

# Knoll Notes July 2024



## Front Entrance Sign Update:

President Holly Grotzinger

COMING SOON ...Complete demolition of the current monument structure rubble and a temporary sign with floodlight as our entrance can be difficult to see on a dark night

Thank you for your patience and thank you to the volunteers that have helped with demolition and moving all the plants to the park.

We hope to have an update from the DOT soon on their timing and plans for Hwy 191. Be sure to come to our Annual Meeting as we plan to have a DOT representative at the meeting to give us an update and overall plans for the area.

**Thank you to all participating volunteers!**

## **HK Community Patrollers Mid-May thru Mid-July 2024:**

Art Gillespie, Julie Klever, Pattie Koss, Elliot Shamis

## **Park & Front Entrance Maintenance Volunteers**

Jim & Jory Wilke.

**Covenants Committee:** James Dreschel, Joanna Dreschel, Frances Holt, Carole Sagun, Carol Shamis and Elliot Shamis – *Covenants Committee Leader*

**Other Invaluable Volunteers:** Jes Stafford (architect for Dot / Monument Project & message board updating), and Brian O'Hara for all our computer needs.



## Money Matters

Dues are DUE!

Your HKA dues of **\$75 were due as of July 1st.**

Please send your check to:

**Haywood Knolls Association P.O. Box 771,  
Horseshoe, NC 28742**

These very low-cost subdivision dues help pay for the upkeep of the park, the new front entrance coming in 2025, and all of the operating costs needed for a healthy and beautiful neighborhood.

**Current total: \$51,076**

**Checking \$20,381**

**Savings \$10,036**

**CD \$20,659**

**Note: \$30,000 allocated New Entry Signs**

## Save the Dates

### **Seminars in the Park**

HKA will be featuring several seminars at the park with interesting and informative speakers. It is also a chance to meet and get to know other neighbors. Join us to learn stress reducing techniques and more in a workshop led by a licensed therapist and our neighbor! We invite you to pack a lunch and hang out after for more discussion.

**“Overcoming Stress and Burnout” - Saturday 7/20  
11a-12p at Newhall Park**

Feeling there is always so much to do and not enough time and energy to do it? We tend to push ourselves daily and ignore our body's attempts to warn us to slow down. Come learn ways to recognize stress and tend to yourself.

Here's what we'll discuss:

1. How the brain and body work together and how the alert system functions/over-functions
2. How can we care for ourselves better, the basics and the deeper work we can do
3. Ways to integrate these practices into our busy schedules. We deserve it!
4. Questions/ Answers and community resources

Workshop led by neighbor and local trauma therapist, Julie Derouen, LCMHC

**Annual Meeting – Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - 7pm** at the French Broad Baptist Church off 191.

**Note:** we will be voting on updated Covenants and learn more about the DOT plan for Hwy 191.

**Annual Picnic – Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30 pm** at Newhall Park. HKA supply the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks ... you bring a side dish and a smile!

There will also be a Silent Auction of HK memorabilia from the old entrance monuments. (See flyer on page 2)

**Rain date : October 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm**



**Needed**

## **Any volunteers to conduct our annual treasury audit?**

It's just a couple hours of your time before end of August. Please email our Treasurer for more info.

[Treasurer@haywoodknolls.org](mailto:Treasurer@haywoodknolls.org)

Want to own a piece of Haywood Knolls History?



In preparation for the proposed changes at the entrance of our subdivision, volunteers have started demolition of our beloved monuments that have stood at the entrance for 40 years. DOT owns the signs and could not give a specific timeline for demolition but recommended we salvage what we wanted to keep or hope to reuse as soon as possible.

We may reuse some of the stacked stone to cut down on the overall cost of a new sign and were able to salvage some of the letters and the four lights that stood atop the monuments. Thinking some of our residents might want to own a piece of Haywood Knolls history, the letters and lights will be offered at a silent auction during the Annual Picnic on October 6th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Newhall Park. Come place your bid and take home a piece of our history!



### Covenants Corner

Committee Lead Elliot Shamis

We are in the process of updating our Covenants & Restrictions. Be on the lookout for an email draft of proposed changes for review and voting on at the annual meeting. **Click to review [Covenants and Restrictions](#)**  
Any questions/concerns [president@haywoodknolls.org](mailto:president@haywoodknolls.org)



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS  
... WE NEED COMMITTEE  
AND BOARD MEMBERS!**

**HKA is seeking 2025 Board  
Members and Committee Heads to  
fill the following jobs:**

- VP - President Elect
- Events/Activities Coordinator
- Covenants Management
- Security Patrol Management

Please contact [president@haywoodknolls.org](mailto:president@haywoodknolls.org) or call/text at 828-713-2421 if you can help keep our HKA Board running as we have 322 homes but a severe lack of volunteers to help maintain the basics of the neighborhood. These positions do not take a lot of time and we only meet 4-5 times a year so it's a light commitment. Be heard on your ideas for HK - join us on the Board!

