

Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter

4th Annual
Haw Creek,
Bicycle Parade



Saturday,
May 29

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

It's not too early to think about patriotic bike decorations. The 4th Annual Patriotic, All-American Haw Creek Children's Bicycle Parade will take place at **10:00 AM** on **SATURDAY, MAY 29!**

As in past years, the bicycle parade will be held at Haw Creek Park, at the corner of Beverly Rd. and Avon. After the kids have paraded around the top loop at the park there will be cookies and lemonade to enjoy while we wait for the judges' decisions for the best decorated bikes.

Kids, moms, dads, grandparents, and neighbors of kids are invited. Kids from outside of Haw Creek can even join the parade. If you haven't seen this event, you're missing a really fun and charming experience. Hope to see you there!

Annual Bar-B-Que

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

Thursday, July 29th 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.

East Asheville Sidewalk Summit

Although Haw Creek needs more sidewalks, we recognize the greater East Asheville community does as well. If you have ever feared for the safety of people walking along the edge of Tunnel Rd, you know the problem extends beyond the borders of our valley.

With that in mind, our association played a leadership in convening the first-ever



Chris Pelly leads the discussion with Ken Putnam, Director of Transportation and Judy Daniel, Asheville Planning Director, taking questions from the neighbors.



View from the Blue Ridge Parkway bridge over Tunnel Rd looking toward the VA hospital. A clearly worn path appears on the left.

gathering of East Asheville neighborhood groups on April 19th at Bell Elementary School. Present also were senior staff from the City of Asheville and the NC Dept. of Transportation as well as more than 100 East Asheville residents who showed up to voice their pedestrian safety concerns.

Again and again we heard about the needs of parents worried about the safety of their children. We heard about disabled veterans forced to walk in Tunnel Rd from the Veterans Quarters in Oteen to the VA Hospital. And we learned about the disparity of sidewalks within the City of Asheville, with **the neighborhoods on either side of East Tunnel Rd having a total of about 3% of all the sidewalks in the City of Asheville.**

This public hearing made us recognize we have to get ourselves organized if we are to improve our community. All the neighborhoods represented; Beverly Hills, Parkway Forest, The Cloisters, Bull Mountain, Redwood Forest, Viewpoints, Chunn's Cove and Haw Creek, came away realizing we need to work together to achieve our goal of more sidewalks and other safety measures. If you would like to become more active in this campaign, please contact Chris Pelly at chris@chrispelly.com or 231-3704.



Another highly walked area is the section of Tunnel Rd between Maple Springs (Sonic) and Beverly Rd (Groce Church).

East Asheville Pedestrian Improvement Priorities

As of May, 2010

Pedestrian Crosswalks

- 1) Tunnel Rd at Beverly Rd (Groce Church)
- 2) Tunnel Rd at Maple Springs/Governors View (Sonic/Bell Elementary)
- 3) Tunnel Rd at Crockett/New Haw Creek

Sidewalks

- 1) Tunnel Rd from Pleasant Ridge Rd east to Porter Cove Rd, AKA 'Veterans Walk' (from entrance of Parkway Forest sub'd to exit 55 of I-40)
 - 2) Tunnel Rd from Beverly Rd east to Maple Springs Rd
 - 3) New Haw Creek Rd from Tunnel Rd to Arco Rd.
 - 4) New Haw Creek Rd from Beverly Rd to Sondley sub'd entrance
- (#s 3 & 4 per Haw Creek Pedestrian Safety Plan in place since 2003)*
- 5) Swannanoa River Rd from South Tunnel Rd east to Tunnel Rd
 - 6) Chunn's Cove Rd from I-240 to Tunnel Rd

Pedestrian Safety Measures

- 1) Bull Mountain Rd from Tunnel to Riceville Rd, slow down cut thru traffic

Public Transit

- 1) Expand bus route service to Vets Quarters in Oteen. Route #29 to all day, #13 to Oteen and #28 more frequently.

Next event, 'Sidewalks for Safety' walk on Tunnel Road from Groce United Methodist Church to the Veterans Quarters in Oteen. Saturday, May 22nd, meet 9am at Groce Church. To confirm your participation, please e-mail Susan Bicknell at sbicknell@bellsouth.net. For more information check out this video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Kbk_3aWQU

Country Style Steak Dinner

Bethesda United Methodist Church, 315 Old Haw Creek Road.

