



# Knolls Notes Dec. 2024

## 2025 is Almost Here!

Due to the storm we had to cancel our Picnic and seminars. Good news, we have many events planned for 2025 starting in the Spring..

- HKA Annual Picnic to be held late Spring in May - with Bounce House!
- Spring Community Park Clean-up
- Spring Community Yard Sale
- Seminars at the Park
- New Resident Welcome Reception

## Holiday Decorating Contest

Get ready for the annual Haywood Knolls Holiday Decorating Contest!

The contest will run through the end of the year with judging by January 1st. Judging will be done by a group from outside our neighborhood.

This year we will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place with cash prizes!

- 1st place = \$100
- 2nd place = \$50
- 3rd place = \$25

So, bring out all your best lights and displays to help bring out the festive spirit of the holidays!

**Be on the lookout....**The Board will be working on a Park Master Plan - Survey Coming to your email in 2025



For all our HKA Residents that have lost their homes or have very serious damage and for those that may have friends and families in other areas of WNC that

have been affected, we extend our condolences to you. We have posted some Storm Help and a list of pro bono mental health assistance on our HKA website for your information. Link to our [Haywood Knolls website](http://Haywood Knolls website)

Or [haywoodknolls.org](http://haywoodknolls.org) if you prefer not to click. While WNC will be forever changed by Helene - our own community changed as well - for humans AND for our wildlife - the support, camaraderie, and kindness of total strangers working every day to rebuild is amazing.

## Debris Removal Continues

Henderson County is continuing to work with contractors to pick up all storm debris on DOT, municipal and private roads. Storm debris that is pushed to the right of way of a property will be picked up. Please be patient. Debris will be up picked by us as soon as possible. Residents will need to place all items along the road right of way in order for pickup. Storm debris includes tree branches, leaves, logs, building materials, furniture, paint, etc. Please separate household garbage, construction debris, vegetative debris, large appliances, electronics and hazardous waste to expedite the removal process. There is no need to take storm debris to the Transfer Station. The best way to remove debris is to place it on your curb. FEMA/DOT is also currently cutting damaged trees and limbs that are overhanging the road easement all around the neighborhood. They don't have a pattern so if there is still debris on parts of your street left over they will be back to clean it up. DOT work will continue for the next several months until it is all picked up. Thank you for your patience.

## Report Your Debris

Have storm debris from Hurricane Helene ready for free curbside pickup? You can use this online form to report your debris to the County. With this form you can describe the type of storm debris and submit photos, which will help plan cleanup efforts.

<https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/em/page/storm-debris-cleanup>



**CALLING ALL RESIDENTS... WE NEED COMMITTEE MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS**

It takes "a village" to run the Haywood Knolls Association business and maintenance of our beautiful neighborhood. We are currently seeking volunteers:

**Covenants Committee** – manage infractions and complaints (via HKA process)

**Activities Committee** – organize HKA special activities

**Volunteers Park Maintenance** - we are always in need of volunteers to maintain and improve our park grounds. Group opportunities include flower bed maintenance, tennis/basketball maintenance and repair, picking up leaves and sticks in the yard area, and other jobs as needed. We are only asking for just a couple hours per year.

Please contact [president@haywoodknolls.org](mailto:president@haywoodknolls.org) if you can help. **Many Hands Make Light Work!**



## Money Matters

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Current total:</b> | <b>\$58,354.61</b> |
| <b>Checking</b>       | <b>\$17,656.20</b> |
| <b>Savings</b>        | <b>\$10,039.24</b> |
| <b>CD</b>             | <b>\$30,659.17</b> |

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



### Covenants Corner

HKA has covenants rather than deed restrictions. This allows for more flexibility for residents but these RULES help keep the neighborhood looking more

harmonious and beautified and protect our property values. In addition, it keeps HKA in compliance with Henderson County and NC State laws. Please review the attached simplified version of our Covenants and use it as your reference. The official version filed with the County is on our HKA website.

#### HAYWOOD KNOLLS ASSOCIATION, INC.

##### Restrictive Covenants Summary June 21, 2011

1. Plumbing only inside dwelling.
- 2a. Once residence per lot.
- 2b. A garage, utility or tool shed may be constructed within specific guidelines and with written permission from the Association.
- 3a. No other detached building may be erected.
- 3b. No temporary structure may be used as a permanent residence.
- 4a. No manufacturing or commercial enterprise of any kind is permitted.
- 4b. No lot shall be used in a way that would injuriously affect the value of adjoining or adjacent premises.
5. No animals shall be maintained on the property except domestic pets.
6. No billboard shall be maintained except a suitable sign for sale of the premises.
7. Minimum square feet of living space is required.
8. Minimum setback for front and side yards is required.
9. Any lot owner, or the Haywood Knolls Association, Inc. may institute legal proceedings to enforce the covenants.
10. The North Carolina Department of Transportation, the public utility, and the cable TV companies have a 60 foot right of way, 30 feet from the center of the street.
11. There are 8 foot utility easements along the rear and side lot lines.
12. No lot shall be subdivided unless the resulting lots comply with all zoning regulations.
13. No lot shall be maintained as a dumping ground.
14. Trucks larger than pickups, construction vehicles, RV's, travel or other trailers, boats and boat trailers not stored in a garage must be parked in the rear of the premises.
15. All residences erected may be one family dwellings only.
16. The Board of Directors of Haywood Knolls Association, Inc. retains the right to grant minor variances to any of the restrictions.
17. The covenants shall take effect upon recordation, shall remain in effect for a period of twenty years, and shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten years, unless and until terminated or amended by an affirmative vote of Fifty-One (51%) per cent of the membership.

