

Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter

3rd Annual Haw Creek,
Memorial Day,
Very Patriotic,
All-American
Bicycle Parade



- Monday, May 25 -

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

It's not too early for your kids to start planning their bicycle decorations for this year's bicycle parade. The parade will be held on Memorial Day from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Haw Creek Park. Kids should decorate their bikes with patriotic colors. They will then parade 3 times around the top loop so the judges can make decisions about the best decorated bikes.

Cookies and lemonade will be served while the judges are deliberating. We hope veterans will attend the event in uniform so that their neighbors can thank them in person for their service. If you haven't attended this event before, you've missed out on a great treat. Grandparents, parents and kids all love it! Mark your calendar now.

We need neighborhood volunteers to help with putting up posters in East Asheville, acquiring/organizing kids' prizes, arranging for refreshments, decorating Haw Creek Park, bicycle traffic control, etc. Anyone willing to help with the parade should contact Beth Jezek at 299-0914 or pastacook@att.net.

Membership Appeal: With only 133 paid members to date, we are well short of our goal of 250 members. We need your support in 2009. If you haven't already, please continue your support of your Haw Creek Community Association.

Master's Park Update

By Dick Meehan

With the help of many community volunteers, we have begun to remove underbrush from the front of the Maple Drive property. This in order to determine the exact location for a small parking area and to create access to fallen trees so they can be removed.

So far we have had two cleanups with much progress made. As needed, more cleanups will be scheduled. To receive e-mail notification of upcoming activities contact chris@chrispelly.com

Thank you to the following cleanup volunteers:

Will Adkins
Bernard Arghiere
Cindy Brown
Gary Core
Guy Cothran
Elizabeth Cheesborough
Max Lloyd-Eriksen
Sunny Lloyd-Eriksen
Stephen Feren
Terry Gillespie
Gerry Hardesty
Martha Hayes
Dick Meehan
Robert Morris

Chris Pelly
Hoyt Ponder
Stephanie Rines
Pat Riviere-Seel
Edison Seel
Dorothy Smith
John Smith
Donald Swaby
Marti Terry-Purdy
John Travis
Mike Wrenn
David Yanik
Ryan Yanik



2-21-09 Cleanup



3-21-09 Cleanup



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In Your Own Words...

In our last Haw Creek Association newsletter we included a survey to gather ideas from residents and hear your feedback on the work of the association. Here is some of what we heard:

"The new sidewalks are great. Some children may now be able to walk to school." -- Lois Williams

"I like the historical articles and support the creation of Masters Park." --Anna & Oscar Wong

"Please keep me informed of volunteer opportunities via the newsletter." -- William Laity

"Thanks for keeping us an informed and connected community."--Julie Lehman & Michael Poulos

"I make copies and send the 'Haw Creek Native' articles to former residents." -- Rex Gasperson

"Thank you all for a good job of making here the best place to live." -- Barbara Pittman

Meeting

Thurs, April 23th, 7:00pm
Location: St. John's Church
Agenda: -Community Garden
-Park Planning
-Collect dues
Program: TBA

Bus Shelter on Tunnel Road and Riceville Road

City of Asheville, NC

Engineering Department

March 10, 2009

Mr. Chris Pelly, President
Haw Creek Community Association
95 Cisco Road
Asheville, NC 28805

Dear Mr. Pelly:

The following is to provide you with an update of the construction of the shelter at the corner of Riceville Road and Tunnel Road.

The Green shelter initiative is sponsored by the WNC Green Building Council, a non-profit organization. The shelter has been designed by architects that have volunteered their work; permits were submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, who has already approved the location and to the City Building Department, which is still pending. After approval, construction will take about two weeks.

We estimate that this process will be completed by the end of April.

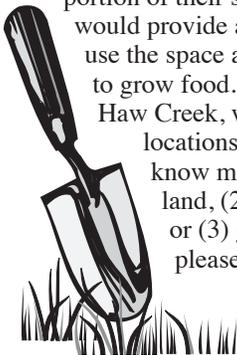
Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at (828) 232 4528.

