The next Tailgate meeting will be on March 13, 2010, 9AM at United Community Bank, Straus Park. The application and payment can be mailed to Jennifer Bettencourt, 1241 Hart Road, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768. Attached you will find an update from the board. Attached is also two programs for low income homeowners to upgrade or repair their home.

EVENTS:

*3/1 First Monday Concert Series 12:30 First United Meth. Church of Brevard, on Broad St.
*3/2&3 Blue Ridge Bakery is offering Around the World with Breads and Greek Cooking Classes. Registration is required and can be made at the bakery or blueridgwbakery.com
*Square Foot Gardening Certificate Classes March 4, 5, & 6 at the Transylvania Library. Cost $165 per individual or $215 per household (2 people). To register call 884-3109 or www.squarefootgardening.com.
*3/6 Forge Valley Event presents A night of Bluegrass with Hazel Creek & Southern Appalachian Cloggers. Cost $8. For more info call 828-674-6731.
*3/15 4H Deadline for New Cooking Class which will start on April 13. Call Mary Arnaudin at 884-3109 for more info.
*3/17 Western NC Turf grass Conference. Call Cliff Ruth for more info at (828) 697-4891
*3/19&20 BANFF Mountain Film Festival. 700 tickets at Brevard College 7 PM. Cost $10 for one show and $15 for two shows. Tickets can be obtained from Porter Center Box Office (884-8330) or Looking Glass Outfitters Pisgah Forest.
*3/30&31 Develop a New Food Business. Haynes Building, A-B-Tech, Enka Campus, cost $95. Contact Cathy_hohenstein@ncsu.edu. Check can be mailed to Cathy Hohensten, NC Cooperative Extension, 94 Coxe Ave, Asheville, NC 28801.
*3/31 Irrigation Workshop for Chlorination Systems for Nursery & Vegetable Crop Production. See attachment to this newsletter.
*4/20 Food Marketing in the Real World. This is a training and networking opportunity for Food Entrepreneurs 8:30 - 4:30, Asheville WNC Ag Center, Fletcher. Cost $30 and open to 40 individuals. Application can be obtained from www.ncagr.gov/markets/agbizmarketing.htm.

* There are plans for a market vendor workshop sometime in April. Probably at the Ag Center. Will keep you posted as more information becomes available or check out the web site http://henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/.

**Newsletter Copies:**
Anyone having items to put in the Newsletter or wanting an e-mail copy should give it to Marlin Dixon on a piece of paper or e-mail me at marlind@citcom.net
Hi everybody,

We are sorry we were not able to get together on February 13th. Old man winter seems to have other ideas for us. I think we are all looking forward to a wonderful spring and a bountiful summer season!! A lot of exciting things have happened since you elected your governing committee and we wanted to let you know how far we have progressed.

First some major points of progress:

1) Comporium has accepted us and with a little luck with the city of Brevard, we will be there at the beginning of the season on April 17th!!!!

2) Applications are out and can be picked up at the Cooperative Extension Office. They can be returned there or mailed to Anne Somich; 146 Whitmire St.; Brevard, NC 28712

3) We have settled on a Market Manager!!! Her name is Eatherly Hood Schultz. She comes to us with lots of market experience both as a vendor and manager. She will be with us at the next meeting and is excited to begin working with us!

4) Next meeting: Saturday, March 13 at 9:00am at United Community Bank at Straus Park. The lottery for reserved spots will be held. Please get your application in before so we can be prepared with the spots.

OK, let's talk about where we are at this writing. The committee has met 3 times since the last TTA meeting. The first was more organizational, the second we nailed down the specifics of the Market Manager, applications and market guidelines; the third we interviewed for the manager.

The officer breakdown is:
Anne and Mike Somich; Contact
Brittany Whitmire and Andy VonCanon; Marketing
Casey Lance: Events
Gail Winterhalter: Secretary
Jennifer Bettencourt: Treasurer

Contact: Anne and Mike have had the tasks of Job description and application for Market Manager; Application and Market Policies, Rules and Responsibilities for Vendors. Each document came to the committee and each line was debated!! Please review the Market Policies, Rules and Responsibilities. Much of that information came from our January Meeting. Anne and Mike will be the direct contact for the Market Manager. They will assist the Market Manager in immediate decisions. Any policy issues will have to come back to the Committee for interpretation.
**Events:** Casey will be setting up all special events at the market. She has held off in doing anything solid until we knew we had the space. She is taking all suggestions and will act as soon as we get settled. Casey and Mike have been scoping out the new space. Casey will be putting together the space map. If you get a chance, look at the parking lot. The reserved spaces will be offered at the center of the lot underneath the trees.

