



Knolls Notes
July 2025

Dues are Due NOW! ... Plus, a NEW easy way to Pay!

Annual Haywood Knolls Association annual dues are **due each year July 1st**.

Here are the benefits your Annual Dues provide:

- Your Voting Rights on major community decisions and annual budget
- NEW Front Entrance with NEW Haywood Knolls community Logo - *in process*
- NEW Message Board at the park entrance - *in process*
- NEW Outdoor Grill area
- Maintenance of Basketball and Tennis Courts, Picnic Tables, Horseshoe Pit
- Annual Community Picnic - foods, drinks, paper goods, entertainment
- Grounds upkeep of Haywood Knolls Park and Gardens
- Billing and collection of dues, utilities, PO Box, etc.
- Insurance: HOA required coverage for hazard and liability
- Association website, communications and Mailchimp account
- General supplies for meetings, activities and new resident info folders
- Legal advice, if needed, to the Board of Directors

Our ALL-VOLUNTEER board and resident helpers also manage:

- Security Patrol of the neighborhood 365 days/year
- Advocating for the community's needs with municipalities and DOT

- Encouraging compliance with HK's covenants and building requirements
- Seasonal maintenance (outside of mowing and trimming) of our park.

For further dues information contact treasurer@haywoodknolls.org

EASY NEW WAY TO PAY!

Pay by Credit Card on the HKA website at haywoodknolls.org \$77.55 (\$2.55 convenience fee) ...

Or you can also continue to pay by check, if preferred. Make it payable to:

Haywood Knolls Association PO BOX 771, Horseshoe NC 28742

Master Plan - Park Survey - On Website

By now you should have received our Park Survey to help the Board better understand who, how and why residents use Haywood Knolls Park. If you didn't, we have posted on the Haywood Knolls website so your opinion can count. haywoodknolls.org

Please respond to this survey by July 11th so that your vision for the future of our most important common area is heard.

Board and Committee Members Are Needed



We are seeking residents to step up and help out with managing the HKA Community business and social events. In addition, in September several of our Board positions will be available. There will be 5 vacancies! ... President, Vice President, Secretary and Directors.

Now is YOUR TIME to serve the community and make a difference! If you are interested and would like to help steer the future of Haywood Knolls, VOLUNTEER and contact us at president@haywoodknolls.org

Annual Community Picnic was a Big Success!!!

We had our best yet Annual Picnic in June with over 70 adults and children attending. Everyone enjoyed socializing and meeting new neighbors, plus excellent food, live music, a mini art show and Bounce House and cotton candy machine. It was a super good time!



Update Debris Clean Up and DOT

As you may have seen, Utility Work for the planned widening of Haywood Road is taking place now and throughout the summer and early fall. The actual widening of the road and road work has been delayed until 2029.

Debris Clean Up continues. Henderson County has notified us that clean-up will continue throughout the summer and is going very slowly. They ask that you send pictures of your debris in the road easement so they can get a better understanding of what is needed in Haywood Knolls.

We have informed them we still have a lot of debris, so they are aware.

Sad News - special note from our long-time resident Chuck Hayes

*It is with great despair and with a broken heart that I inform you of the passing of The love of my life for 75 years, Diana Hayes, passed away on Friday June 13, 2025. Her fight with Multiple Sclerosis unending for 35 years but she fought it with a great amount of courage Diana is now dancing with our lord and savior and free.
Charles Hayes*

Our sincere condolences go out to Chuck.

Thank you!

HK Community Patrollers Mid-May thru Mid-July 2025: Pattie Koss, Betsy Ohern, Florence

Quinzel, Carol & Elliot Shamis

Park Sign Updates: Elliot Shamis & Holly Grotzinger

Annual Picnic Helpers: Angie Alley, Carol Clemens, Tom Felton, Art Gillespie, Holly Grotzinger, Steve Rector, Shamis family, Jes Stafford, & Neal Sutker.

