

Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter



Buncombe County 2009 Municipal elections are scheduled for the following dates:

- * **October 6th**
(Asheville primary only)
- * **Nov 3**
(All municipal general elections)

The primary is Oct. 3. The top six council candidates and top two mayoral candidates go on to the Nov. 3 general election.

The candidates are Cecil Bothwell, Larry Chastain, Ryan Croft, J. Neal Jackson, Esther Manheimer, Kelly Miller, Carl Mumpower, Cesar Romero and Gordon Smith.

Asheville mayorial candidates are Terry Bellamy, Shad Marsh, Denise Pendleton, and Robert Edwards.

What do I need to bring with me?

Voters who have registered by mail since January 2003 and did not provide a valid drivers license number will be asked for one of these identifying documents. If a driver's license is not provided then a) a copy of current and valid photo identification b) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

For more voting information visit: www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/election/



City Council Candidate Forum

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 13th

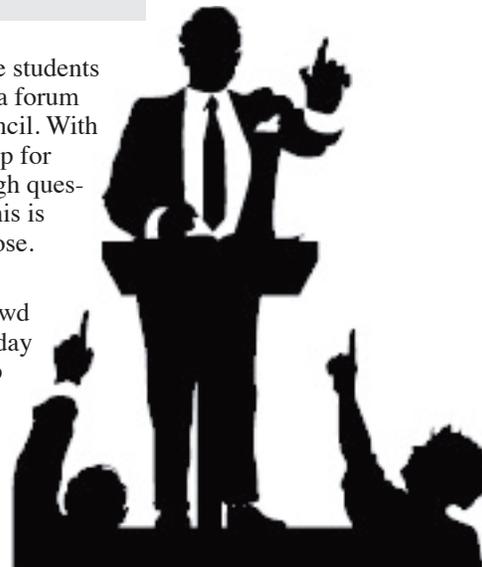
Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Evergreen Community Charter School
50 Bell Rd

As in 2007, our association is teaming up with the students of Evergreen Community Charter School to host a forum for candidates for Asheville Mayor and City Council. With three of six council seats and the mayor's office up for grabs, watch civics come alive as we ask the tough questions of those who would seek to lead our city. This is your opportunity to measure the candidates up close.

Evergreen students will play an active role in all aspects of the forum but it is you, the over-18 crowd who vote, who will decide who wins on election day on November 3rd. Attending this forum will help make you an informed voter come election day.

--Chris Pelly



Your Haw Creek Community Association Needs Your Support

The HCCA 2009 Budget is looking better, thanks to all those that responded to our call for 250 paid memberships to support our basic budget (see Winter 2009 newsletter). We now have 220 members! Plus 26 members gave extra!! We need to achieve our goal in order to continue our work of monitoring issues that impact our community and keeping all our neighbors informed. Also, we must maintain a 'reserve' to call upon when an unexpected critical issue arises requiring fast action by our community. So, if you are reading this newsletter and have not yet paid Haw Creek Community Association dues for 2009, please show your support by sending a check for \$12 to HCCA, P.O. Box 9193, Asheville, NC 28815. If you have already paid 2009 dues, thank you for your support. For those who donated 'extra' with their dues, a big double thank you.

Annual Dues Submission

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

I value the HCCA and have enclosed my annual dues for 2009 of \$12.00.

I have also enclosed a monetary donation in the amount of _____.

Tips on Keeping our Neighborhood Clean

By Alex Babak

With fall on the way this is a good time to keep Haw Creek looking good. Some suggestions:

- If you are a walker, carry an empty bag to pickup litter
- Remove outdated yard sale signs
- Trim branches overhanging streets or sidewalks
- Adopt-a-street for litter cleanup by contacting Asheville Greenworks (254-1776)
- Help a neighbor with leaf raking

Enjoy the season.

Master's Park Update

By Dick Meehan

Although there is not much visible progress at the 9-acre park site on Maple Drive, behind-the-scenes groundwork is underway. The Asheville Parks and Recreation department continues work on a site plan. And discussions continue with Blue Ridge Parkway officials regarding linking our trail with the Mountains-to-Seas Trail. And, efforts are underway to obtain official permission for volunteer organizations and individuals to help with park and trail development. Thank you.

October is National Crime Prevention Month

By Beth Jezek

The Asheville Police Department is working with communities to assist with events for neighbors to gather and unite in their efforts to prevent crime. Since Haw Creek is the largest community in Asheville, it might be most effective for individual sections of Haw Creek to join together and plan an activity for your section of the valley (i.e., Happy Valley, Sondley Estates, Trinity Chapel, Keesler Rd., Governor's View, Middlebrook Rd., etc.). Some ideas are potlucks, hot dog cookouts, community walks with flashlights, roller blade/roller board events, or a gathering to enjoy apple cider and cookies. It doesn't matter what your event is. The goal is to join with your neighbors and resolve to support each other in preventing crime in Haw Creek.

