

## COMING SOON: Haw Creek's First Greenway

### A statement from Jack Tarleton, provider of the greenway land easement:

As owner of the private land involved, my wife Bebe and I, along with our two sons, moved to Arco Rd in 1996 when I began work at Mission Hospital. Our home sits on land contiguous to Haw Creek Park with about 300' of frontage along Haw Creek. Although our sons are grown and living elsewhere we continue to enjoy our spot in the valley.

Often, over the years, neighbors would ask if they could walk through our yard to access Haw Creek Park. We considered how our road was isolated from the rest of the valley and a pathway, if done well, could be a helpful remedy.

The greenway trail will begin at the hairpin turn on Arco Rd and follow the creek to Beverly Rd. As an avid walker myself, we are pleased to help make Haw Creek safer for walking and hope this easement donation brings a small measure of joy to our neighbors.

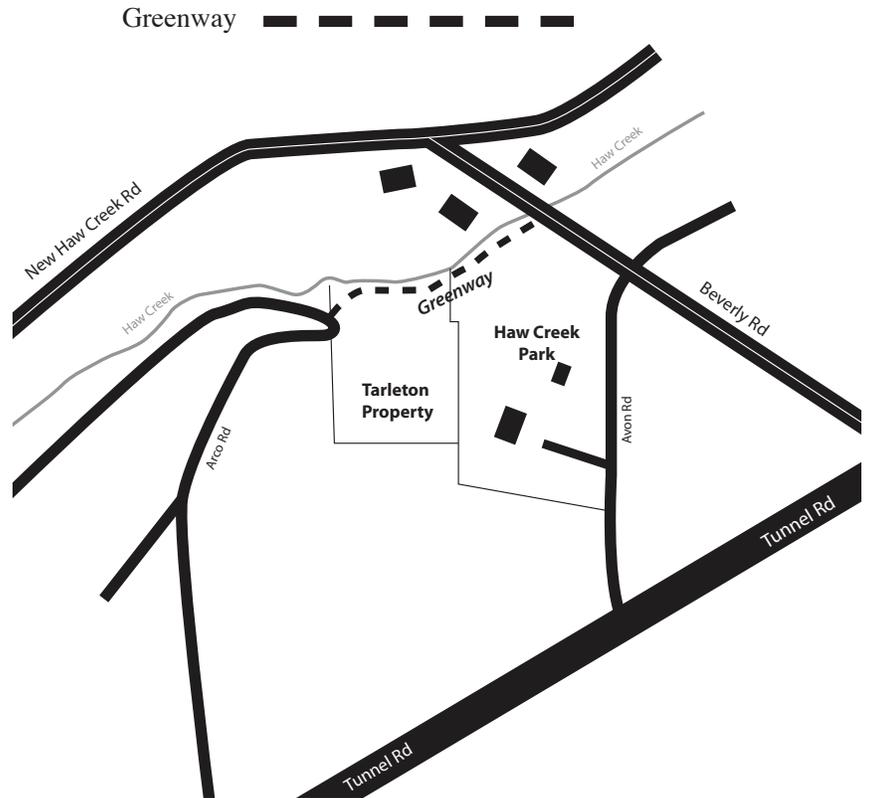
*Jack & Bebe Tarleton*

Soon Haw Creek residents will enjoy the first stretch of public greenway in our valley. Running alongside our namesake creek, between Beverly and Arco Rds, the 550' greenway will expand safe walking and open public access to the creek.

This gift is due to the generosity of Arco Rd. property owners Jack and Bebe Tarleton who provided the enabling easement. Action by City Council later this year will formalize this donation.

The greenway will follow the creek through the Tarleton and Haw Creek Park properties. The greenway trail will be 5' wide on a hard clay surface.

A goal of the Haw Creek Community Association is to expand safe walking opportunities in our valley. The gift by the Tarletons helps further this goal.



