

Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter

WE DID IT!

President's message

Dear Neighbors,

With the help of so many of you, we have achieved an important goal in our campaign to establish a new park on Maple Drive. On October 20th we closed on the sale of the land. This was followed by title transferring to the City of Asheville for development into a park.

Our year-long campaign was given an important boost in November, 2007 when Asheville City Council pledged to contribute a third of the purchase price of \$700,000.

Leading council on this initiative was Mayor Terry Bellamy. To thank the mayor we have invited her to our January 29th annual meeting. Without her early and vital help, the support of city council and later the Buncombe Commissioners would have been much more difficult to achieve.

In addition to thanking her, we have invited Mayor Bellamy to also share her thoughts on the challenges our city faces in these tough economic times. Please consider joining us for what should be a dynamic evening with your neighbors.

Now that the land has been preserved, Dick Meehan describes in this newsletter the next steps we need to take to develop the nine-acre site into a functioning trail and park. Recently appointed by our association's board of directors as 'park czar,' Dick will be our liaison with the City of Asheville during the development process. If you have questions about the new park, Dick Meehan is who you may want to contact. Contact info: e-mail: rhm2@charter.net or phone: 299-0442

Finally, as our newsletter goes to press, it looks likely we'll soon have an official name for the Maple Drive property. On January 27th, Asheville City Council will vote on a proposal to name the park after Hazel and Rory Masters. Henceforth, 'Masters Park'

St. John's 290 Old Haw Creek
7PM Thurs 1/29/09
Special guest: Mayor Terry Bellamy

will be the name of Haw Creek's newest public lands. To learn more about why we proposed naming the park after the Masters family, visit us on-line and read the article in our fall, 2008 newsletter.

Thank you,

Chris Pelly, president
Haw Creek Community Association

Park Development

By Dick Meehan

The purchase of the Maple Drive property has been finalized and we are anxious to begin work. However, there are several administrative and technical steps that must be taken before we can begin construction.

The first step is to survey the lower portion of the property to establish the property corners and the location of a small gravel parking lot. City surveyors have completed one half of this survey. The parking area will then be designed. We are in the process of obtaining the necessary permits to clear the underbrush. We will be requesting community volunteers in the near future to assist site clearing. Contact info: e-mail: rhm2@charter.net or phone: 299-0442

-My wife and I have lived in Haw Creek for six years. I retired from the Asheville Parks and Recreation Department after 32 years as Superintendent of Park and Public Facilities. When I read that a park/ trail was being planned for Haw Creek, I wanted to be a part of it.

NOTE: Date Change

Annual Meeting

Thurs, Jan 29th, 7:00pm

Location: St. John's Church
Agenda: -Board Elections
-Park Planning
-Collect dues

Program: Presenting Mayor Bellamy with an award for her support of the Maple Dr park project.

NOTE: Date Change

Don't forget it's annual dues time.

Falcon Ridge Developers to Fund Cisco Traffic Calming

By Chris Pelly

In a November letter to the Haw Creek Community Association, the developers of Falcon Ridge, a 29-unit subdivision at the top of Cisco Mountain, agreed to fund the installation of four speed humps on Cisco Road. "The owners in Falcon Ridge are proud to be part of Haw Creek. We feel this is a worthwhile improvement to the neighborhood and we are pleased to fund the speed humps for the benefit of Cisco Road residents," says George Ryan, project manager.

City-approved plans call for four humps on Cisco between Old Haw Creek and the point where the road starts up the mountain. The humps will be similar to what were recently installed on Kenilworth Avenue.

Falcon Ridge has agreed to escrow \$2,000 from the sale of each lot. After eight lots are sold there will likely be enough funds in place to complete this project estimated to cost about \$15,000.

Our association salutes Falcon Ridge for being a good neighbor and encourages all residents to visit their site and see the wonderful views of the Haw Creek valley.

Don't forget it's annual dues time.

'Regulators' Update

By Chris Pelly

You may recall in our last newsletter we discussed community concerns about two regulators installed by Progress Energy (PE) in the Haw Creek valley. In a 9/15/08 meeting with PE, Haw Creek residents expressed concerns about the size, scale, location and process for installing two regulators along New Haw Creek Road.

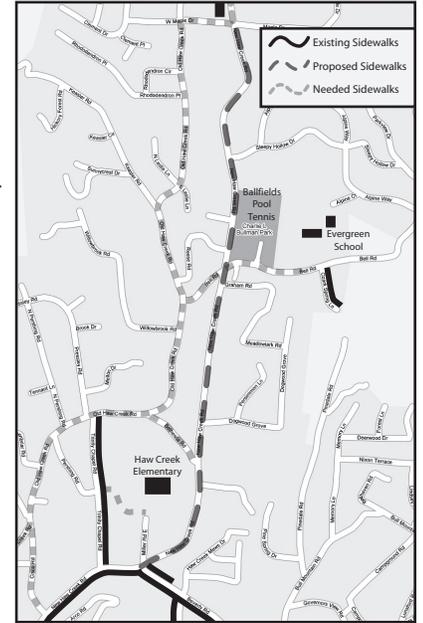
Without notifying the community in advance, the first regulator was installed near the entrance to the Dogwood Grove subdivision. This prompted the meeting

at which Progress Energy agreed to evaluate moving the first regulator to another location. In addition they also agreed to discuss finding suitable landscaping to buffer and shield the regulators. Lastly, PE acknowledged their installation process was flawed and that they should have notified the Haw Creek community in advance.