Allen Dunlap, Asheville's Crime Prevention Officer would be happy to hear from you with your plan and will do what he can to support your event or activity. Officer Dunlap can be reached Monday through Friday at 828 552-1517.

(Don't forget to let us know about your event so that we can write about it in the next newsletter.)

Haw Creek Community Association 2009 Board of Directors

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MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the Association shall be available to residents, as well as property owners, in the Haw Creek community and there shall be one class of membership.

DUES: Twelve dollars (\$12) paid once each calendar year. Make your check to HCCA and mail to: HCCA; P.O. Box 9193; Asheville, NC 28815
Please include: member names, postal address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Visit our new website at www.hawcreekn.org.

From The President

Dear Neighbors,

Although we're being told the economy is improving, anecdotal evidence suggests that here in Haw Creek, we have a long way to go. Many of our neighbors have lost jobs or are working fewer hours and for most, incomes are down. I don't have much wisdom to offer except to say we're all in this together. If you are in a position to help others, you probably already are. And if you need help, try and remember the time you lent a hand to others and consider this payback time.

A clearinghouse for all types of assistance is www.211WNC.org or 252-HELP.

Thank you,
Chris Pelly, President
Haw Creek Community Association



Bull Mtn Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct. 10th the Bull Mtn Neighborhood and adjoining streets will be holding a neighborhood wide yard sale. Participating households will have balloons on their mailboxes. There will also be directional signs thru out the neighborhood marking participating houses. If you live in the Bull Mtn neighborhood and would like to take part in the community wide sale please email Stan at: snn44@charter.net

2009-10 Meeting Schedule

Thurs, October 22nd, 7:00pm
Location: St. Johns Church
Agenda: Board Members Nominees

Thurs, January 28th, 7:00pm
Location: St. Johns Church
Agenda: New Board Elections

Thurs, April 22nd, 7:00pm
Location: St. Johns Church
Agenda: TBA

Thurs, July 29th, 6:00pm
Annual BarBQue Dinner in Haw Creek Park

Thurs, Oct 28th, 7:00pm
Location: St. Johns Church
Agenda: Board Members Nominees

*Any or all of the above are subject to change at any time. Please check calendar with each issue for any changes or check the website.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Haw Creek

Elementary School

<http://www.buncombe.k12.nc.us/hces/site/default.asp>

-Fall Carnival October 9th 5-8pm at the school open to community. Food, games, inflatables, entertainment, Raffle.

-Bingo Night November 20th, 6pm Open to the Haw Creek Community

-1st Tuesday of the month is Cici's pizza night and if people go just tell them they are from Haw Creek.

-3rd Thursday of the month is Urban Burrito night for Haw Creek. No need to tell them you are from Haw Creek.

Charles C. Bell

Elementary School

<http://buncombe.schoolwires.com/ccbes>

-Girls on the Run-

www.gotrwn.org

Girls on the Run is a running program for girls in grades 3-5 dedicated to building self respect and healthy lifestyles. GOTR will meet after school on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:45-4 will start Sept 20th and culminate in a county wide 5K run on December 12th. Registration starts Sept 5 and runs through Sept 25th.

-Odyssey of the Mind practice

Wednesday, September 16th immediately after school in the AIG room, followed by a "Yes, I'll commit to supporting my child for this team" parent-information meeting at 4:15. More information may be found online at www.odysseyofthemind.com.

Evergreen Community Charter School

www.evergreencs.org

Evergreen is moving forward with the community garden. Our 7th grade Crew will be preparing the soil for spring planting. We need volunteers to help kill the grass, mulch and otherwise prepare the soil. We could use donations of mulch and leaf debris. Please contact Terry Deal at 298-2173 ext. 234

Evergreen is having a bulb sale in October. Contact Robin at robin.elliott@evergreencs.org for details

Haw Creek Natives:

Interview with Joe Bly

By Chris Pelly

Kenilworth resident Joe Bly, born in 1929, and raised in Haw Creek in the 1930's and 40's recalls the cabin in which he lived as a young child. "It was on Little Piney Mountain near the top of Waters Road and back then was over 100 years old. We lived on 17 vertical acres but it had two bold streams and two black cherry trees."



Joe as a little boy, with his family.

