we are a private GATED community. To maintain a higher level of security, it is important to not only sign your guest in but for you to be the one to let them in the gate. We have found guest often block the gate with their vehicle while standing in line in the office for staff to let them in.

## Site Issues

All issues needing to be addressed by maintenance or housekeeping should be directed to the office staff. The office staff will document and submit a work order to the appropriate department. This process allows maintenance and housekeeping staff to continue with their already mapped out plan for the day. This procedure is in place as the most efficient way to handle day to day issues. For MAJOR issues with a site or elsewhere, please fill out and submit a site survey form.

# DUMPSTERS

The resort has recently been experiencing overflowing dumpsters. The dumpsters provided by the resort are intended for **household garbage only**. **NO** debris from camper repairs, broken furniture nor old mattresses/mattress pads should be placed in the Unicoi Springs dumpsters. Overflowing dumpsters call the bears out of the woods.



NON-household garbage should be taken off property for disposal. White County Transfer Station is operated by Advanced Disposal. Please contact Advanced Disposal at 706-865-3716 for information on disposing of non-household garbage as well as the White County Transfer Station's hours of operation.

## Parking

Only one (1) golf cart and one (1) vehicle other than the camping unit will be allowed on the camp site. All vehicles on the resort grounds must have an owner or visitor pass on the rear-view mirror.

Parking on grass or landscaped areas or in any way that would impede traffic is prohibited. The Chapel parking area is reserved prior to and during scheduled services for those attending functions at the Chapel.

A daily permit to park on a vacant camp site may be obtained from the office for motorized vehicles only and is good until 9:00 a.m. the following day. If a vehicle is not moved from the site by 9:00 a.m., the violator could be fined \$50.00. These permits will be issued on a daily basis, and permission to use a site must be obtained from the office by phone or in person.

## DID you know?

Georgia law requires everyone under the age of sixteen (16) years to wear an ANSI compliant bicycle helmet.



## Bear Necessities You Should Know

### The Bear Truth:

Bears can see very well and in color.  
 Black bears can run faster than most humans.  
 Bears seldom visit campgrounds unless campers leave food or garbage out.  
 Bears who live far from humans are *active in the morning and early evening*, but rarely at night.  
 Bears who live *near* humans prefer to avoid humans and so are more active at night.  
 Black bears are beautiful creatures, but they are not lovable, friendly animals that we should approach in the wild.  
 Bears **rarely attack people**. People who enjoy the outdoors are far more likely to have fatal encounters with lightning, snakes, or spiders.  
 Black bears can climb trees and have a 20-25 year life span.  
 Bears think we stink that's why they don't like us... bears have a great sense of smell.



Black bears can *smell food in a cooler* and can get into them, so it is unwise to leave a cooler under picnic tables or campers.

Even in picnic areas, bears can become habituated/conditioned when people leave food scraps in fire rings.

Nuisance bears fed by humans in developed areas typically have to be destroyed. The feeding causes them to lose their natural fear of people. The fed bear becomes more aggressive toward people.

In North Georgia the most influential element in initiating behavioral changes of truly wild bears (fear people) to nuisance bears (no fear of people) is when wild bears continue to obtain *reward* (human food/garbage) in developed areas. *The bears become habituated* to humans (human scent) and over a period of time, will exhibit a day-active behavior in the developed area.

## Election 2020

### Meet the Candidates

A meet the candidate gathering is scheduled on August 22 at 10a.m. in the Clubhouse where each candidate will present a five minute speech. The purpose of the meeting is solely to meet the candidates in person. No other business will be conducted. The Board of Directors have approved nominations for this year's candidates. Candidates Arlon Maddox, Terry Phillips, and

Avery Smith have each thrown their hat into the ring to fill two vacancies.

### Vacancies

George Petty and Doug Jackson's terms on the Board of Directors will come to an end this year. We appreciate their dedication as they served on the board.



### Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Owner's Meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on September 19. Votes will be tallied and new board members will officially be named and take their position on the Board of Directors. With this newsletter mailing, you will find resumes of this year's candidates, two ballots, your owner certification form and envelopes for submitting your vote before the ballot tally at 11 a.m. September 19.

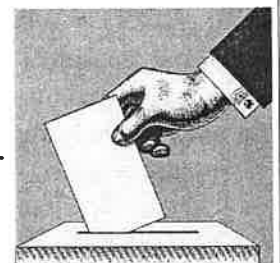


### POTENTIAL By-Laws Change to be voted by ballot during 2020 Election

You will be asked to vote to remove or keep the following sentence regarding board members being re-elected.

#### Section 2: Terms of Office

*A member of the Board, if re-elected, may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms and must be off the Board for two (2) years before they are eligible for appointment or re-election.*



### Latest and Greatest

Our site map and chart have been updated as of January 1, 2020. Check the date in the bottom right hand corner of your map to insure you have the most current version. Black and white maps can be obtained in the office at no charge. Color maps cost \$5.00. All Services Printing in Clarkesville provides lamination services for you for under \$5.00. We recommend you use the notes section on the backside of your map to mark your favorite sites. You may want to remember which sites are sunny/shady or perhaps sites in which you have trouble parking your RV. On your next stay, grab your map, drive around and make notes.



## STORAGE

Invoices are mailed at the beginning of the month in which your storage fees are due.

If you remove your camper or golf cart without notifying the office, your storage space is still under contract and fees due. If you wish to cancel your contract please be sure to contact the office. *If you receive an invoice for storage of any kind, then you have not cancelled your contract.*

If you are leaving the park with your camper which maintenance brought out of storage for you, please remember to sign out in the green book that you have taken your camper out of the park.

**RV Storage** \$32.50/month or \$325/year

### Golf Cart Storage

Non-electric \$10/month or \$110/year

Electric \$15/month or \$165/year

### CAMPFIRES

Fires are permitted only in USCR built fire pits.



## Upcoming Events

### Craft Fair and Yard Sale

The largest craft show/yard sale of the year will take place on October 17. Start planning now for what you will be selling. Sign up in the Clubhouse if you would like to be a seller. If you prefer, you can even set up to sell at your own campsite. We still need you to sign up so shoppers can be sent your way. There is no charge to sell from your own campsite.

Tables in or around the Clubhouse are \$10.00 each. Space limitations require us to limit tables to one per seller. Tables will be in the Clubhouse, on the porch, as well as the picnic tables next to the lower pool, the Activity Building, and under the playground pavilion.

If you have your own canopy and

table, you may set up on the Clubhouse lawn as long as the canopy is not staked.

To maximize sales and continued success for ALL sellers, please do not breakdown your display/leave before 4 p.m. This event is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please have someone stationed at your table for the full seven hours. With such a long day, we recommend enlisting friends or family to help lighten your load.

Those who know they will not be able to stay open the entire time, should plan to set up to sell at your camper.

If you are interested in participating, be sure to sign up and get busy preparing your products!



### Meet the Candidates

August 22

### Labor Day Cookout

September 5

### Halloween Celebration

October 31

### Thanksgiving Dinner

November 14

*\*All activities subject to change due to current pandemic.*