# HISTORY OF HAYWOOD KNOLLS - 1980/1981

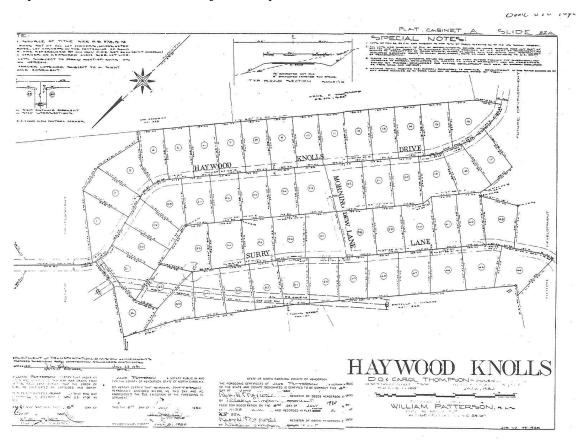


In 1979, Donald Thompson, a former school teacher and local developer, first bought the 322 acres of mountain land that was to become our subdivision. At that time, it was the largest tract of land ever bought in the County. Mr. Thompson named it 'Haywood Knolls Estates'. Through his company, TOD Homes, the development started in July, 1980.



In 1980, the first section of 55 lots was released.

At that time, Haywood Knolls Drive stopped at #180 (the present Henby residence) and Surry Lane stopped at #165. What was to become Park Lane, Deerhaven, Colony and the upper sections of Haywood Knolls Drive was all just heavy forests.



There was no advertising for the subdivision. Mr. Thompson parked 3 work trailers on what is now the Taylor's property at 120 Haywood Knolls Drive and stuck an "Office" sign in front of one.

And, until late 1980, the future residents were obliged to pick up their mail from a row of mail boxes on State Road 191 across from the entrance to Haywood Knolls.



Grace Hay, at 138 Surry Lane, was the first home owner in Haywood Knolls. Living with Grace was her daughter, Mary Sue and her husband, Ed Bradley, later to become one of the first 2 Directors of the HKA.

By June, 1981, twenty-nine families were here. This included one absentee owner and one renter (Alice Ray at 153 Surry Lane). Ralph and Gloria Morris (312 Colony Lane), who arrived here in 1982, remember the constant noise of heavy trucks and construction equipment and the endless dust as roads were being created in the subdivision.

	SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!	
	DESSERT MEETING	
Pui	rpose: To establish a Haywood Knolls Property Owners Association	
Whe	en: Wednesday, June 24, 1981	
Whe	ere: The Goode Spirits Shop, Four Seasons Mall	
Tin	<u>ne</u> : 7:30 p.m.	
	A variety of desserts and cheeses, wine, coffee and other beverages will be served. Everyone pays for their own.	
Age	enda:	
1)	Meeting called to order by Temporary Chairman.	
2)	Vote by show of hands to form the organization.	
3)	Nominations and election of officers - President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	
4)	4) President to appoint a By-laws Committee.	
5)	Establish dues by vote. (\$10 per year per household has been suggested.)	
6)	Discussion of aims and activities of general interest to residents.	
	President will name a chairman for each activity	

Since all these 29 families knew one other, Ed Bradley felt the development should have a homeowners association and he, Grace Hay, and Marge Prosser were instrumental in having an invitation/questionnaire circulated prospective residents to and owners inviting them to meet at the Good Spirits Shop in the Four Seasons Mall, to have "dessert" (actually some glasses of wine) and to discuss future needs and expectations as residents of the Knolls community.

	that have been suggested for discussion. Please check nes in which you are interested:
A. B. C. D.	CPR Class Community Watch (signs & info, available from Sheriff's Dept Cable TV Bowling_League Community Picnic
G H	Subdivision Beautification Buying Products in Bulk Monthly News Letter Participate in N.C. Apple Festival Parade, September 7th Your suggestions:
Name :	

Consensus was high for organizing as a community. Ed Bradley was nominated enthusiastically to be President of the proposed organization, but he declined due to personal responsibilities. So, Walter Swan was elected President with Grace Hay as Vice President and Elizabeth Craig as Secretary/Treasurer. It was also decided that \$10 per family ( the equivalent of \$24 in today's dollars ) be assessed for membership in the proposed association, dues to be deposited in an interest bearing ( 51/2% ) account at First Citizens Bank. And there was a lively discussion regarding selection of a name. It was decided that the proposed association be open to all residents, owners and renters and that the By Laws – yet to be drawn up—express the association's interest in community affairs, social activities, and safety such as 'Citizen's Watch', and "if the occasion should arise, politico-civic". Mr. Ferguson, a new resident in attendance, was concerned that "we not become a group interested in 'running to Raleigh' on political matters".