Safe Routes To School

Evergreen Community Charter School, Haw Creek Elementary and HCCA team up for the SRTS program. The program helps fund projects to make walking to school a safer option for children. There is a great possibility that we may qualify to meet their criteria. The principal of Haw Creek Elementary School, Marcia Perry, is preparing her school's proposal for submission in early January. In addition, Scott McCrea of the Haw Creek Community Association, a map-maker by trade, has prepared an updated map identifying existing and proposed sidewalks. (seen here at the right)



Since that meeting Progress Energy has determined they will not be able to move the regulator from its current site. They have however agreed to provide \$500 to be used to plant landscaping to buffer the two regulator sites.

The association met recently with an arborist who is to make recommendations on suitable plantings. A challenge however is that the regulators are located so close to the road that there is no room for plantings in front. This limits, even with mature landscaping, how much the regulators will ever be able to be shielded from view. We are grateful none-the-less Progress Energy has provided funding to try to mitigate their impact.

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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.hawcreeknc.org.

2009 Meeting Schedule

Thurs, Jan 29th, 7:00pm
Location: St. John's Church
Agenda: Voting in new board
Program: Presenting Mayor Bel-lamy with Maple Dr Park leadership award.

Thurs, April 23th, 7:00pm

Thurs, July 23th, 7:00pm
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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We Need Your Help To Keep Doing Great Things

Dear Haw Creek Association Supporter,

Thank you for your past financial support of our community association. Your help in 2008 enabled us to achieve several successes including:

- 1) Purchase of nine acres on Maple Drive soon to become our newest park.
- 2) Completion of sidewalks on Avon Road and a portion of New Haw Creek Rd.
- 3) Successful negotiations with Progress Energy to reduce the impact of newly installed regulators.
- 4) Four issues of our newsletter mailed to 2,900+ Haw Creek households.
- 5) Strengthening our website presense at www.hawcreeknc.org

As we begin 2009 we intend to continue to advocate on behalf of the Haw Creek community. Our 2008 campaign to fundraise for the new Maple Drive park, while successful, depleted our organizational reserves. As an all-volunteer organization with an annual budget of about \$4,000, community support in the form of membership dues and general contributions are vital to our continued existence. I write today to ask you to please submit your \$12 memberships dues and, if your budget allows, consider making a slightly larger contribution to enable to continue working on your behalf.

Working together we can continue to make Haw Creek the best place to call home.

Thank you,

Chris Pelly, president and Vickie Gaddy, co-treasurer
Haw Creek Community Association

Please mail your annual membership dues & contributions to: HCCA PO Box 9193, Asheville, 28815

Annual Dues Submission and Questionnaire

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 _____.

To help us better meet your needs please take a moment to answer these questions.

Would you be interested in receiving the quarterly newsletter electronically, via email or download via our website?

Yes No Other: _____

Do you find the newsletter informative and useful?

No Yes, how?: _____

Do you have any ideas for the newsletter?

No Yes, : _____

Have you visited the HCCA website?

Yes No, why not?: _____

Do you find the website informative and useful?

No Yes, how?: _____

Do you have any ideas for the website?

No Yes, : _____

Would you be interested in volunteering to help with the HCCA?

No Yes, how?: _____

Would you be interested in participating in a fund raising 5k Walk/Run around the neighborhood.

Yes No

Would you be interested in volunteering to help with a fund raising 5k Walk/Run around the neighborhood.

No Yes, how?: _____

Comments: _____

SPECIAL PARK INSERT

Many thanks to the growing list of contributors to the Maple Drive park campaign.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Haw Creek Elementary School

<http://www.buncombe.k12nc.us/hces/site/default.asp>

2/10 6:00pm-7:00pm PTA Meeting
2/11 EARLY RELEASE
2/16 Teacher Workday*
2/20 Movie Night
3/10 6:00pm-7:00pm PTA Meeting
3/18 EARLY RELEASE
3/20 Movie Night
3/23 Teacher Workday
3/27 Report Cards
4/10 NO SCHOOL*
4/13-17 SPRING BREAK*
4/24 Movie Night

*POTENTIAL DATE FOR INCREMENT WEATHER MAKEUP

Charles C. Bell Elementary School

<http://buncombe.schoolwires.com/ccbes/site/default.asp>

2/04 1:45pm-2:30pm Wonderful Wednesday
2/05 CiCi's Pizza Night
2/11 EARLY RELEASE
2/13 Start Coupon Book Sale
2/16 TEACHER WORKDAY*
2/19 4:00pm-8:00pm Jersey Mikes
2/27 5:00pm-8:00pm Fun Depot
3/03 Spring Individual Portraits
3/04 1:45pm-2:30pm Wonderful Wednesday
3/16 1:15pm Coach Potato Performance by Health Adventure
3/18 EARLY RELEASE
3/19 4th & 5th Spring Performance
3/23 TEACHER WORKDAY
3/27 Report Cards