Sincerely,

Mariate Echeverry
Transit Manager

Community Garden Update

Following the HCCA annual meeting in January, a committee was formed with the goal of creating Community Gardens in Haw Creek in which community members can grow vegetables, fruits, and herbs. We have begun to negotiate with Evergreen to use a portion of their soccer field for community garden space. This would provide an opportunity for students and teachers to use the space as a learning tool and for community members to grow food. In order to allow access to more people in Haw Creek, we are hoping to create gardens in additional locations throughout our valley. If you or anyone you know might be interested in (1) donating the use of land, (2) joining the community garden committee, or (3) getting your name on a list for garden space, please contact Jennipher Spector at jendavespector@yahoo.com or 989-9229.



From The President

Dear Neighbors,

Mayor Terry Bellamy was honored January 29th at our association's annual meeting for her "early and vital support" of Masters Park.

Haw Creek leader Bernie Arghiere presented the mayor a certificate and framed photograph to thank her for leading the partnership between city leaders and our community in this successful land preservation campaign. Her leadership gave our campaign traction which enabled us to leverage the city's support with Buncombe County and ultimately, to success and creation of a new park.

In her remarks the mayor reminded us that each of us has a role to play in our community. She urged residents to consider volunteering in such ways as mentoring or tutoring in our schools; joining the adopt-a-road litter cleanup program; serving on city boards or commissions; or planting an extra row in our garden for local food pantries. The mayor's point was, especially in this slow economy, that we're all in this together and that we should look for ways to be of service to one another.

Also at our annual meeting, your association's board of directors for 2009 was selected. New on the board is Dick Meehan who is leading the Masters Park site development effort. Dick and I and all the other board members look forward to serving the Haw Creek community and encourage you to call or write us if you would like to become more involved with our community association.

Thank you,
Chris Pelly, president
Haw Creek Community Association



Neighborhood Day

Beverly Hills Baptist Church, 777 Tunnel Road, is sponsoring a Neighborhood Day. It will be in the back parking lot of the church. The date for the event is May 23, Saturday, 11am - 2pm. All neighbors in our church area are invited to a time of food, music, blood pressure checks, car washes, carseat checks, oil and tire checks, inflatables and other children's activities. All activities are FREE. Bring a lawn chair if you wish. Contact person is Martha Rhodes 298-4623

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 annually in January. 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.

2009 Meeting Schedule

Thurs, April 23th, 7:00pm

Thurs, July 30th, 5:00pm
Annual BarBQue Dinner

Thurs, Oct 22th, 7:00pm

*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.k12nc.us/hces>

-May 22nd PTA Movie Night!

Featuring: Over the Hedge

Put on your comfy clothes, grab your pillow and come join us for an inexpensive evening of family fun and entertainment. Tickets are \$2.00 per person. Snacks will be provided mid-way through the show!

-June 9th Last Day of School

Charles C. Bell

Elementary School

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

-This spring the courtyard renovation project is getting under way. Most Saturdays families and volunteers will be at the school working hard on this awesome outdoor learning space. Even with the schools grant from Lowes there is still a long list of needed supplies; benches (metal or concrete), tables, a lot of pea gravel, rain barrels, paint, fence, plants, large planters, concrete, bricks, tiles for mosaic, and someone who could do a little welding. To learn more about the project, donate supplies or volunteer to help, visit the school's website. Or contact Leigh Benson-Greer by e-mail at leighBG@yahoo.com, please put "courtyard" on the subject line.

Evergreen Community Charter School

www.evergreencs.org

-April 21-23 Annual 7th grade plant sale

-April 24th Family Contra Dances 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Caller Beth Molaro with music by David Lynch and Friends. Pizza and drinks available for purchase at 5:45 pm. Dessert items available for purchase during intermission. All revenues benefit the Evergreen Science Olympiad Team. Admission: General Public: Adults - \$6; Ages 4 to 16 - \$4; Under 4 - Free; Family Maximum - \$20
Call 298-2173 for information

Haw Creek Native:

Interview with Virginia (Cordell) Boone

By Chris Pelly

Although she hasn't lived in our valley for a long time, Haw Creek native Virginia (Cordell) Boone, remembers childhood times walking with her friends along Haw Creek Road and stopping at homes to sip well water with a dipping gourd left out by homeowners. As a young child living on Haw Creek Circle she also remembers neighbor Forster Sondley, with his son Rory riding in back, driving one of the few buggies on Haw Creek Road. "He would stop and offer anyone walking a ride in his horse-drawn buggy. He saved many a tired feet."