**Marketing:** Brittany and Andy have been very busy getting the basics down for our marketing plan. Brittany handled the press releases that were in the papers. Weren’t they great! They are working with the City of Brevard on the process of zoning and permitting in order for the Market to move to the Comporium lot. City Planning Department personnel have been working with us and have been very helpful; the process, however, involves several steps and they are continuing to work with them until the process is complete. Once the process is complete, Andy and Brittany have secured funding for permanent signing and will work to that completed as well. Marketing pieces, like Rack Cards and permanent posters, are being completed and should be ready for the March meeting.

**Finance:** Jennifer has gotten the records and is working with the committee to develop a budget and keep us on it. She will keep the vendor list along with the secretary. Jennifer will be the contact for the Chamber and will assist Casey with the lottery for the reserved spaces (more on that later).

**Secretary:** Gail has tried to assist with the large amount of information that has been generated. She will be the contact with the Heart of Brevard. New name tags are being developed along with Vendor information signs and it will be her responsibility to get these out to all vendors. Also call chains have been developed. Those vendors with e-mails are being communicated with that way. All others are being called. If your preference has changed please call/email her.

**Reserved Spaces:** In trying to determine a fair way to assign reserved spaces it was decided by the committee to hold a lottery. All those vendors that have paid for a reserved spot will have their name put in a hat. One by one a name will be pulled out and the vendor will be slotted in their reserved space.

As you can see we have been busy trying to make this market year a successful one for all. We look forward to our opening. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of us. We will be glad to assist you in any way.

Gail Winterhalter
Secretary
Transylvania Tailgate Association+
Announcement: HOUSING FUNDS AVAILABLE
The Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA) Agency is administering 2 Housing Grants in Transylvania County. These funds are provided by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. Benchmark CMR Inc. is the administrative agent on these Programs for WCCA. Slots are currently available for both programs.

SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION
HOUSING REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERLY AND/OR DISABLED HOME OWNERS

This program is designed for conventional housing units (Mobile homes are excluded) which are in fairly good condition. The purpose of the program is to bring the unit into compliance with current energy standards, dramatically reducing heating bills for owners. In addition, handicapped accessibility improvements are performed which will help insure continued occupancy of the unit as the occupant ages. Any structural issues with the house which deal with the integrity of the dwelling must also be addressed. Owners must have incomes at or below median income for Transylvania County. This would cover 90 percent of retired individuals or those who are living on disability.

The cost of this work is in the form of a no payment, no interest loan to the owner which is forgiven at $3,000 per year. Expenditures are limited to $40,000 per dwelling. The loan is recorded by a Deed of Trust.

URGENT REPAIR GRANTS
FOR ELDERLY/ DISABLED OR SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLD HOME OWNERS
This program is limited to $5,000 per dwelling and is designed to assist with one or two of most pressing problems with the unit. New roofs, rotting floors in kitchen or bath, electrical issues, leaking water pipes, heating system problems are all representative of the type of work performed by this program. This work is done as a grant to the owner without the requirement of a formal loan and deed of trust.

If you have a relative or know someone in need of housing assistance have them call 1-800-650-3925 and ask for Cindy Ramsey. If we cannot utilized these funds which are designated to the citizens of Transylvania County the funds will revert back to the State of North Carolina.

“We appreciate the opportunity to be of service.”
Irrigation Workshop:
Chlorination Systems for Nursery and Vegetable Crop Production

When: Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 am-noon

Where: Mountain Horticultural Crops Research & Extension Center, 455 Research Dr. Mills River, NC

Pesticide Credits Offered: 2 credits for categories LNODX

Topics Covered Include:
- Water quality issues (plant pathogens, human pathogens, algae, iron)
- How Contamination occurs
- Water Sampling and Analysis
- Preventative and Remedial Action Using Chlorination
- Results from trials in North Carolina
- Other options for treating irrigation water

Speakers:
Gary Miller, Senior Representative, PPG Industries, Inc.
Dr. Kelly Ivors, Plant Pathology Dept., NCSU
Dr. Chris Gunter, Horticultural Science Dept., NCSU

This is a free workshop, but you must register!

To Register: Contact Erin Bonito at Buncombe County Cooperative Extension Office
828.255.5522 or email erin_bonito@ncsu.edu