



*We wish all of you a
happy & healthy 2024!*

Winter Is Coming! *President Holly Grotzinger*

- **Tree Trimming:** The DOT will be cutting overhanging trees throughout the roads of Haywood Knolls late January or early February for road safety.
- **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 or roadway.

Other snow prep information:

- HKA does NOT plow the roads in Haywood Knolls
- HKA DOES plow the Park if snow accumulates - this allows residents to park there and walk up to their homes in bad weather
- DOT will plow the roads in Haywood Knolls but we are 2nd/3rd day in line for plowing
- In the event of snow, DO NOT park your car in/on the street or cul-de-sac as it will impede the DOT from plowing.

Thank you to all participating volunteers!

Knolls Patrollers 2023:

Dianne Bagley, Carol Clemmens, Lynn Conchado, Julie Derouren, Joanna Drechel, Marilyn Frenier, James "Gib" Gibson, Art Gillespie, Holly Grotzinger, Kim Hinkelman, Julie Klever, Patricia Koss, Betsy O'Hern, Brice Pavlish, Florence Quinzal, Elliot Shamis, Jeff Thornton, & Jory Wilke. (What is Knolls Patrolling all about? It's a few nice drives around our beautiful neighborhood. Volunteers patrol twice/wk for 2 wks – about 2 hrs Observing & documenting only when things arise).

Park & Front Entrance Maintenance Volunteers

Especially Jim and Jory Wilke!

Knolls Notes Reporters Julie Durouen, Holly Grotzinger

Other Invaluable Volunteers: Jes Stafford (architect for Dot / Monument Project & message board updating), and Brian O'Hara for all of our computer needs.

Save the Dates

Spring Cleanup at the Park - Saturday, March 23rd - 9:00am-Noon

Give us an hour of your time to help with weeding, planting, trimming, trash pickup, etc. to keep our park beautiful. Contact: Jory Wilke 828-808-3699 if you have any questions.

Community Yard Sale - Saturday, May 4th - 8:00am-til

This is NOT at the Park. Each individual resident can hold one in their driveway/garage and post a sign (balloons help too) so buyers know you are in business. The HK Association will market the event in local publications and websites, as well as post signs along the adjacent roadways to market the event.

So start cleaning out your storage rooms and closets. With Winter already in full swing, it's a great time to start downsizing your "stuff"!

Coming Soon more Seminars in the park...

191 DOT Update

HK Front Entrance & Sign

The State DOT has now REJECTED our request to locate the new entrance sign in an "exit divider" at the entrance road to HK, as we had planned. Due to State and Utility easements at present our options are much more limited - either we get an easement from the DOT and locate it on land that's within the new Easements OR we locate the sign farther back from the road and get deeded land from Conserving Carolina (the owners of all the land up front).

There are also timing changes to the DOT plan:

Utilities Construction: Has started as you can see at our entrance

Road Construction: Now set for Spring/Summer of 2025.

More to come on our plans for the Entrance Sign as we delve into our options.

DOT Fyi: if you want to report a pothole, traffic light issue, or other road hazard, you can use NC DOT reporting form.

Click [Report a Problem](#)

Holiday Decorating Contest Winner

Congratulations to the Perry Family at the end of Rainbow Lane with their magnificent giant light Christmas tree and many deer, snowmen, etc! Thank you to all who decorated.



Covenants

Corner

Committee Lead Elliot Shamis

One of the main purposes of the Haywood Knolls Association is "to promote cooperation in all matters of interest to homeowners and to facilitate and expedite better community and individual relationships". With this in mind and the start of a new year, click the link to our [Covenants and Restrictions](#) please take the time to review and be familiar with these. If a situation comes up with your neighbor, speak to your neighbor and try to work it out before an issue escalates. Below is a link to a FREE service offered by Henderson County to help with mediation. <https://mediatewnc.org/> 103 S. Grove St.

Money Matters



Current total:	\$46,446.77
Checking	\$16,415.89
Savings	\$10,030.88
CD	\$20,000.00

Note: \$30,000 allocated to New Entry Signs (due to the 191 DOT project)

Miscellaneous Communications

- **Henderson County Sheriff's Department** - NON Emergency # 828-697-4911
- **Knolls Notes** ideas, articles, events & photos: 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
- **Community Patrol**- email cshamis3@yahoo.com to volunteer. Slots open for 2024. We welcome new volunteers.
- Who is my **block captain**? contact Carol Clemens at beaverccracc@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

Wildlife Wisdom President Holly Grotzinger

Here are some tips on how best to feed birds this winter:

- Use tube or hopper feeders: best for black oil sunflower, mixed seed, safflower seed, or peanuts, which attract chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, goldfinches, siskins, purple and house finches. Hopper feeders can attract the larger birds, like cardinals, jays
- Use suet feeders: best for woodpeckers and titmice, nuthatches, chickadees as well
- Don't place seed directly on the ground or use platform feeders, which tend to attract deer and other unwanted guests like bears
- Fence in your feeders, if possible, to prevent deer and bear from accessing them
- Provide water to birds during the winter, especially when there is no snow. Place it in a sunny area so it remains visible to birds and stands a better chance at remaining liquid. Heated bird baths can also be purchased at stores.
- You can also provide shelter to birds from winter storms in the form of [brush piles](#) or [bird nest boxes](#). Go to audubon.org and/or
- Remember to keep your bird feeders and nestwatch.org for how to make them. birdbaths fresh and clean. Freshen the water every other day. Clean your feeders once every 2 weeks in a solution that is 9 parts water and 1 part bleach, scrubbing away any debris. Clean bird baths with the same.

Parks & Recreation Has Many Upcoming Events & Programs Explore all they have to offer.. many activities for young and old [Henderson County Parks & Rec](#)

NC Cooperative Extension Upcoming Events

56th Annual Winter Vegetable Conference

[Click Here to Read More](#)

Master Pomology Class Begins February 20th

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

String Light Donations We all have some broken ones! Henderson County 4-H is collecting new, used or broken string lights. String lights will be recycled and proceeds earned from the recycled lights will help fund 4-H activities. Donations can be dropped off at the NC Cooperative Extension office Jackson Park The people here are a great resource and have a lot of educational programs/events to offer... explore more [NC Cooperative Extension](#)

Don't Forget

Did you take the Hendersonville Survey?

Give your input on the creation of the City of Hendersonville's Sustainability Strategic Plan! Plan's primary focus areas: energy, transportation, waste management, land management, and water. Click [Sustainability Strategic Plan](#) to take the survey before it closes on March 31st.