As a boy, Jim Lindsey of Cisco Rd taught me how to plow using his team of horses. Although one of them bit me on the shoulder, I learned to work a plowline. Later, in a corn field where the Asheville Mall is now located, I trimmed the tassels off the tops of corn stalks. This made it easier for the farm tractor to harvest the corn and the tassel fodder, rich in protein, I fed to our mule and cow.

My first job was in the summer of 1944 was operating the Ferris wheel at Recreation Park for \$16 a month. My sweetheart Betty Capps, and her girlfriend Wanda McDaris, used to ask for, and get, free rides on the Ferris wheel. After my shift ended at 10:30PM, we'd dance at the pavilion until late at night.

In the late 1940's Betty and I were at Bucks Drive-in on Tunnel Rd on its opening night. It was the first drive-in ever in WNC and was located where Applebee's is today. Shortly after Winks Drive-in opened where Papas & Beer is located today. WISE radio station had a tower with a DJ on top. They would lower a basket on a rope into which you dropped your song requests. After them Babe Malloy's Drive-in opened and their specialty was shaved ham sandwiches and the best-ever chocolate milk shakes.

Betty and I married in the fall of 1947 but the summer before we built our first home on Haw Creek Circle. Back then New Haw Creek Rd was only paved to about Millers Store. Beyond there is was a rutted dirt road. We collected petition signatures from Haw Creek residents and presented them to the county commissioners who approved funding and shortly thereafter paved the road the length of the valley.

Why is Haw Creek important to you?

"When I was a child my parents dream was 'ten acres and independence' and they had that in our Haw Creek home. It was an idyllic setting as a child. And Haw Creek School, which held grades 1-11, meant whole families could be taught together and the school was the center of community activity, whether it be music recitals, school plays, sports or Christmas parties. The big kids looked after the little ones. I met my sweetheart Betty in the 4th grade and we grew up together, married and built our dream house. The same home in which we raised our daughter Melanie, who went on to become Miss Asheville 1973."



Joe Bly, 2009

"Our cabin had no electricity and it was dark at night. I read by kerosene lantern. Once when I was a boy my dad brought home an Aladdin lamp from Coleman which had a wick and was brighter than any lamp I had ever seen. We walked all the way over to Arco Rd where it meets Tunnel Rd just to look back at our home on the hill with its bright new lamp. It was the only light to be seen in the whole west end of Haw Creek."



The old family cabin.



Joe at his first job running the Ferris wheel at Rec. Park.

Know a Haw Creek native with a story to tell? Call Chris Pelly at 298-5299

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Next Meeting

Thurs, Oct 22nd, 7:00pm
Location: St. Johns Church

HCCA 2009 Haw Creek BBQ – A Great time was had by All

By Bob Pierce and Vickie Gaddy

This year's summer BBQ was made special by 1) the great pork and chicken BBQ served by Haw Creek's own Ruby's BBQ Shack, 2) the great performance during the meal by the Haw Creek String Band, and 3) the presentations of Officer Brien Griffin, our Asheville PD Resource Officer (work cell: 828-552-1467) (e-mail: bgriffin@ashevillenc.gov), and Mr. Gordon Smith, candidate for City Council.

Bob Pierce hung the banner while Martha Pierce staffed the name tag table and was our official greeter. Calvin Underwood directed traffic. Vickie recognized Calvin at the BBQ for having served as interim treasurer during Vickie's absence. Jerry Friedman helped us set up. The BBQ was a great success, the rain held off, and everyone had a great time listening to country music and eating BBQ. Life is Good.



-The HCCA wishes to acknowledge the generosity of Ruby's BBQ Shack in serving the food FREE of charge this year. This came as a complete surprise and we thank them very much. *Please patronize Ruby's often.*



-We also would like to thank the Haw Creek String Band (Fred Barbour, Dudley Wilson, Bob Hill, Brad Searson) for performing free of charge. They were GREAT and we had many favorable comments. The band can be reached at 828-298-9675 or 828-438-9701(4barb@charter.net or mbhill@bluenet.net.)

Officer Brien Griffin's Presentation

By Bob Pierce

Officer Griffin's presentation dealt with the recent rash of vehicle break-ins in Haw Creek. Although he gave us his work cell phone number (828-552-1467), he asked that we contact him by e-mail as he can keep our written information, etc. He said in regard to the cars that have been broken into – they have made some arrests. The cars that were targeted were unlocked so these criminals are looking for the easiest cars to steal from. He said do not give them the opportunity – keep your cars Locked. He also said if you see people walking in your neighborhood that you have not seen before, or cars circling, (especially late at night or very early in the morning). Please call 911 without hesitation. The police will come to your location and check-it out. That is how they normally catch the people. It is very important to remember that referrals from people like us helps them help us. We are their eyes.- they cannot be everywhere !!