### Park Update:

There is a new storage box with sports equipment for your use. It is located inside the fenced courts. Please be kind and return all the equipment back to the storage box after use. We are using the Honor System and count on you to respect the Free use of the equipment!

### Wildlife Watch - Bear Sightings and Snakes

President Holly Grotzinger

Our neighborhood is full of wild animals, especially BEARS! It has been an active year for them as so many of their habitats are being destroyed as we add new homes and road construction.

### **Black Snakes and Copperheads ... the Good, the Bad and the Ugly (well both are?)**

There have been a lot of sightings of black snakes and copperheads in the neighborhood.

So, here's the inside scoop in case you don't know that some snakes are GOOD.



### **Black Rat Snakes**

Appearance: Black rat snakes can reach 8 feet in length. They have slender bodies, are **non-venomous**, and can subdue their prey via constriction. As adults, they are primarily black except for a small amount of white between their scales and on their chin and throat. Their average lifespan in the wild is 10 to 15 years.

Range: Black rat snakes can be found throughout the east coast from southern Vermont to Florida. They can be found in hard-wood forests, swamps, timbered upland, farmland, barns, and old fields.

Behavior: They are most active during the day, but still prefer to stay nearby protective cover. Black rat snakes hibernate in the winter, often with other snakes such as the venomous rattlesnake or copperhead.

Diet: Black rat snakes are **excellent for pest control**, preying mostly on rodents. Black rat snakes are great climbers, which helps them ascend rafters and trees to prey on mice and even bird eggs and squirrels.





### **American Copperhead**

The copperhead is a pit viper and the **most common venomous snake in North Carolina**. They are often the only venomous snake in urban areas. Copperheads are responsible for more than 90% of venomous snakebites in the state, and North Carolina Poison Control receives about 10 times more calls about copperheads than any other snake.

Appearance: Copperheads are rather heavy-bodied and are beautifully marked with dark brown, hourglass shaped cross bands on a light brown or gray background. The belly is a mix of white and black markings. They average around 3 ft but can grow up to 4.5 ft. Baby copperheads look like their parents but have yellow or green tails that they wiggle to lure lizards and frogs within striking range.

Range: Copperheads are common in many forested areas but sometimes venture into open fields. They are rather tolerant of human development and can often be found in established, wooded neighborhoods. The [North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission](#) says that copperheads prefer areas with both cover and sun for basking, such as woodland edges. They can often be found in stacks of firewood, trash dumps, under steps, leaf piles, etc.

Behavior: Copperheads are active from April to November and usually active at night but can often be found moving around or basking during the daytime. In the mountains, they sometimes hibernate with timber rattlesnakes.

Diet: Adult Copperheads often use ambush tactics to capture a variety of prey including mice, small birds, insects, and frogs.

WATCH OUT! When disturbed, copperheads will frequently vibrate their tail and release musk from glands at the base of their tail. If severely threatened, copperheads will usually bite to defend themselves. Poison Control says that about half of all bites result only in pain and mild swelling. Of course, you should still contact NC Poison Control or a medical professional immediately if bitten.

Copperhead bite to a pet can be fatal, especially small dogs, depending on the bite's severity and the animal's size. If your dog is bitten by a copperhead, you should:

- Stay calm
- Minimize movement
- Call your vet and/or take your dog to an emergency veterinary clinic immediately
- Bring your pet for evaluation even if you're unsure if the snake is venomous

To see the beautiful variety of wildlife in Haywood Knolls, watch the YouTube videos from one of our residents @WildlifeBehindOurHome in Hendersonville, NC.

### **Miscellaneous Communications**

- **Henderson County Sheriff's** Department - NON-Emergency # 828-697-4911
- **Knolls Notes** ideas, articles, events & photos: [cshamis3@yahoo.com](mailto:cshamis3@yahoo.com).
- **HK Community Patrol**- email [cshamis3@yahoo.com](mailto:cshamis3@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Slots open for 2024. We welcome new volunteers. What is Community Patrol? Its a few nice drives around our beautiful neighborhood.
- Who is my **block captain**? Contact Carol Clemens at [beavercrace@yahoo.com](mailto:beavercrace@yahoo.com) If an urgent need arises and you are unable to get in touch with your neighbor, block captains can assist in this communication. Board members can also assist with this communication. [president@haywoodknolls.org](mailto:president@haywoodknolls.org)
- If a situation comes up with your neighbor, speak to your neighbor and try to work it out before an issue escalates. Below is a link to a FREE service offered by Henderson County to help with mediation. <https://mediatewnc.org/> 103 S. Grove St.
- Report a pothole, traffic light issue, or other road hazard, you can use NC DOT reporting form.

Click [Report a Problem](#)

### **NC Cooperative Extension**

Their office at Jackson Park is a great resource & many educational programs/events to offer... explore more at [NC Cooperative Extension](#) and enjoy these articles:

### **Parks & Rec Upcoming Events & Programs**

Check out the latest newsletter and explore all they have to offer... many activities for young and old [Henderson County Parks & Rec](#)