

HISTORY OF HAYWOOD KNOLLS – 1984 through 1986

“THE DEBT WE OWE”

In our fiscal year 2011-2012, we continue to celebrate THE 30th ANNIVERSARY of the HAYWOOD KNOLLS ASSOCIATION and THE 25th YEAR since its INCORPORATION. This is the last in a series that relates the history of the Haywood Knolls subdivision from its beginning in 1981 through the Haywood Knolls Association’s incorporation in 1986. We hope you have enjoyed knowing the history of where you live and about the men and women who have made Haywood Knolls the place we call home.

1984

The 1984 annual meeting saw 160 resident members in attendance, with 130 homes in the subdivision, another 47% increase from 1983. The Association Board included Liz Craig as President, William Lloyd as Vice President, Charlotte Carmen as Secretary, and Charles Hofacker as Treasurer. Melvin Shaner and Thaddeus Swanke became Directors, and Thomas Hodgman Past President.

The proposed budget for the year was \$1790.

At the meeting it was reported that Oxford Lane is now known as Arbor Lane.

Harvey Newhall agreed to talk to Donald Thompson, the subdivision’s developer, about the waterfall at the end of Deerhaven Lane with the possibility of developing the area into a park for the residents. Hal Beam even recommended that a committee be formed to study the possibility. But, unfortunately, nothing was done because no one could decide who the actual owner would be, as the “Haywood Knolls Residents Association” was not a formalized legal entity.

Today, the lucky owners of that property are Paul and Anna Spencer who live at the end of Deerhaven.

A round-robin of pitch-in dinners – the Supper Group – with more than 50 participating members had been organized by Rhoda and Mel Shaner.

A blueberry picking trip was organized in August off the Blue Ridge Parkway ...

Harvey Newhall, Ralph Morris and Liz Craig were now organizing Fall and Spring hiking schedules. There was, on average, 30 people participating in each of the hikes. The Association had its first white water rafting trip on the French Broad River in Hot Springs. The cost was an exorbitant \$22 per person. There were 20 people in the group. Following that, there were two more rafting trips on the Nantahala River out of Bryson City. Fortunately no one drowned, although it was heard that a few were thrown into the water!

In November, 1984, Park Lane to Colony, Colony Lane to the end of “the old pavement”, and Deerhaven Lane were turned over to the DOT as State Roads.

The Annual Christmas Party moved to the Poplar Lodge.

During the winter hiatus, Ted Swanke organized a party to enjoy barbecue and clogging at Bill Stanley’s, inviting all members to join the hikers. And individualized name tags for the hikers were made at a cost of \$2.10 each.

Phyllis Hodgman organized a group of women who were enjoying meeting in each others homes for needlework and gossip – and the “Stitch and Gab” group was born.

In September, the first Annual Golf Outing was arranged by Bob Tewes at the Glen Cannon Country Club. The green fees were \$10 plus \$5.70 for half a golf cart with twenty eight people participating. There is no note in the records as to who won the tournament!

Lorrie Shelly was organizing the Ladies Lunch Bunch –with 28 women joining her for dining adventures in restaurants in Western North Carolina.

And the first Yard Sale at the tennis court area was organized by Dot Looby. It was noted “a roaring success” and a great way to clean out closets.

The Official “Greeter”, Ruth Webbert turned her duties over to Gerry Gilmour.

And in the “Beefs and Pleas” Department of the newsletter, it was noted that Donald Thompson does NOT allow hunting of any kind in the subdivision.

1985

The fifth Annual meeting of the Haywood Knolls Association was held on June 25th, 1985 at the Opportunity House. Bill Lloyd was elected President, with Ralph Morris as Vice President, Janet Duffy...later Catherine Bechley as Secretary, and John Yagerhofer as Treasurer. Directors were Julia Irish, Virginia Lee, Walt Wernsing, and Past President Liz Craig.

The subdivision was now a bustling 175 names on the directory. Ivy Lane still did not exist as a name -- it was still officially the 500 block of Deerhaven.

The proposed budget for 1985-'86 was a whopping \$2900, an increase of 62% from the prior year. But it was reported at a Board meeting in August, 1985, that 48 families had not paid their dues yet. At this meeting, the topic of incorporating the Haywood Knolls Association came up for discussion. The noted advantage would be that the corporation would be liable only to the extent of its assets. Without this protection, any member of the Association could be sued for negligence.

Clay Babcock's driveway (202 Park Lane) was declared an eyesore and it was decided that a registered letter should be sent to the new owner who lived in Michigan, suggesting a clean up.

And, of course, there was a note about the continual speeding in the neighborhoods. You all just thought this was a recent problem!

The second white water rafting trip was held in the Summer.

In November, 1985, the Haywood Knolls Hikers had their potluck Picnic at Holmes State Forest (with a roaring fire!)....there were still three more hikes on the schedule – November 16th at Craggy Gardens, November 30th on Moore Cove Trail, and on December 14th at Raven Cliff Falls!

The Christmas party was held at the Hendersonville Country Club.

In December 1985, a special meeting of the Haywood Knolls Residents Association (HKRA) was held at the Opportunity House to discuss whether to proceed to incorporate the HKRA as the ‘Haywood Knolls Association’. Bill Lowry, a lawyer, of 320 Colony Lane, volunteered his time to attend the meeting as the Board had requested his advice relative to the incorporation and for his help on guiding the Board through the process.