It was finally decided to name the association "The Haywood Knolls Residents Association", with an annual meeting held every year and others "as needed". President Swan appointed a committee of 6 residents – Edward Kelly, Edward Bradley, Isla Benedick, Mel Shaner, Joe Salerno, and Joan Ferguson -- to prepare the By Laws of the 'HKRA' as well as a budget. Neighbors expressed concerns about "boisterous parties held by outsiders on our roadsides in undeveloped areas" and tennis court maintenance when the courts were completed (which was not to happen until the end of 1981). Some issues just don't seem to go away, do they?

It was also decided that it was going to be left to individual residents to decide how many trees were to be left on their lots when building.

On July 27th, 1981, the draft of proposed By Laws was circulated to all 29 resident families. It also stipulated the separation of the functions of Secretary and Treasurer and so, on July 27, 1981, Frank McCormack assumed the position of Treasurer from Liz Craig and 2 Directors came on Board – Jeffrey Brille and Ed Bradley. Application for membership in the new Association was included along with the proposed By Laws.

By September, 1981, things were jumping! At the September 30, 1981 meeting, again at the Good Spirits Shop, 29 of 35 resident families were in attendance.

A bowling group was organizing and a "Helping Hand" list of residents was organized to help people with projects they couldn't do themselves.

It was reported that neighbors were keeping an active eye on new construction sites to deter crime, especially of gang members who were typically "pairs of white males, 16-24 years old". The Sheriff's Department had indicated that Community Watch signs were available to post at the entrance to Haywood Knolls for the price of \$11.60 (\$25 in today's dollars). And "There are no ordinances controlling gun fire. Call the Sheriff and he will counsel the shooter".



Although Ben Pryor – the construction foreman at the time – seemed to have things under control!



There was a balance of \$290 in the Association's accounts, <u>every homeowner paying</u> <u>their \$10 dues</u>. Community Watch signs were to be purchased for the main entrance and for Surry Lane when it was opened to Oxford Drive (present day Arbor Lane) which was scheduled for February, 1982.



And, at the meeting, it was reported that Billie Miskosky (still living at 151 Morning Dew Lane) had made a pen and ink sketch of the entrance which was to become the official banner of the Haywood Knolls Notes and early stationary letterhead. And, of course, which is still used today as the banner for our '*Knolls Notes*'.

Donald Thompson also agreed to landscape the entrance to Haywood Knolls, and it was decided to inaugurate the Christmas dinner dance, the first one taking place in December, 1981, at the Etowah Valley Golf Club.

A telephone list was circulated of all the residents, and a woman's bridge group was formed.

Cable TV was also just about to be installed in Section 1. Mr. Orr, who lived on Surry Lane, was the manager of the local TV station and he wanted cable. Prior to this, the residents had rabbit ears and 1 and ½ stations! The cost of cable installation was steep -- \$60 ( \$145 in today's dollars ) but the full monthly charge of \$18 was to include HBO.

#### Haywood Knolls Association, Inc. Board of Directors

### <u>1980</u>

(138 Surry Lane)

Daughter Mary Sue and husband Ed Bradley are still the present owners

## <u>1981</u>

#### 29 resident families

President - Wally Swan

**Grace Hay** 

Vice President – Grace Hay Secretary – Liz Craig Treasurer – Frank McCormack (July 27, 1981) Director – Jeffrey Brille (July 27, 1981) Director – Ed Bradley (July 27, 1981)

# Haywood Knolls Residents by July 1981

Anderson, Carl and Ingrid	171 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Bechly, Dan and Catherine	168 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Benedick, Michael and Isla	160 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Billera, Joseph and Margaret	148 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Brille, Jeffrey and Trixie (daughter-Jennifer)	163 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Burns, Thomas (Kevin?) and Ursula and son Patrick	159 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Callahan, Raymond and Alice	127 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Craig, Sydney and Elizabeth	166 Surry Lane		
Curtis, William and Cherry	129 Surry Lane		
Ferguson, James and Joan (daughter-Rachael)	141 Surry Lane		
Furin, Michael and Irene	134 Surry Lane		
Gundel, Leonard and Louise	135 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Hill, George and Chloe	164 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Hodgman, Thomas and Phyllis	137 Surry Lane		
Hyde, Joseph and Mary	176 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Kelly, Edward and Lee	162 Surry Lane		
McCormack, Francis and Florence	143 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Prosser, Harry and Marjorie	167 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Ray, Alice (renter)	153 Surry Lane		
Ross, Robert and Patricia (Andy and Kris)	133 Surry Lane		
Salerno, Joseph and Marguerite	153 Surry Lane		
Shaner, Melvin and Rhoda	147 Haywood Knolls Dr.		
Smith, William and Margaret	125 Surry Lane		
Swan, Walter and Nellie	161 Surry Lane		
Taylor, James and Elizabeth	142 Surry Lane		

### Those residents in red print are still living.