*POTENTIAL DATE FOR INCREMENT WEATHER MAKEUP

Evergreen Community Charter School

www.evergreencs.org

Family Contra Dances

January 23rd & April 24th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Caller Beth Molaro with music by David Lynch & 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 Barbara Young

By Chris Pelly

Barbara Young and her family have lived on her 20-acre Cisco Road property for 89 years since her father, George Shuford Young, and his family bought the property in 1920. Her mother, Flossie Dillingham Young, grew up nearby on a 40-acre farm off Middlebrook Road between New and Old



Flossie Dillingham (standing at far left) and Family, about 1914.

Haw Creek Roads. Barbara reports her mother, born in 1907, told of flying in an open-cockpit airplane with her brother Perry in the early 1920's from an airstrip located on what is present-day Dillingham Road in Haw Creek. Barbara's mother also told of walking downtown before there was a tunnel on Tunnel Road. The old route went over top of Beaucatcher Mountain near Seely Castle.

Barbara's father was born in Cane Creek and raised in Swannanoa. Born in 1905 he recalled salvaging canned goods from the Swannanoa River after the great flood of 1916. He also told of riding the rails with friends to Lake James in the summertime. In order to slow the freight trains so they could hop aboard, they would grease a steep grade causing the wheels to spin and the train to slow.



George Young, Cisco Rd property about 1950.

Barbara's parents met at Haw Creek School where they both played basketball. Her father's 1922 team was undefeated.

Tell us about growing up in Haw Creek?
Daddy farmed our land and also worked most of his career as a pipe fitter at the old Sayles Bleachery, which was located where the Super Wal-Mart is today. I loved helping daddy with the farming, getting in the hay and mowing the grass. We had cows to milk twice a day so we couldn't go too far for vacation. Once, before I was old enough to drive, daddy needed a part from Millers Store and sent me on his tractor there and back to get it. That was quite an adventure for a young girl. I also remember working with my mother to can hundreds of jars of corn, apple sauce, beans, beets and more.

In the summer Recreation Park was favorite place of mine to swim however polio scares were a concern for my parents.
Daddy loved to take us to Lake James in the 1950's where he had built a home-made raft with a ladder on each end and inner tubes for floating. Daddy made a home-made surfboard which my brother John and I would ride while being towed behind the raft with its small engine.
As a young child I remember prisoners on chain gangs working on Cisco Road clearing the ditches. Mother would tell me to stay in the house but I was curious. Daddy allowed them to get water from our outside spicket.
My brother John and I attended Haw Creek School where he later became a school bus driver. In fact, while still in high school he won a \$500 prize for winning the NC state school bus rodeo championship in 1958. After school I went to work for the telephone company where I retired in 2000 after 39 years. I started as an operator and did several different jobs over the course of my career.

How has Haw Creek changed?

When I was a child I could not see any other homes from my house. We were in the country and it was mostly farms out here. You knew all your neighbors and because of that everyone was more polite to each other. People grew what they ate, sewed their own clothes and generally were more self-sufficient. All that has changed but many of the new people moving in are just as nice.



Barbara Young



George Young (back left), Haw Creek School's 1922 basketball team.



John Young, 1958 NC State School Bus Rodeo Champ.

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

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NOTE: Date Change
Annual Meeting
Thurs, Jan 29th, 7:00pm
 Location: St. John's Church

HCCA 2008 Buget In Review

Begining Balance		7176.94
Membership		
Paid Members	(101 @ \$12.00 each)	1212.00
Expenses		
Misc Admin Fees		210.24
CAN Membership		50.00
PO Box Rental		40.00
Newsletter Design		donated-0:00
Printing	(3,000 units quarterly + postcard)	1526.35
Postage	(2912 units @ 197.86 quarterly)	791.44
Mailing Services	(352.56 quarterly)	1410.24
Mailing List Rental	(146.00 quarterly)	584.00
Bike Parade Park Rental		30.00
Bike Parade Awards		donated-0:00
Bike Parade Refreshments		donated-0:00
BarBQue Park Rental		30.00
St John Church		100.00
Maple Dr Donation		<u>300.00</u>
	total expenses	5072.27
End Balance		3316.67

HCCA Proposed 2009 Budget

PO Box Rental		42
CAN Membership		50
Misc postage		40
Newsletter Mailing Service & Postage	(550.00 quarterly)	2200
Newsletter Printing	(340.00 quarterly)	1360
St. John Church		100
Maple Dr misc		<u>300</u>
	total expenses	4092
We Need 250 Paid Members	(250 paid @12.00)	3000
Reserve used		<u>1000</u>
	total deposits	4000

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We are now accepting Haw Creek-related photos for the website. Check the website for details.

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