We are having our Semi-annual Country Style Steak Dinner on Saturday, May 22nd in the church fellowship hall from 5 pm to 7 pm. Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Menu is Country Style Steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, desert and coffee or tea. Carry outs also available.

If you have any questions, call me @ 712-3265 (cell).

Thank you.

Margaret B King

If you haven't already, please continue your support of your Haw Creek Community Association.

Graffiti Busters

By Diana Christian

Recently, unsightly graffiti in our Haw Creek neighborhood has caught the attention of our residents. In an effort to keep Haw Creek clean and beautiful, our neighborhood association appointed a task force of "Graffiti Busters." Rapid removal of graffiti is an effective prevention tool and has been shown to reduce the recurrence of vandalism dramatically. There are two ways we can all pitch in to keep Haw Creek graffiti-free. First, if you see graffiti on any public sign or infrastructure, report it immediately to the City of Asheville Street Division at 259-5852 for prompt removal. If you spot graffiti on private property, please contact Diana Christian at silvermtn@charter.net or Chris Pelly at 231-3704 and the Graffiti Busters task force will contact the homeowner and offer help in removing it.

Asheville Greenworks supplies free Taginator kits, which include an effective substance for removing graffiti from natural, unpainted surfaces. Greenworks also has some free paint available, donated by local suppliers, to cover graffiti on painted surfaces. Allison McGehee at Asheville Greenworks is supportive of our effort and can be reached at 254-1776 for details about obtaining free Taginator kits and paint if you wish to remove the graffiti yourself.

Finally, Asheville Greenworks offers a \$200 reward for any information that leads to an arrest for graffiti vandalism. Remember, reporting and removing graffiti promptly is our best defense for preventing recurrence.

From The President

Dear Neighbors,

As the contents of this newsletter attests, our community association is actively working to improve the quality of life in the Haw Creek valley. Whether it's a new park on Maple Drive, addressing graffiti, cleaning up litter, advocating for more sidewalks, or the fun stuff like the upcoming Children's Bike Parade, your volunteer-led community association is here to serve Haw Creek.

We thank everyone who has contributed their 2010 membership dues of \$12 and urge those that haven't, to make a contribution. In addition, we always need help so please consider joining in on the fun. For more information contact me or any other board member.

Finally, round up the kids or grandkids for the 4th annual Memorial Day Children's Bike Parade in Haw Creek Park. Beth Jezek does a terrific job organizing this event and kids and grown-ups are sure to have a fun and patriotic morning (see enclosed article for more details).

Thank you,

Chris Pelly, president

Haw Creek Community Association



-- Submitted by Barbara Bernard of Mann Road,

We admit this photo of a mother bear and her cubs is very, very cute. But we must also urge you exercise extreme caution around all bears, particularly around a mother and her cubs.

Please do not feed the animals.

Friendship Day

Beverly Hills Baptist Church Saturday, May 29, 2010, 11 am - 2 pm. Everyone is invited! Free! Music, Games, Inflatables, and Food!

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2009 Meeting Schedule

Thurs, July 29th, 5:00pm
Annual BarBQue Dinner in Haw Creek Park

Thurs, Oct 27th, 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.

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
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SCHOOL NEWS

Haw Creek

Elementary School

<http://www.buncombe.k12nc.us/hces>

- May 21st, 6:30pm, PTA Movie Night!
- June 5th, Saturday makeup day
- June 14th, last day for students
- August 17th First Day of School 2010-2011

Charles C. Bell

Elementary School

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Evergreen Community Charter School

www.evergreencs.org

- Our annual Quilt Raffle is taking place. Tickets are \$2.50 each or five for \$10.00. Drawing will be May 20th. Tickets can be purchased through PayPal, see our website for more details.

Ways anyone can help support area schools.