Parents wedding photo, Martha (Jones) Cordell & JC Cordell. Photo taken 1906.

Cordell and his crew build Seely Castle which still stands on Beaucatcher Mountain. He also helped build Grace Episcopal Church on Merrimon as well as the stone facades for several Blue Ridge Parkway tunnel arches. Her father's first job as a stone mason's apprentice was helping build Forster Sondley's Haw Creek home over 100 years ago.

Virginia Boone grew up in one of the first Haw Creek homes with indoor plumbing and electricity. Located about where Beaucatcher Theatre is today, she lived next door to Haw Creek School, a place she loved. "I was crazy about math." After high school she went to nursing school and then served in a clinic in Atlanta in the midst of the depression. "But once I got married they fired me because they didn't allow any married nurses in those days."



Virginia Boone, with her braided rugs.

From her apartment off Merrimon Avenue, Mrs. Boone, spry and smiling at 95, recalls people and places that are part of Asheville's history. Her father J.C. Cordell, a stone mason, built the grand fireplaces in the lobby of the Grove Park Inn. He promised Fred Seely, son-in-law of E.W. Grove, that if the fireplaces did not draw properly and drew smoke into the lobby, he'd tear them down and start again. Mr. Seely liked her father's work so much he had J.C.

Later, with her husband Ray Reilly Boone from the Grassy Branch area of Riceville, they started a family west of Asheville in Canton where Ray worked as the foundry foreman at Champion. While raising four boys and a daughter, Mrs. Boone took up rug braiding using recycled wool belts from the Champion plant. That was 60 years ago. Today she is still braiding her prize winning rugs which are known for their beauty and durability.

Why is Haw Creek important to you? I grew up surrounded by family and lots of aunts and uncles and cousins. I just love people and Haw Creek reminds me of that love.



Virginia Boone, strolling thru Haw Creek Park.



Lucynthia Jones, 1847-1932, maternal grandmother & Haw Creek native. Photo from 1870



Childhood home located near where Beaucatcher Theatre is today.

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

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Meeting

Thurs, April 23th, 7:00pm

Location: St. John's Church



Haw Creek Food Pantry

Where: Beverly Hills Baptist Church, 777 Tunnel Road
(Use the lower covered entrance on the side facing Suntrust Bank)

When: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 5 - 7 PM

Serving: Families of the 28805 Zip Code - East Asheville Community
No cost or obligation

The Family to Family Program involves the Food Pantry, is currently manned and supported by seven Bell Elementary School District Churches. Because we have extended the mission of the pantry to cover the 28805 zip code - East Asheville - both Bell and Haw Creek Elementary School districts are covered. We need and earnestly appeal to the Haw Creek Churches and the East Asheville Community at large for support. Support can be in the form of donations of nonperishable food or fiscal donations to allow us to purchase food from MANNA to be used for distribution.

Our intent is to meet the critical physical needs of families, within our churches capabilities, that are not met by government or other non-governmental agencies. Our goal is for the churches in the Haw Creek Elementary School district to replicate this plan for the school. The Family to Family Ministry - Bell Elementary School District - is a collaboration of the churches in the Bell Elementary School District to create a "safety net" for the families at Bell Elementary. The churches provide volunteers and material resources, supported by MANNA, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Children First. We have built a simple model that we hope will be used by churches in other elementary school districts. A full plan and supporting documents are available by contacting Beverly Hills Baptist Church 298-4623.



Annual Bar-B-Que

Plans are well under way for our annual summer Bar-B-Que. Mark your calendars for:

Thursday, July 30th at Haw Creek Park.

Tentative agenda would be:

•5 PM - Short Meeting & Program

•6 PM - Eat

As plans come together more we'll have more details about the menu and cost of dinner. This is a great event of community fellowship.

Clean Sweep 4-4-09

Our valley looks a lot cleaner after 13 community members helped gather up 20 bags of litter this morning. Asheville GreenWorks (formally QualityForward) supplied the safety vests, garbage bags and gloves as we participated in the Great Asheville-Buncombe Neighborhood Cleanup. Many thanks to all who helped!