

Knolls Notes

Aug/Sept 2025



**SAVE
THE
DATE –**

**ANNUAL
RESIDENT
MEETING**

Tuesday, September 16 - 7pm
French Broad Baptist Church (182 Grandview Lane, off 191)

Don't miss your chance to VOTE on the 25-26 Budget, meet the new Board of Directors and be aware of HOA's plans for next year. We will be discussing many IMPORTANT projects and changes that HKA will be implementing over the next year or two including ...

- Master Plan for the park - improvements such as a covered Pavillion
- New Front Entrance Sign - that will be "moveable" due to delayed DOT timing
- Move fun events for 2026

This is your chance to make your opinions and desires for Haywood Knolls known. Let your voice be heard! See you there!

DUES WERE DUE JULY 1st ... please remit yours today!

There's still time to submit your \$75 annual dues to be a VOTING member of the HOA. You can mail them in or use the new On-Line option on our website. haywoodknolls.org

In addition, you can pay your dues at the upcoming Annual Meeting, Sept 16.

Dues are payable to Haywood Knolls Association, PO Box 771, Horseshoe, NC 28742 or easy pay on-line at haywoodknolls.org

HKA Board and Committees Need Volunteers NOW!



Your HKA Board of Directors and Committee Heads are volunteer positions that don't take a tremendous amount of time but serve as a vital service for our subdivision. We need residents to step up and serve so the work we do can continue. Each year we face this dilemma as to continue serving the neighborhood or dissolve the volunteer Board! That would be disastrous for Haywood Knolls and your property values!!!

For our 2025-26 year we still need:

- **Secretary** - takes minutes at our 4-6 meetings a year
- **Director at Large** - works on specific projects or leads a committee
- **Security Patrol Committee leader** - contacts and recruits "drivers"
- **Nominations Committee leader** - recruits board members for next year
- **Welcome Ambassadors** - personally greet new residents with community info

What happens if the HKA Board "falls apart" and loses leaders ...

- Complete deterioration of park facilities
- No progress on park and front entrance improvements
- No community security patrol
- No resident communications - emails, newsletters, website

PLEASE this is our final Call to Action! We must fill positions NOW in order to continue to maintain and develop this amazing community of ours. (Nominations from the floor will be allowed at the upcoming Annual Meeting, Sept. 16)

Housekeeping Details

WNC DEBRIS REMOVAL STATUS UPDATE

Henderson County is aware that we still have debris in our neighborhood. We have reported our need for another pick-up several times, but the process is taking much longer than

expected. Despite our efforts, it was pointed out that Haywood Knolls subdivision is not listed on the County Map showing the areas they are still working on. As the EMS manager said, "they must have missed you".

Now the good news! As of August 1st, the State Department of Public Service formed a new NC SMART Program with FEMA funds to complete the additional clean up needed. HKA sent a list of every home with debris in the easement (38) to both Henderson County and the NC/FEMA debris program so you will begin to see progress soon.

NCDPS/FEMA trucks have been seen working along Park Lane recently. For more information, you can contact: NC SMART Program. Phone: (828) 412-8947. info@ncdebriscleanup.com; daily 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

CLEAN UP YOUR FRONTAGE AND YARD

Let's keep Haywood Knolls appealing to keep our property values high and protect this special neighborhood. Most of our residents have well-kept front yards and many have gorgeous gardens - it is appreciated. However, there are residents that are not clearing their front area of weeds and brush - some are 3-4 feet high! This is a hazard for visibility around curves when driving and our many walkers/dog walkers are forced to walk into the traffic lane to avoid the brush. It is also well known that high brush and overgrown bushes provide cover and make your home more prone to burglary. Luckily we don't have a major crime issue and want to keep it that way!

Please keep your yards in shape and pick up any trash you see along your street to keep Haywood Knolls looking sharp. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALLING ALL DOG WALKERS

Please clean up after your dog! Dog waste has been reported on several streets and even on the courts in our Community Park. We love dogs but don't care for their poop. Be courteous to your neighbors!

TRASH CANS LINGERING

Many residents have Waste Service companies to remove their trash on a specific day. Please make sure you put your trash and recycling cans out on the day of service and bring them in that same day. Those BIG trash cans lingering on the streets is unsightly! They also draw the attention of bears and racoons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Haywood Knolls Community Patrol

This volunteer service is still one of the most important according to our resident surveys. Volunteers serve for two weeks and are asked to patrol twice during each week. It's a nice drive enjoying our lovely community. We currently do not have our patrol slots filled for 2025.