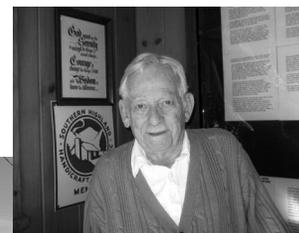
- Box Topes For Education
- Target Red Card
- Ingles Advantage Card
- Coke tops
- Campbell Soup labels
- Dine out at area restaurants on school spirit nights

Haw Creek Native:

Interview with Ralph Morris, Jr.

By Chris Pelly

Ralph Morris Jr.'s workshop, a familiar sight on Tunnel Road, has its roots in the early days of the WNC craft movement. Ralph tells how his father, Ralph Morris Sr. and World War I veteran Stuart Nye, joined together to create the business that has now been in operation for seventy years and three generations.



Ralph Morris, Jr.

Signature Stuart Nye sign outside the current shop on Tunnel Rd

“Stuart Nye was recovering from tuberculosis in the VA Hospital when another veteran sold him his metalworking tools. Nye began making metal jewelry which my father, a buyer for the old Ivey’s Department Store, discovered and before long, became Stuart’s best customer.” “After World War II Mr. Nye partnered with my father, as dad had contacts with many of the large department stores in the southeast, and together they build the business.” “Back then Stuart’s workshop was located on Arco Road.”

Ralph Jr. joined the business after graduating from Chapel Hill in 1949 and today his son Joe carries on the business. “We helped form the Southern Highland Craft Guild because when we started out anyone could twist a piece of metal and call himself a craftsman. The idea was to set standards of quality,” reports Ralph.



Stuart Nye at his Arco Rd studio about 1950



Views inside Nye’s workshop then and now..

Asked what makes a good craftsman, Mr. Morris laughed and said actually women do better than men. “They have smaller fingers and more patience, both of which are needed when doing detail work on our handmade metal jewelry.” Morris maintain a family-like workplace and some employees have been there more than thirty years. “Recently one of our women accidentally wore mismatched shoes to work. For fun, the next day all the rest did the same,” he reports with a laugh.

Like his father before him, civic-minded Ralph Morris Jr. served on Asheville City Council for five two-year terms from 1971 to 1981. During his tenure the big issues of the day were the planning and construction of the downtown civic center and the I-240 cut linking east Asheville with downtown.

Learn more about the shop at www.stuartnye.com



Sampling of the classic designs still available today.



Displays inside the shop show the designs over the years.

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

Meeting

Thurs, July 29th, 5:00pm

Location: Haw Creek Park

'Dirty Dozen' Cleanup

Thanks to Renate Ridders and the 'dirty dozen' who helped clean up litter on April 10th. Pictured: John and Kim Kennedy and their sons Brian and Matthew and friend Will Gilkeson and HCCA board Member Alex Babak.



Not pictured: Cindy Brown, Bob and Carol Montgomery, Anne Bazarsky, Renate Ridders and Chris Pelly

In conjunction with the NCDOT, our association will be formally adopting New Haw Creek Road for regular cleanups. Please try and help when the call comes.

Master's Park Update

By Dick Meehan

With little fanfare, members of the Carolina Mountain Club (CMC) have been busy blazing the lower section of trail in Masters Park on Maple Drive. Twenty volunteers have spent 151 hours earlier this year cutting the trail which will eventually lead to the Mountains-to-Seas Trail adjoining the Blue Ridge Parkway.

With CMC commitments elsewhere during the warm weather months, we'll soon be hosting a Haw Creek community work day to continue trail improvements. Aably led by Haw Creek resident Dwayne Stutzman, look a work day announcement soon.

Pool News

The East Asheville Recreation Club (EARC) is a unique, private community pool and tennis facility that has been a part of Haw Creek since the 1960's. Located behind the ball fields at Bell & New Haw Creek Rds, the pool was started by Haw Creek residents and strives to provide a great family experience.



The re-built pool was opened in 2004, adding a slide and expanding to create a 25-yard competition pool plus a children's wading area and handicap accessible ramp. EARC also includes a youth swim team and offers swimming lessons. EARC is run by a volunteer board of directors, hiring staff from the membership and greater community for management, lifeguards and concession stand workers.



Images from last years 4th of July festivities at the pool.

EARC is seeking additional members for the 2010 season which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Please visit our website www.eastashevillepool.com for rates, applications and other information about the pool.