

# Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department

13131 NC Hwy 209 Hot Springs NC 28743

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March 2009

## SCVFD Board of Directors

Gweneeth Conklin, President  
Harold Hunter, Vice President  
Maxine Dalton, Secretary  
Ethel Kirkpatrick, Treasurer  
Wilson Kent                      Glenda Meadows  
Joe Ferguson                      Iris Smith  
Shannon Allen, Chief  
Danni Speight, Medical Officer  
Todd Glasser, Fire Fighter Representative  
If you have a question for the SCVFD or its Board,  
let us know and we will find the answer for you.

Fork, Lower Spring Creek, Upper Spring Creek, and Doggett. There must be at least 10 community members present at the annual meeting to constitute a quorum.

There are 3 fire fighter members of the Board; the Fire Chief, the Medical Officer, and one member elected by the Fire Department from its ranks. The term for fire department members is two years and these Board members are elected in January.

Immediately following the election of the Board, the new Board meets to select officers for the following year.

We hope you will join us at the meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Activity Report: January – March 4, 2009

Chimney Fire--3	Wildfire--2
First Responder/Medical--14	
Fire Alarm Activation--2	Landing Zone--2
MVC without extrication--4	Land Search--2
Service Call/Assistance--9	Cancelled En Route--1
Incomplete 911--2	
<b>Total Calls to Date--41</b>	

***FISH DAY BREAKFAST APRIL 4  
STARTING AT 6am***

## How is the Fire Department Board of Directors Chosen?

On the first Monday in May of each year there is an annual meeting of the community. This year that date is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Those eligible to vote at this meeting include all residents and property owners in the community who are at least 18 years old and who are interested in promoting the objectives and purposes of the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The Board of Directors is made up of 8 community members and 3 members of the Fire Department. One half of the Board members are selected for a two year term every year. This year four member's terms are up and these members may be reelected or others may be selected to replace them from those attending the meeting. Directors must be at least 21 years of age with a primary residence in the Fire District. If possible, the community members shall reside in different sections of the community including Bluff, Meadow

## Honoring A Volunteer

Ethel Kirkpatrick grew up in Spring Creek under the watchful eye of her parents Tom & Inez Meadows. Her husband Rhett was born here, as well as their two children Rachel and T.J. She taught school for 32 years in the Madison County Schools and helped shape many lives. While working full time she has volunteered in ways that have made a difference to this community. She's an authority on the genealogy of Spring Creek and author of "Cemetery's of Spring Creek"; past President of the Madison County Genealogy Society; First President of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1981 and became the Treasurer of the Volunteer Fire Department in 2004. She's an excellent cook and we in the community have benefited from her expertise at many meals at the fire dept. You can always recognize her because she's not very tall, always smiling and wears a headband to keep her hair out of the way while she's zipping around getting everything ready or mowing the grass at the old home place on Rt 209 and Caldwell Mtn Rd. The fire department wants to recognize and thank this faithful volunteer for all the time she has given to it and the community.

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**THANK YOU:** The Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department and the Board of Directors would like to thank our recent contributors and donors:

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season. If burning is your choice method of clean up, please feel free to contact our station for fire danger information or our new website with the North Carolina Forest Service and/or to obtain a burning permit. Our website address is

[www.springcreekvolunteerfiredepartment.com](http://www.springcreekvolunteerfiredepartment.com).

It contains useful information about our department and volunteers. It also has our calendar of events and upcoming training opportunities. One other note, if you see anyone tampering with the address markers and/or road signs, please call your local law enforcement Sheriff's Office (828-649-2721). These signs are vital in finding someone in an emergency and we desperately need to stop people from tampering with them. It is a felony offense if convicted when someone needs help and we are unable to find them in an emergency. Please help us keep an eye on our community and report any suspicious activity relating to the road signs. We all pay taxes and this is what pays for these signs. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns about our organization. Once again, I sincerely appreciate the community's support for our fire department and I hope that we can continue to grow stronger as a community. Shannon Allen

## **Donations**

If you would like to make a donation to the SCVFD (half our budget depends on fund raisers and donations) you may send it to 13131 NC 209 Hwy, Hot Springs, NC 28743 and Thank- you!

**How about smoke alarm batteries?** We hope you changed your smoke alarm batteries when daylight savings time arrived. If you did not, now is the time! We'll come check them and replace if needed, 622-7108.

## **CHIEF'S CORNER**

I want to take a few moments to send a personal note to my friends and neighbors in Spring Creek. I sincerely hope that everyone is making it out of the dreaded cold and flu season and that spring is on its way. With spring's return, there is a return of fire danger. Please use caution in burning leaf and twig debris as you clean up your lawns in preparation for mowing

## **How the Fire Department Works**

Do you have a new neighbor who is not from here? Do they understand how our volunteer fire department works? Please tell them that they can pick up a brochure about our department at GRIT's, Trust Store, Country Realty, or Mountain Homes Properties adjacent to the Trust Store. Or call 622-3704 and leave a message and an e mail address to receive a copy by e mail.

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## SCVFD Calendar of Events for 2009

**APRIL 4 – Sat. 6 a.m. until  
FISH DAY BREAKFAST**

**\$6 ALL YOU CAN EAT**

*Bisquits sausage gravy bacon apples  
scrambled eggs.*

**May 4 Monday 7pm – Annual Community  
Meeting**

Election of the Board of Directors

**June 13 – Saturday All Day - Booth at  
Bluff Mountain Music Festival Spa  
Grounds.** Volunteers welcome and needed

**June 25-28 Concerned Bikers Assn. Hot  
Springs Bike Rally**

Food booth inside Hot Springs  
Campground for weekend. Volunteers  
needed

**August 22 – Saturday 4 p.m until  
FIREMAN's FAIR**

Food Music Fun Fireworks, Schedule tba

**September 27 – Gospel Singing,** serving  
country style steak and ham Schedule tba

**October 30-31 Friday and Saturday Night  
Open at 5:30 pm**

**HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE**

**December 8 – SCVFD Annual Holiday  
Appreciation Dinner for Fire Fighters  
and Board**

If you are new to our community or even if  
you are not, there is no better way to get to  
know your neighbors than to volunteer at a  
fund raiser. If you would like to help, call  
one of the numbers below. 622-3704, 622 -  
3702, 622 - 7300,  
or 622- 0102

**BINGO:** First Saturday of each month at 6  
pm at the Community Center (Old School  
House)

**PICKIN' & GRININ':** Second Saturday of  
each month 6 pm at the Community Center  
(Old School House). No Admission Charge  
Come listen and grin or bring your musical  
instrument and join the pickin'

**SPRING FLING:** Saturday May 23, 2009 11  
a.m. at the Community Center (Old School  
House) Good food, flea market, games,  
music and a few surprises

### **SPRING CREEK SCHOOL REUNION**

Sunday July 12, 2009 12 noon

In the Community Room at the Community  
Center (Old School House) and Catered by  
GRITS COUNTRY CAFÉ

**FALL FESTIVAL** Saturday, October 10,  
2009 11 a.m. Celebrate GRIT's Second  
Anniversary and the Community Center's  
Fall Festival with great food, flea market,  
games, music and more

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday 4:30 pm – 7 pm

Saturday 9:30 am to 5 pm

**WANT TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY?  
THE SCVFD IS SEEKING VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS. COME TO THE FIRE  
HOUSE ON TUESDAY NIGHT AND  
LEARN MORE OR CALL 622-7108. YOUR  
COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**

## **COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR**

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