Money Matters

Current total: **\$58,994.21**

Checking **\$ 5,844.57**

Savings **\$ 9,595.85**

Savings 2 **\$ 1,646.96**

CDs (3) **\$41,906.83**

Note: \$30,000 allocated New Entry Signs



Haywood Knolls Wildlife Watch

By Holly Grotzinger



Eastern Box Turtle
Terrapene carolina

The Eastern Box Turtle is the most common terrestrial turtle in the eastern United States. The box turtle was named for its ability to completely box up inside its shell when it feels threatened.

Characteristics:

- Box turtles are medium sized 4-5.5" in length with four toes, without webbing, located on each hind foot
- Adult males are larger than females and have larger, blockier heads, brighter coloration and very stout, curved rear claws
- Usually, males have orange or red eyes while females have brown eyes. Males have distinctively stout, curved rear claws

Diet:

- They are omnivores, meaning their diet consists of both plants and animals
- Juveniles: Primarily carnivorous, consuming insects, larvae, worms, and slugs
- Adults: A mix of plant and animal matter, including fruits, berries, leafy greens, flowers, roots, fungi, and grasses. As well as insects, snails, slugs, earthworms, crayfish, and occasionally amphibians and fish

Eastern box turtles typically emerge from *brumation* (a hibernation-like state for reptiles) when daily low temperatures consistently stay above 50°F.

Note: Brumating animals will occasionally wake up and emerge to eat or drink during their cycle, while hibernating animals typically remain inactive for the entire season. Brumating

animals usually eat less prior to winter, while hibernating animals eat more. Hibernation usually lasts longer than brumation.

Active Season:

- April to November. During the summer months, they are especially active in the early morning or after rain showers.

Nesting Season:

- Female box turtles lay 3-6 eggs in a shallow hole they've dug with their back legs. Once the eggs are laid, she will cover them with dirt and leave them to hatch on their own. Box turtle eggs usually take up to 90 days to hatch, but may overwinter and hatch the next spring if they are laid late in the season.

Eastern box turtles make their homes in neighborhoods and often live near people, which can put them near roads, pets, and other dangers. Box turtles spend their entire lives within a small territory (usually under 2 acres) and have very strong homing instincts. They are excellent navigators and incredibly determined. Once you are gone, they will continue heading to their intended destination.

In North Carolina the eastern box turtle is classified as a nongame species meaning that it cannot be hunted or trapped. It is unlawful for any person to take them from the wild or to have them in their possession. The box turtle populations are declining across the state.

See a turtle in the road?

Never relocate a box turtle or take it home as a pet. If you feel that you have to move one to safety, transport it the shortest distance possible - ideally less than 50 feet. Always move turtles off of roads by carrying them the rest of the way across in the direction they were already headed ... so don't make them cross the road a second time!

Found an injured turtle?

Turtles have amazing healing abilities and usually don't need assistance to heal. However, if you find a turtle that has a cracked shell, bleeding, or has other major injuries, contact a [licensed reptile rehabilitator](#) for advice.

Watch Out For Neighbors

Give a wave so they know you see them.



This includes:
Walkers
Joggers
Strollers
Bikers
Children playing
Dog walkers...

***Reminder: Haywood Knolls Legal



Please keep our community looking beautiful...

- Pick up litter
- Clean up after dogs

Miscellaneous Communications

- **Henderson County Sheriff's**
Department - NON-Emergency # 828-697-4911
- **Knolls Notes** ideas, articles, events & photos; desire to take over newsletter: cshamis3@yahoo.com.
- Who is my **block captain**? Contact Carol Clemens at 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
- If a situation comes up with your neighbor, speak to your neighbor to try to work it out before an issue escalates. FREE service offered by Henderson County to help with **mediation**.
www.mediatewnc.org/mediation/
- **NC Cooperative Extension** - office at Jackson Park - great resource & many educational programs/events to offer... explore more
www.henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/
- **Parks & Rec** - Check out the latest newsletter... many activities for young and old
www.hendersoncountync.gov/recreation/
- **POTHOLEs:**
<https://apps.ncdot.gov/contactus/Home/PostComment?Unit=PIO#0>
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Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:00pm