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## Membership Letter

Dear Neighbor,

Once again it is time to consider a 2007 membership In the Blue Ridge Acres Community Club, Inc. A membership application, along with a self-addressed return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

The Pavilion is finally a reality!! Yippee! This year there are so many projects we would love to do but first we have to see how many join the Club. Only then can we decide what projects can get done and who would like to help build a better community and volunteer.

If we can bring all our community dreams to reality these are the projects we would like to do:

- **The Office**— would be expanded to include a Kitchen Hall and Bathrooms and rehabilitation of its exterior.
- **Recreation**—Revitalize the Tennis & Volleyball Courts, add a Baseball Field, Basketball, Skateboarding Area, Rejuvenate the Playground, add picnic area by the pool and improve facilities at the river picnic area.
- **Entertainment**— We would like to have more events, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Picnics and potlucks, Teen Pool Parties, Kid Pool Parties, Fishing Derby, Swimming Lessons, Pumpkin Carving Contest, and Christmas Light Contest.

We never have a lack of vision, space or suggestions but funds and volunteers continue to dwindle as more of us commute farther making time that more valuable to all of us. If it's just for one day or one weekend it can make a difference and improve the community around you. You can get your kids involved and volunteer as a family. Teach them to give back to the community, take pride in their work and make this a happy place to live. Make a difference you can see by joining the Club this year. The more hands the lighter the work, any help you can offer, either in the form of labor, materials or funding toward a project is welcome.

We did split the membership fee from the pool use fee again this 2007 year and waived the \$25 application fee. See the enclosed membership statement form for this year rates.

We are excited about the upcoming season and hope to see all of you as members this year. There are several events being planned and as dates are firmed up we will post the information. This new season could be the best ever with your interest and help. Don't miss out join today.

Thank You,  
The Board of Directors

## A Little History, A Big Future

The Blue Ridge Acres Community Club was founded as the Blue Ridge Mountain Country Club by the original developer in 1959. It was once mandatory that all homeowners belong to the Club. That rule change in 1973 and membership is now at the discretion of the homeowner. Club membership has steadily declined over the past decade, reaching its lowest level after the Club House fire in 2002. Since the fire, the Club has worked hard to rebuild a bathhouse, required by the County for operation of the pool, and make the necessary repairs. Last year the pavilion was completed and the pool finally reopened. It was a great year.

With your help, 2007 can be even better. Last year, the club had about 30 members. The Club needs at least 100 members in order to meet operating costs. Taxes, insurance, utilities and minimal grass mowing and maintenance on our community property cost the club approximately \$25,000 per year. The annual Club membership fees are also needed to pay for pool maintenance, supplies and lifeguards salaries.

This year we hope to begin the process of clearing the field behind the office and refurbishing some of our recreational facilities. We are also exploring the possibility of expanding and renovating the office building. At one point in our history, we had a baseball diamond, tennis courts, mini golf, a small driving range, archery range, playground and a sand volleyball court, and shuffle board in addition to the pool. While it may not be feasible or even desirable to recreate the past, the property and the possibility are still there. Imagine if we were to work together, bringing to bear the combined talents and resources of our community. We can give our families a safe and fun place for great activities and teach our kids the importance of community.



Club House and Pool October 1958

## Next Event

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Event details will be posted at the mailboxes