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Manager's Monthly Report
August 20, 2026

Golf Course: The golf course continues to receive great reviews, and we are seeing many new players in Sugar Mountain again this season. From the opening day of April 17th through July 31st, we have seen an increase of \$40,556 (8.94%) in revenue in comparison to the same period of April through July 2024. There have been 9,245 rounds played this season in comparison to 9,734 in this same period in 2024.

The Request for Proposals of the Golf Course Stream Repair Project were submitted on July 23, 2026. Four proposals were received and a committee of five individuals evaluated and scored these submittals. A recommendation to the Council to award a contract for this project will be on the August 20th Regular meeting agenda. Once a contract has been awarded, we expect this final phase of the golf course repairs to begin in early September.

2026 Tennis: Tennis, much like Golf, has been very busy throughout the season. Since opening for the 2026 Season on May 11th through July 31st, we have seen an increase in revenue of \$5,536 (15.0%) in comparison to the same period in 2025.

Summer Grillin' & Chillin' Events: The summer Grillin' & Chillin' Events will continue every Wednesday this summer through Labor Day, September 7th. The events are every Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30. Wednesday, August 26th will feature "Classic Highway". This is the ninth 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.

Sugar Mountain Drive Helene Road/Embankment Repairs Project: The Council awarded a contract to Beam Construction in the amount of \$601,215 for this project at the June 23rd

meeting. The expected total of this project will be \$792,674, with 100% FEMA/State reimbursement. A kick-off meeting will be held with Village staff, our Helene Recovery consultant, the contractor and Village engineer on Thursday, August 20th. A start date of Monday, August 24th is anticipated and a completion date of late September.

FEMA Update:

Projects (Expenditures) Submitted for reimbursement:

• Village Hall HVAC unit replacement	\$ 12,240.
• Golf Course Pond Debris Cleanout	\$ 105,739.
• Village Staff labor/Equipment – Debris Removal	\$ 253,135.
• Tennis Courts	\$ 166,387.
• Pedestrian Bridge/Walking Path	\$ 106,698.
• Road Repairs Group 1	\$ 100,874.
• Road Repairs Group 2	\$ 444,169.
• Road Repairs Group 3	\$ 464,428.
• Emergency Protective Measures – Labor/Equipment	\$ 46,897.
• Golf Course	\$ 1,417,633.
• Timber Ridge Road Repairs	\$ 429,396.
• Temporary/Emergency Road Repairs Group 1	\$ 85,477.
• Temporary/Emergency Road Repairs Group 2	\$ 109,818.
• J. Douglas Williams Park	\$ 90,301.
• Management Costs	<u>\$ 254,312.</u>
Total submissions to date:	\$ 4,087,504.

Reimbursements received to date:

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• J. Douglas Williams Park	\$ 90,301.
• Golf Course	\$ 1,275,870.
• Road Repairs Group 3 – Received Wednesday, August 5th	\$ 464,428.
• Timber Ridge Road Repairs – Received Wednesday, August 5th	\$ 429,396.
• Management Costs- Received Monday, August 3rd	<u>\$ 198,196.</u>
	\$ 3,889,625.

Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board Meeting: The TDA Board met on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The Board adopted the FY 2026-27 Meeting schedule. The Board received a Marketing Asset Development proposal from Hasty Marketing. After discussion of this proposal, the Board tabled acceptance of the proposal until the September meeting. Jeanine Hasty presented the July marketing report and an August 2026 content overview to the Board.

The June 2026 collections of the occupancy tax showed an increase of \$22,344 or 63% in comparison to June 2025. The occupancy tax collections for the period July 2025 through June 2026 (\$867,346) have shown a \$136,457 or 19% increase in comparison to the same period of 2025 (\$730,889).

NCDOT Fall Litter Sweep 2026:



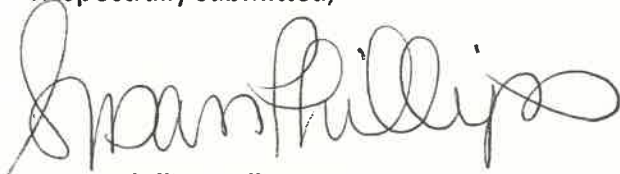
The 2026 Fall Litter Sweep is just around the corner, and we need your help to keep North Carolina beautiful! The sweep will run from September 12-26.

Property Tax Collections: Of the \$1,476,797 total 2026 levy, \$275,069 or 18.63% has been collected with a balance of \$1,201,728 uncollected through August 14, 2026. A balance of \$7,173 remains uncollected for the 2017-2025 tax years.

Administrative Matters: The Village office will be closed Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday. The Police Department will be on a regular schedule throughout the holiday weekend. All Avery County Trash sites will be closed on Sunday, September 6th and Monday,

September 7th. The Public Works staff will pick up curb side residential trash on Tuesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 10th.

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, Village Manager