Can you help???

We need the following slots covered:

9/08-9/21/25

10/20-11/2/25

11/03-11/16/25

11/17-11/30/25

Please email president@haywoodknolls.org

Thank you!

HK Community Patrollers Mid-Aug thru Sept.

2025: Holly Grotzinger, Brice Pavlish, and Jeff Thornton

Park Sign Updates: Elliot & Carol Shamis and Holly Grotzinger

Money Matters

Checking \$ 8,032.17

Savings (2) \$13,042.61

CDs (3) \$ 41,971.33

Current total: \$ 63,046.11

Note: \$30,000 allocated New Entry Signs



WILDLIFE WATCH

By Holly Grotzinger

Get those binoculars out! September is the month to watch for wildlife migrations and foraging activity as animals begin their preparation for the winter to come.

Last year I even saw a Golden Eagle perch on my deck railing as it passed through. Too bad I was slow on the iPhone camera to capture it. So make sure your cameras are in hand and ready.

Hawks, Eagles and Falcons: Yes ... eagles and falcons as well as several species of hawks migrate South using the Appalachian spine as their guide. Best viewing areas are the higher peaks on the Blue Ridge - Mill Valley Overlook; Craggy Gardens; Mt. Mitchell, etc. Beside the hawks, you have a rare sighting of Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, Ospreys and even Peregrine Falcons. Best time is mid-late September.

White-tail Deer: They are moving into pre-rut in which they shed their velvet and establish their territory by marking it with rubs and scraps on the trees/bushes. You will see increased movement as the weather begins to cool.

Elk: Rutting season (mating) is mid-September through October, so if you travel to Cataloochee Valley in the Smokies you can hear them “bugle” (screaming like sounds) to gather their harem of “cows” (female elk). The best times are early morning or dusk.

Black bears: Of course, our wonderful bear population is foraging, playing and on the continuous search for food. In the Asheville/Hendersonville area many bears do not hibernate so activity is mostly year-round (except Winter). So always be on the lookout for bears and remember to take in the bird feeders in the evening.

In other news....

Blue Ridge Pkwy:

This 38-mile stretch includes some of the Parkway's most beloved hikes and overlooks—just in time for the fall season. 🍁



Chimney Rock Park



Park is now open 7 days a week by reservation only- the reservation system allows Park staff to gauge the traffic coming to the Park so that we don't overwhelm ongoing construction in the Gorge. With how fluid recovery efforts are, it also allows us to communicate with guests any last-minute changes or detours on their date. Once we adjust to this new normal, our future plan is to allow Passholders to visit without a reservation, so stay tuned for updates! Thanks for your support and patience.

The Skyline Trail is reopened! We're happy to say that 11 months post-Helene, all the trails in the Chimney Rock attraction area of the Park are officially OPEN! The Skyline Trail is a 2.2 mile out-and-back trail that begins at Exclamation Point. It offers the highest elevations in the Park and is a favorite among adventurous hikers.

Plan your visit and check current road status at [go.nps.gov/Helene](https://www.nps.gov/helene).

NCDOT SHOWS ONGOING ROAD REPAIRS IN WNC, HENDERSON COUNTY NEARLY A YEAR AFTER HELENE

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials say many drivers are ignoring posted signs trying to cut through, resulting in a ticket. “The eastern end of US 64, as well as US 74A sections under construction in Henderson County, are restricted by ordinance to local traffic only. That means those who live here and those who work here only behind the roads

closed signs," said David Uchiyama, NCDOT communications officer.

NCDOT officials say restrictions are in place to keep drivers safe and crews moving quickly. Non-residents are urged to find different routes.

"If you're trying to get to Chimney Road or Lake Lure, you can't go down [Highway] 64 out of Hendersonville; you have to go down into Rutherford County and come in that way" said Mike Morgan with Henderson County.

For more information on road updates, visit [here](#).

Ecusta Trail- official update

Now that the first portion of the Ecusta Trail is open, we've been getting lots of great questions about what's next for construction and here's where things stand for remaining sections:

- 📍 5 miles in Henderson County- from Horse Shoe through Etowah to Blantyre

- 📍 8 miles in Transylvania County- from Blantyre through Penrose to Pisgah Forest, connecting to the Brevard Greenway near Oskar Blues

Both unconstructed sections are currently being designed and engineered with the hope of going to bid for construction late next summer (2026). Hurricane Helene caused a few setbacks, but we're still moving forward!