### Trees Please

Last month the Haw Creek Community Association learned about a project by Buncombe County Schools (BCS) to build a 12,000 sq. ft addition to Haw Creek Elementary School. Although supportive of the addition, we learned plans call for a storm-water retention pond on the wooded side of the school. The addition requires cutting more than



sixty mature trees near the nature trail which is enjoyed by students and nearby residents alike.

Our association and the City of Asheville Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), working together, were able to persuade BCS to plant trees, partially replacing those cut down. Both our association and UFC plan further meetings with BCS to advocate for

replacing all the trees scheduled to be removed. We are also working with the City of Asheville to improve public notification of development projects. - Patrick Gilbert

# Botanical Treasures of Masters Park - *Haw Creek resident and Blue Ridge Naturalist, Bernard Arghiere*

Masters Park on Maple Drive, is a 9-acre hidden treasure in Haw Creek valley. This passive park's pathway winds through a woodland forest, up the valley's northeast slope, for less than a mile, where it connects with the Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP). Just across the parkway, you arrive at the N.C. Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST). Most hikers take a north turn on the MST for the short 1/3-mile walk to the Haw Creek overlook rock--with its panoramic views to the west of Mt. Pisgah, Cold Mountain and more.

The park's recovering forest is home to many flowering plants, including trees, that are part of the botanical diversity of the Southern Blue Ridge region. About a century ago the land was clearcut for its timber and planted with fast growing Eastern White Pine still found in abundance at lower levels. Fortunately, the ecosystem is resilient and native plants are returning.

Visit the Haw Creek Community Association (HCCA) website at [www.ilovehawcreek.com](http://www.ilovehawcreek.com) (under the Parks and Recreation tab) , to locate a list of over 110 flowering plant species, observed over the seasons, along the short hike from Maple Drive through the park to the Haw Creek overlook off the MST.

This 9-acre tract was first envisioned as a community park in 2008 when this parcel came up for sale. With the help of several Haw Creek residents, funds to purchase the land were procured from three sources: Individual contributions and private grants, Buncombe County and the City of Asheville. This public-private

**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.



Red-ring Milkweed



Indian Pipes



Skullcap



Rock Pink



Birdfoot Violet

## Trail Wildflowers

There are numerous flowering plants growing along the hiking trail in Masters Park (off Maple Drive in Haw Creek) and along the short, connecting section of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail that leads to the Haw Creek overlook rock. Find a list of over 110 diverse wildflowers at this [link](#), that have been observed and identified along the above described route by long-time Haw Creek resident and **Blue Ridge Naturalist**, Bernard Arghiere.

*These flower images were taken along the described route.*

partnership led to the creation of Masters Park, now part of the Asheville parks system. The park is named after Rory Masters, long-time former owner of the property.

The trail through the park was completed by volunteers with the Carolina Mountain Club. So, go out and enjoy an uplifting, natural experience in your "back yard" along the Masters Park trail.

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**Consider becoming a part of the HCCA, building a community of volunteers!**

# Haw Creek Residences: Spotlight on Barbara Swell & Wayne Erbsen



Deep in the Haw Creek Community, off Bell Rd., there is a little cabin filled with music. It seems to echo Appalachian tradition throughout the valley. Wayne Erbsen and Barbara Swell bought the 1930s Sears Kit cabin in 1986. It seemed a perfect fit for these two- Barbara, a fan of homespun cooking, loves the garden and the 1928 antique stove; and Wayne, a veteran bluegrass banjo (fiddle, guitar, mandolin) player and teacher, loves the living room with great acoustics for old-time music. But before they owned the property, several legends graced the cabin with music and family.

the time was Curley Seckler, who later enjoyed an illustrious career playing mandolin and singing tenor with Flatt & Scruggs. Also in the band at that time was Jim and Jesse, who later went on to become members of the Grand Ole Opry. It is possible, but not certain, that those members of the band may have stopped by the cabin a time or two.