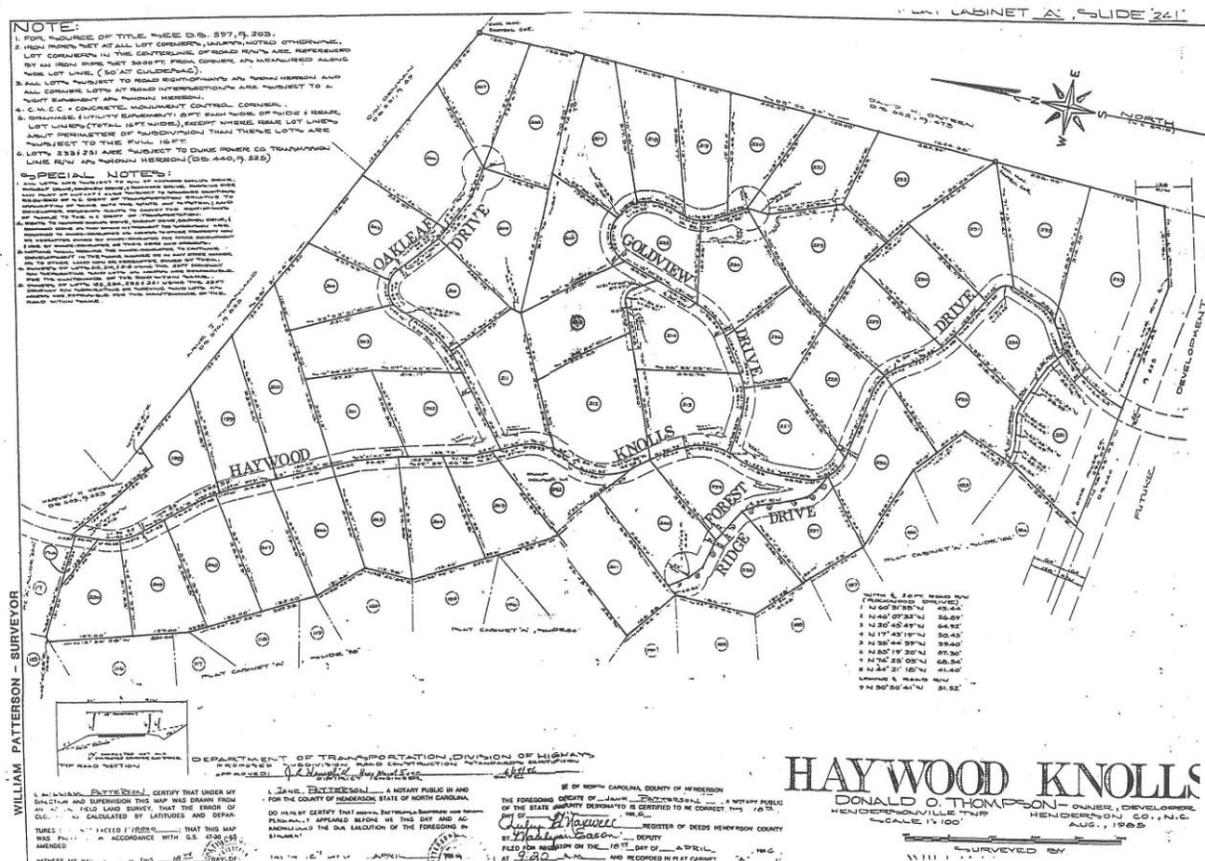
It was voted to proceed and Bill, subsequently, volunteered his time and many talents to write our Articles of Incorporation and re-write our ByLaws. This committee also consisted of Bill Lloyd, Wally Swan, Bob Shelly, and Walt Wernsing.

Signing the papers as Incorporators on behalf of the Association were William Lloyd, Ralph Morris, and John Yagerhofer.

Of course, we know that at that special membership meeting held at the Opportunity House on April 15, 1986, the vote for incorporation was approved and our present day 501c(4) nonprofit 'Haywood Knolls Association Inc.' was born, exactly 26 years ago this year.

1986

In early 1986, Section 5 had opened.



This Section included Haywood Knolls Drive above #180 until # 212 where the road stopped at the transmission lines, Forest Ridge, FAWN Lane (later Fawnview), Goldview and OAKLEAF (later Oakwilde).

By this time, Ralph Morris was President, Dot Looby was Vice President, Catherine Bechley was Secretary and Don Rhodes was Treasurer. Lucille Laflamme, Robert Shelley, Robert Tews, and Doris Williams were directors with William Lloyd as Past President.

In late 1986, the first volunteers started working the Pisgah National Forest as work crews, laying and maintaining trails and rebuilding passage bridges.

The September, 1986 Telephone Directory contained 206 resident properties, a 50% increase from 1985.

On this 30th anniversary of the establishment of a Haywood Knolls residents association, we all need to commemorate these early residents' vision, self sacrifice, and willingness to do good for their community.

These are the individuals who came here to live, and came together to guide and better this community not only for themselves but for the future generations that came. Such dedication to each other and their community as residents and neighbors should be the greatest legacy that all of us share today.

As we enjoy our beautiful surroundings and the joy of living in Haywood Knolls, we need to remember what these individuals and those who lived here have done for us.

We thank you for your vision. We thank you for your selfless volunteerism to this community. And we thank you for the legacy you have left us.

Ann Armour, President
The Haywood Knolls Association, Inc.
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