# Thank you!

**HK Community Patrollers Mid-Oct 2024 through Dec 2024:** Carol Clemens, Tom Felton, Gib Gibson, Holly Grotzinger, Florence Quinzel, Jeff Thornton.

**Fall Park Clean-Up:** Julie & Chris Derouen, Shari Felton, Tom Felton, Marilyn Frenier, Francis Holt, Jory & Jim Wilke

**After Storm Park Clean-Up:** A very Special THANK YOU to The Wilke's and Tom Felton for the post storm park cleanup!

### Wildlife Watch - Don't forget to feed the birds!

President Holly Grotzinger



Feeding birds in the winter is important because it helps them survive the cold months and scarce food supplies:

- **Survival:** Birds need to gain fat for insulation and energy and feeding them can increase their chances of survival.
- **Protect crops:** Birds eat garden pests, which can help protect crops.
- **Enjoy nature:** Bird feeding can be a great way to enjoy bird watching.

Here are some tips for feeding birds in the winter:

- **Provide a variety of foods:** Offer foods high in fat, like nyjer seeds, white millet, black oil sunflower seeds, striped sunflower seeds, and cracked corn.
- **Protect food from the elements:** Hang feeders 5 to 6 feet above the ground near cover, like trees, shrubs, and brush piles.
- **Choose a squirrel-proof feeder**
- **Clean feeders regularly:** Clean feeders with a 10% non-chlorinated bleach solution when you notice moldy, wet seeds and droppings.
- **Provide clean water:** Freshen the water every other day, if possible.
- **Be consistent:** Continue feeding birds through late winter and early spring.
- **Provide shelter:** Offer brush piles or bird nest boxes for shelter from winter storms.

You can also plant native plants to support birds. For example, native oaks and cherries support the larval stage of insects, while seed and fruit trees like black cherry, eastern red cedar, maples, and blackgum provide food for birds. In addition, many of your plants and wildflowers that appear "dead" or "dried out" can provide an excellent source of food for birds - such as Coneflowers, Sweet Joe-Pye Weed, Sunflowers, Coreopsis, Beautyberry, etc.

### JUST REMEMBER - FEEDING THE BIRDS MEANS



**FEEDING THE BEARS!** Most of our furry friends are hunkered down by now, but for those that may not be or for when they start emerging... be mindful *that bears love the bird seed too!*



# Neighbor's Nook

I live across 191 in Haywood Park Estates (where 2 houses are now being built at the entrance).

With hurricane Helene we were fortunate that only 2 trees came down but we do have a lot of debris from the storm.

I am requesting that the attached flier be sent to the HK residents, especially those who may be having financial issues due to Helene. I'm not sure how many residents now have teenagers compared to when I lived in Haywood Knolls back before 2010.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Phil

## YARD HELP WANTED

Looking for young energetic student to pick up branches, rake leaves, and other yard work.

Work can be done after school hours and/or on weekends.

**Pay \$15.00/hour**  
**Minimum 2hr time periods**

Location 123 Haywood Park Dr  
Right next to West Henderson High

Can start immediately

Call 828-329-5419 or better yet come by

You will need work gloves and appropriate clothing

**Tip for bear issues...**Keep Garbage cans secured and trash cleaned-up. I also suggest putting Lestoil or Pine-Sol in the cans to help deter these rascals. Frances Holt



This has been a trying time for all of us, and many people in our communities are dealing with severe impacts from Hurricane Helene, which struck this area with devastating force. **We wish you**

**the very best as you work to recover, rebuild, and support others in your community.**

## Conserving Carolina Trails Remain Closed

Our trails are located in some of the areas that were hardest hit by floods and landslides. All Conserving Carolina trails are closed at this time. In some cases, roads to the trailheads are badly damaged or gone altogether. Local residents are doing everything they can to come back from some of the worst impacts of this terrible storm. **The last thing they need are crowds of people coming out on damaged roads, attempting to hike unsafe trails, and potentially placing more demands on already overstretched fire and rescue squads.**

Community events have been suspended through the end of the year and our community engagement team has pivoted to help our land management team address impacts from the storm. All of our regular volunteer workdays have been suspended for now. First, we want to assess impacts on our properties and we want to ensure the safety of our volunteers.

**However, in the coming months, we will need a lot of help from volunteers, especially with repairing our trails.** If you are interested in volunteering If you'd like more information, have specialized skills that you'd like to volunteer, or have any questions, please reach out to us at [volunteer@conservingcarolina.org](mailto:volunteer@conservingcarolina.org). When it's time to start volunteering, we will let you know! We will gratefully accept all the help you can give.

### 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).
- 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 to try to work it out before an issue escalates. FREE service offered by Henderson County to help with **mediation**. [www.mediatewnc.org/mediation/](http://www.mediatewnc.org/mediation/)
- Report a pothole, traffic light issue, or other road hazard, you can use **NC DOT reporting** form. [www.ncdot.gov/contact/](http://www.ncdot.gov/contact/)
- **NC Cooperative Extension** - office at Jackson Park - great resource & many educational programs/events to offer... explore more [www.henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/](http://www.henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/)
- **Parks & Rec** - Check out the latest newsletter... many activities for young and old [www.hendersoncountync.gov/recreation/](http://www.hendersoncountync.gov/recreation/)