

# SEASONS@BRL

2026  
Annual Meeting  
March 21st  
5PM at  
The Lodge

- \* **Community Update**
- \* **Honoring a BRL Pioneer**
- \* **Decking the Halls!**
- \* **NWF Awards BRL for the 3rd Year**
- \* **Season of Giving, Toys for Tots**

## Welcome New Neighbors!

Congratulations to both the Irving and Phillips families for completing their beautiful home builds during the Spring and Summer months. They have both received their Madison County certificates of occupancy and are our newest residents.

Our 2025 Board of Directors are President Jason Goldstein, Vice President Kent Brooks, Secretary Mike Foster, Director Joy Coelho and Director Tom Fink.

Coelho, Fink and Brooks ran unopposed for the three 2025-2027 director seats in March. Our Board of Directors positions have a two year term and in our upcoming 2026-2028 election two seats will be open for nomination and participation. If you wish to throw your hat in the ring please email your intention to our Secretary Mike Foster at [mefoster8@gmail.com](mailto:mefoster8@gmail.com).

The qualifying nominees will be announced and ballots will be sent to the membership for voting. The election results will be announced at our **annual meeting on March 21st, 2026 at 5PM being held at our Lodge**. We all wish to thank Dave Bell who, acting in the capacity as our treasurer, continues to donate his time and much appreciated expertise, keeping our BRL accounting transparent and balanced.

### Our Accomplishments and Projects-

- \* The 2025 phase of our roadway project upgrades were completed with repairs on Bear River Lodge Trail, Lonesome View and Moonshiners.
- \* Our community was again officially honored by the National Wildlife Federation as a **National Wildlife Habitat Community** on November 12, 2025 this is our third year in a row being awarded for our outstanding stewardship.
- \* The Board of Directors are now in the last legal steps regarding the updates of our BRL documents. Voting on these changes by the membership will be announced before the 2026 annual meeting.
- \* Our rainwater roadside drainage channels including some clogged culverts were cleared of debris and 32 tons of natural gravel rock was hand distributed shovel by shovel. All the labor was completed by the Maintenance Committee members & volunteers. You are all much appreciated!
- \* The current Architectural Guidelines can be viewed and downloaded on our website [www.BRLCA.com](http://www.BRLCA.com)
- \* **Check out our Toys for Tots information on page 2 and Happy Holidays!**

# Toys for Tots

## *Get the Glow of Giving*

**Madison County children will find a “wish come true” for them this holiday season thanks to donations from local residents and business folks.**

**Feel free to bring an unwrapped item to the collection location in our Lodge before the gifts are picked up on December 15th. Including a roll of wrapping paper or a gift bag for your gift is very helpful.**

**Donations can also include Pajama sets, slippers, blankets, throws and socks for sizes from infants to thirteen years old.**

**Their biggest needs, especially for families still healing from Helene, are for age groups 1-2 years old and 9-13 years of age. The 9-13 year group can be headphones, or any other gift you would buy for your child of that age.**

# Honoring a Pioneer

It is always inspiring to look back and see the positive effects that just one or two people can make by offering their time, creativity and service to their own community.

Dave and Callie Wellendorf created our BRL wedding program at the Lodge that generated income to support our community budget and kept our quarterly dues in check for years.

Some guests attending those weddings and Lodge Events, or while staying at a vacation home here in BRL, fell in love with our community and then bought land and homes thus becoming BRL land owners and happy residents.

I know this is true because this editor was one of those people that was completely enchanted by this beautiful and unique community and I did buy BRL land on which my forever home was built.

Riverdance was the Wellendorf's home and vacation rental until they sold it and built a second home here in BRL. Throughout the years Dave served on the Board of Directors as both the President and as a director. He also served on the ARC, and maintenance committees. He gave much more than two decades of service.

I am proud to say  
Tree of Honor in  
Spring as Dave



we will be planting a  
his memory this  
left us much too soon.



# Happy Holidays Bear River Lodge!

Informal Invitation to Deck the Halls  
Sunday December 7th from 11am -1pm  
Come on down to the Lodge and help us  
finish dressing our Lodge for the holidays.  
Feel free to bring your favorite cookies, coffee  
and hot chocoate to share.

\*This is a great opportunity to bring a Toy  
for the Toys for Tots collection too!

# BRL Resources

## *Vacation Destination BRL*

The locations listed may be featured on Airb&b & VRBO and are individually owned Vacation Homes in BRL

\*Water's Edge Cabin-

<https://www.vrbo.com/410179>

\*Wildcat Cove Mountain Home-

<https://www.vrbo.com/2655327>

\*Mountain OverLook BlueRidge Retreat-

<https://www.vrbo.com/1175018>

\*The Chalet at WaterStone-

Email contact - [PureGreenJoy@Gmail.com](mailto:PureGreenJoy@Gmail.com) for information

## Helpful Links

Bear River Lodge Website- <https://www.brlca.com>

BRL Architectural Guidelines and Covenants & Restrictions:

<https://www.brlca.com/documents/>

Madison County Environmental Services Department (Septic & Well)

<https://www.madisoncountyhealth.org/environmental-health.html>

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