Back in the day, the cabin welcomed some of the finest American Bluegrass musicians. Some stayed for a day or two while passing through town playing festivals and tent shows; others, settled in and stayed a while. Among the legendary musicians who visited the cabin was Hoke Jenkins, a pioneer of the “three-finger style” of banjo playing. Hoke’s brother and family lived in the cabin, so Hoke and his family were able to stay there when he was on the road. Playing in Hoke’s band at

Wayne has been teaching old time-music for over 40 years and has published 38 books. He has coached descendants (the daughter and grand daughter) of Henry “Homer” Haynes of the famous duo Homer and Jethro, but he teaches the everyday man, too. You can find Wayne playing at Shindig on the Green with 20 of his alumni in “The Log Cabin Band” on YouTube. Or, on any given Thursday night, if you’re fortunate enough to be a neighbor, you just might hear him playing with his community of best friends in the cabin with the bead-board ceiling.

Learn more about Barbara and Wayne at [nativeground.com](http://nativeground.com)

By Wyndy Bonesteel



## Haw Creek Honors Graduates

The love flowed Saturday, May 30th when Haw Creek graduates were celebrated in an uplifting community parade. Following a route that looped from New Haw Creek to Old Haw Creek and back, neighbors cheered school graduates aged kindergarten to college. Thank you to all who participated.



**A Message from Grad Parent:**  
Dear Haw Creek Neighbors and HCCA Board/Volunteers,  
We thank you all for sharing in our joy, being there to make our students feel special and making this event over the top for our students. We live in the best little neighborhood!



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### Stay connected with neighbors:

Join Next Door to hear and share neighborhood information. Scan with your smartphone:



### Food Trucks to the Rescue

Our new Haw Creek Community Association board was elected in March, right around the time Covid-19 so suddenly changed all our lives. Plans for community events and programs had to be postponed indefinitely, the world around us shut down, and our “stay-in-place” lives got pretty dull and dreary.



The idea of bringing food trucks into Haw Creek came after hearing about “movable restaurants” coming into neighborhoods, bringing fresh local food and interesting menus, many with international flavors. After investigating Asheville food trucks and learning there are over 100 locally, many by young chefs, I brought my idea to our board. They agreed it was a safe outdoor community event. We’ve had ten food trucks since May 9th, every Saturday from 4 - 7 PM, setting up at the Haw Creek Commons parking lot at 315 Old Haw Creek Road. We greatly appreciate the space and community support! You can find all the information about each week’s event, including the menu and pre-order information, at [www.ilovehawcreek.com](http://www.ilovehawcreek.com). We post on Thursdays.

For a complete list of Asheville food trucks visit: [www.ashevillefoodtrucks.com](http://www.ashevillefoodtrucks.com)

We’re supporting small local businesses, encouraging safe social community connection (wearing masks, respecting safe distancing) and an affordable and interesting evening of not having to cook! Come on out and take advantage of these Saturday events!  
 - Renate Ridders

### Keeping Haw Creek Safe



CRO means “Community Resource Officer,” a member of the Asheville Police Dept. and a position of importance to all Asheville neighborhoods.

There are four CROs for Asheville, each serving different geographic areas. In Haw Creek/East Asheville, Sarah Baker is our CRO. Officer Baker is an Asheville native, young mother of two adorable kids, and a husband who is an Asheville firefighter.

I spent time with Officer Baker to better understand her role as our community liaison to the police department, and she explained:

- 1) For most neighborhood concerns, FIRST contact the NON-EMERGENCY police number: 252-1110. She explained that it is important as community concerns called in by citizens establish a history of patterns and problems valuable to police as they try to understand and resolve issues. CRO Baker’s advice: Don’t Hesitate to Report Neighborhood Concerns.
- 2) Officer Baker will be informed by APD about district issues and will be available to attend neighborhood meetings and community events, and to stay in contact with neighborhood associations about crime prevention related matters.
- 3) Officer Baker’s contact information:  
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 - Renate Ridders