



Happy Fall and soon Thanksgiving! Our beautiful fall colors have been raining all around us, and winter's cold breath is whipping through our beautiful community. With that in mind, let's start with a few preparation tips.

#### **Winter Preparations** *President Holly Grotzinger*

- **Leaves:** Henderson County is allowing burning of leaves, however, we are in an active burn ban due to drought so please take all precautions. You MUST obtain an Online Burning Permit required before burning. To register, go to [hendersoncountync.gov](http://hendersoncountync.gov) to obtain an **NCFS (North Carolina Forest Service) Online Burning Permit** and get safety requirements.
- **Tree Trimming:** The DOT will be cutting overhanging trees throughout our neighborhood roads in preparation for winter weather and for road safety. Please cut back any tree limbs or overgrown bushes on your property that are blocking our Road Signs such as, "No Outlet" and "Hidden Drive".
- **Snow Plowing:** The Haywood Knolls Association does not plow the roads in HK. The DOT plows our streets, but we are typically day 3 from a snow downfall. So be patient. We do plow the Park road/parking lot if there is snow build-up so that residents can use it to park there and walk up. Many residents are in violation of the DOT snow plowing regulations which tends to delay plowing. Please comply with these regulations:

#### **DOT Snow Plowing MANDATES**

- Remove any structure/barriers to 6" to 8" off the edge of the road (Note: This includes mailboxes; stone/rock barriers; wood edging, etc.
- Parked cars must be 6" to 8" from road edge
- Cars cannot be parked in the street/cul-de-sac/roadway

- **Thank you for attending the Annual Meeting**

We had record attendance, participation, and a great speaker on Safety and Crime. Per your suggestions, we have invested a large portion of our savings in an interest bearing CD. It will put another \$900 in the budget for 2024!

- **Thank you to all participating volunteers**

Thanks to all of our volunteers from the Knolls Patrollers, Knolls Notes Reporters, Trunk & Treaters, Fall Cleaner Uppers at the front entrance and park! Especially Jim and Jory Wilke and Jes Stafford (architect for Dot / Monument Project & message board updating), and Brian O'Hara for all our computer needs.

#### **191 DOT Update**

##### ***HK Front Entrance & Sign***

Due to the new State and Utility easements, it will be impossible to locate the Entrance Sign on Conserving Carolina park land as planned, since the location would be too far back from the road. However, the great news is the DOT has agreed to an "exit divider" median at our Front Entrance. With no left turn already in the plan, this creates both a safety divider and a place for our Front Entrance Sign.

We are currently in the process of securing an Encroachment Agreement with the DOT for the placement of our Entrance Sign and the electricity needed to light it. The Planning Committee is working on a draft design and will begin to obtain construction estimates. DOT Timing: Utilities - started Sept. 2023; Road/Entrance Construction - starts Sept. 2024.

Click link [Divided Median Design](#) for "generic mock ups" for a better idea of the street entrance design.

#### **News From Across the Street**

You may have noticed clearing and construction across the street from HKA Entrance. It is the beginning of a new subdivision of 20-30 homes emerging from the once defunct Haywood Park. It has been purchased by a new group and construction has begun. The subdivision will have a new main entrance which is the clearing nearest the school sign. FYI - they will not have a left turn out of their subdivision either!

## Sweet Success for Halloween

HKA Trunk or Treat was a great success with many homes along Park and Colony intersection participating. Dozens of little kids, teenagers and even dogs dressed along with some adults to enjoy their treats along way. Be sure to join us next year!

[Click here to see photos of this year's festivities](#)

## Wildlife Wisdom *President Holly Grotzinger*

### **Be Wise to Bears and Snakes**

We recently sent out a Bearwise "tips" sheet on safe practices. Be aware that bears are STILL active in our neighborhood. It was recently reported that a bear broke into a screened back porch, raided bird feeders and bird seed inside a storage container. As it was caught on camera, the bear actually lifted the latch to the porch!

In addition, there have been sightings of Copperhead snakes. Walkers, and especially dog walkers, should stay aware of what's in the berms, leaves and brush.



### **Covenant #10** *Committee Lead Elliot Shamis*

Covenant #10 states that there is a 30 ft right of way that extends from the center of the road in front of your property. This area must remain accessible to government and utility entities for purposes of road maintenance and clearing the snow. Some owners landscape right to the edge of the street, and/or park their cars on the side of the road, both of which can be problematic for road maintenance. Accordingly, please keep these points in mind when landscaping your property and parking your cars. Our beautiful neighborhood will benefit. Thanks so much for assistance.



**Please Don't Litter**

We have residents walking that collect bags of trash when they should be able to just enjoy being in this awesome nature park we call home. Sometimes it is workers that don't pick up after themselves. Let's all check behind our contractors and ourselves. Thank you.



<b>Current total:</b>	<b>\$47,090.35</b>
<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$17,062.36</b>
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$10,027.99</b>
<b>CD</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

## Upcoming Haywood Knolls Events

- **December 24-31 - Holiday Decorating Contest** - judging January 1st.
  - \$50 Gift Card
  - Runners Up will be published in the Knolls Notes

## Hendersonville Holiday Activities

- [Hendersonville Farmers Market Holiday Market Nov18th](#)
- [Turkey Trot Nov 23rd](#)
- [Holiday Tree Lighting Nov 24th](#)
- [Olde Fashioned Christmas Dec. 1st](#)
- [Christmas Parade Dec. 2nd](#)
- [Holiday Train Rides Dec. 16th](#)
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## Hendersonville Charity / Other Interests

- [Groundbreaking Oct. 28 for Hendersonville's first part of Ecusta Trail](#)
- [Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Nov. 9th - 13th](#)
- [3rd Annual Jingle Jog 5k for Hope Dec 16th](#)

## Miscellaneous Communications

- **Henderson County Sheriff's** Department - NON Emergency # 828-697-4911
- **Knolls Notes** ideas, articles, events & photos: [cshamis3@yahoo.com](mailto:cshamis3@yahoo.com).
- **BEAR sightings** or issues, such as getting into garbage or bird feeders. Include - Address, Date, Time of day, Description of activity, Description of Bear (adult/juvenile, est. weight), Steps Taken to scare off. [president@haywoodknolls.org](mailto:president@haywoodknolls.org)
- Who is my **block captain**? contact Carol Clemens at [beaverccrace@yahoo.com](mailto:beaverccrace@yahoo.com) If an urgent need arises and you are unable to get in touch with your neighbor, block captains can assist in this communication. Board members can also assist with this communication. [president@haywoodknolls.org](mailto:president@haywoodknolls.org)
- **Community Patrol**- email [cshamis3@yahoo.com](mailto:cshamis3@yahoo.com) to volunteer. We currently have a complete schedule through 12/31/23. We always welcome new volunteers and there may be need to have some backups.