The City of Brevard also voted to extend the trail 2.6 miles through their greenway into downtown Brevard, making the Ecusta Trail a true "Main Street to Main Street" connection between Brevard and Hendersonville. Both cities are working to improve trail access to their downtowns, bringing even more value to this exciting community connector.

The Ecusta Trail is just getting started! Be sure to check back on our website for more updates as we move ahead with future construction on the Ecusta Trail.

To read more about construction updates, head to the News section of our website:

<https://bit.ly/4oBYQdB>

Check out trail rules here:

[Trail Rules & Etiquette](#)

Reminders/Advice from facebook posts...

Please, everyone on e-bikes using Ecusta Trail, CALL OUT ON LEFT! That's being nice and the rules.

PSA: Parents with Tweens and Teens, PLEASE PLEASE teach your children what traffic laws are and how they relate to the road crossings that intersect with the Ecusta Trail.

The image is a vertical composite of two posters. The top poster is a trail map titled "VENTURE ECUSTA TRAIL MAP". It shows a route starting from "TRAIL ENDS (FOR NOW)" near "Packer's Place" and "Root + Bone", passing through "COGNITIVE", "THE HORSE SHOE PLAZA", "ELIJAH MOUNTAIN", "LAUREL PARK", "LENNOX STATION", "DOWNTOWN HVL", "7TH AVE DISTRICT", and "JACKSON PARK". It also mentions "BERKELEY PARK" and "PATTON PARK". A legend indicates "6mi ECUSTA TRAIL", "1mi DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR", and "3.2mi OKLAWAHA GREENWAY". The bottom poster is a bike rental advertisement titled "BIKE RENTAL ON THE ECUSTA TRAIL" for "VENTURE ECUSTA". It lists rental prices: "ELECTRIC BIKES \$63 STARTING AT", "TRAIL BIKES \$35 STARTING AT", and "KIDS BIKES \$25 STARTING AT". It includes a QR code and the website "VENTUREECUSTA.COM".

Flowering Bridge shared Facebook post ...



Today, the air feels heavier along the river. As neighbors to the Flowering Bridge, our hearts ache to witness its demolition. What once stood as a living tapestry of blooms, a place where nature and community met in harmony, now falls to dust and memory.

Bridges are more than stone and steel — they are connections, symbols of resilience, and in this case, a garden that touched countless souls. We grieve with our community, holding close the beauty it brought into our lives, and we honor the volunteers and dreamers who poured their love into every blossom.

But even in loss, seeds are sown. We look forward with full hearts to the gardens yet to come, and to the Education Center that will soon blossom into a new place of learning, gathering, and growth. The spirit of the Flowering Bridge lives on — not just in memory, but in what is being created next.

To our community, the tireless construction crews, and the many support organizations working hand-in-hand to restore and rebuild Chimney Rock and Lake Lure — thank you. Your strength, dedication, and care are the foundation on which renewal grows.

May we remember what was, and celebrate what is yet to be.

Hendersonville Parks & Rec has a lot of good programs- Check out the latest newsletter... many activities for young and old... www.hendersoncountync.gov/recreation/

Senior Programs and Activities-Henderson County Parks and Recreation is starting senior programs/activities for our seniors, 50 and older, to have opportunities to get involved in the community, make new friends, and get active.

Some of our activities allow seniors to prepare for the NC Senior Games where they compete with other seniors in our area and across the state. Weekly events include things like fun walks, lunch in the park, horseshoes, shuffleboard, croquet, disc golf, cornhole, kayaking, progressive painting, dance, etc. Check their site for updated info.

<https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/recreation/page/senior-programs-and-activities>

Tai Chi/ Yoga for Seniors

HENDO KICKBOXING IS OFFERING TAI CHI AND/OR YOGA FOR SENIORS

Hendo Kickboxing is offering TAI CHI and YOGA classes for Seniors (50+). You can sign up for 2 free classes to see what best fits your needs. After the two classes you will work with Hendo Kickboxing on cost of continuing.



TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS CALL HENDO KICKBOXING AT 828-845-2361
LET THEM KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR SENIOR YOGA OR TAI CHI
BE SURE TO MENTION THIS FLYER TO RECEIVE YOUR FREE CLASS
FOR INFORMATION ON THE CLASSES OFFERED PLEASE VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.HENDOKICKBOXING.COM/](https://www.hendokickboxing.com/)





The Little Red House

Did you know? In Newhall Park in front of the tennis courts is this wonderful miniature red house –our community library. Stop and Swap!

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/
- **POTHOLE:**
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