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**Manager's Monthly Report**  
**July 15, 2025**

✓ **Golf Course:** The major construction phase on the damage from Helene was started in June. Dail Golf has been working on the rebuilding of the bunkers. The engineers are continuing to work on the design elements of the overall project and are expected to submit the permit application with the US Army Corp of Engineers in mid-August to perform the stream restoration needed. This part of the golf course project is to commence mid-October.

The golf course is in exceptionally good condition with twelve holes open for play at this time. Since opening May 16<sup>th</sup>, activity has been slow, as expected, in comparison to previous seasons. From the opening day of May 16<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> we saw a decrease of \$114,042 in revenue in comparison to the same period of 2024. Activity through July 9<sup>th</sup> has shown a \$18,139 or 35% decrease in revenue in comparison to the same period of July 2024. Overall, in the FY 2024-25 budget, the Village saw a loss of \$247,419 in golf revenue in comparison to FY 2023-24.

**Tennis:** The Tennis courts opened for the 2025 Season on May 12<sup>th</sup> and activity is increasing with the arrival of our summer tennis players, but tennis has also seen a decline in revenues this year to date. We have seen a decrease in revenue of \$7,603 through June 30<sup>th</sup> in comparison to the same period last year.

**Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board Meeting:** The TDA Board met on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Dalton Kilby of Bramble Marketing submitted the attached June 2025 marketing update.

✓ The May 2025 collections of the occupancy tax showed an increase of 18% in comparison to May 2024. The occupancy tax collections for the period June 2024 through May 2025 (\$730,010) have shown a \$125,571 or 14.68% decrease in comparison to the same period of 2024 (\$855,581).

**Summer Grillin' & Chillin' Events:** The summer Grillin' & Chillin' Events will continue every Wednesday this summer through Labor Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The events are every Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30. Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> will feature the "Dave Brewer's Foscoe Four" band. This is the eighth year of the event. With the excellent food and the great entertainment that has been offered, these summer events add much to the Village summer season. I would encourage each of you to attend a great evening with fellow residents and guests of the Village.

**Property Tax Collections:** Of the \$1,435,955 total 2024 levy, \$1,430,209 or 99.6% has been collected with a balance of \$5,746 uncollected through July 10, 2025. A balance of \$1,176 remains

uncollected for the 2015-2023 tax years. All 2025 tax bills were mailed to property owners on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a total levy of \$1,438,887.

The Avery County Commissioners have voted to delay the County revaluation next year until 2027, due to the damage caused by Helene.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Phillips". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Susan Phillips".

Susan Phillips