



We hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Deerwood property owners. This spring and summer, we had six homes change ownership. Please join us in welcoming:

- Derrick and Kay Woods and George Carter – 249 Buck Ridge Drive
- Vicky and Ricky Fullington – 745 Buck Ridge Drive
- Keith and Melissa Farley – 1013 Buck Ridge Drive
- Gary Lobel and Marita Norafo – 1581 Buck Ridge Drive
- Faustino and Maria Lopez – 62 Trophy Buck Point
- Henry and Rusty Bowman – 111 Trophy Buck Point

One lot has also been sold to Nicholas Long. Welcome to all of our new neighbors!

Your 2026 Board of Directors

A new Board of Directors was elected and officially took office on July 2, 2026.

- **President:** Rich Jender – 251-979-1473
- **Vice President:** Matt Torrance – 470-562-9348
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Laurel Gilliam 708-203-6427

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. You can also reach the board by email at deerwoodpoa28906@gmail.com.

Our annual owners' meeting was held on July 2, 2026, at the Cherokee County Senior Services Center in Murphy, with 23 attendees. Meeting minutes are available on our website, www.deerwoodpoa.com.

We would also like to thank Steve Kalosis for his dedication and service as our outgoing President. His leadership and commitment to our mountain community is greatly appreciated, and he will certainly be missed.

Community Updates

Our entrance sign continues to look great thanks to the hard work of Steve and Maria Anderson, along with Donnie Geatches. We'd also like to recognize Steve Anderson for regularly weed-eating portions of Buck Ridge Drive to help keep our neighborhood looking its best.

Roadside mowing is scheduled to be completed no later than the third week of this month.

A tree service has removed four hazardous trees and trimmed some low-hanging branches along our roads. If you have trees or shrubs on your property that are beginning to extend into the roadway, we kindly ask that you have them trimmed back to help keep our roads safe and accessible.



Water System Update

We are still waiting for Cherokee Well to install the third reserve tank at Well 5/8. They will also be installing red warning lights at Wells 1, 5/8, and 6 to alert us when reserve water levels are low. Once the system is operational, we'll let everyone know. If you notice one of the warning lights on, please contact the board as soon as possible.

On the evening of July 2, two wells were struck by lightning. Cherokee Well responded first thing the following morning and completed the necessary repairs. We appreciate their quick response and would also like to thank Bill Cutler for his assistance.

Financial Update

To make better use of association funds, the Board recently transferred \$60,000 from our checking account, which was earning no interest, into a money market account currently earning 3.25% interest. The funds remain readily available for both routine expenses and unexpected emergencies while generating additional income for the association.

2026 Association Dues

At the time of this newsletter, three property owners have not yet paid their 2026 association dues. The Board believes it is important that all owners contribute their fair share to support our community.

Douglas Barnes, Mitchell Brewer and Chrystal Bui, if you have recently mailed your payment, please let us know so we can update our records.

Volunteers Welcome

Many of the improvements around Deerwood are made possible by volunteers. If you'd like to lend a hand with future neighborhood projects, we'd love your help.

In the coming weeks, we'll be spraying grass and weeds along the roads and pavement cracks. This fall, volunteers with leaf blowers can make a tremendous difference by helping clear leaves from the roadways. Even blowing leaves back from the edges of the road helps improve safety.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Deerwood through your volunteer efforts, timely dues payments, and commitment to keeping our community a wonderful place to live. We appreciate all you do and look forward to another great season together.