

Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter

Did You Know?

Photo and Text By Bernard Arghiere

Haw Creek obtains its name from the native Black Haw shrub or small tree that grew more abundantly in the past along the moist soils of our valley, especially along the creek itself. You can still find the black haw growing and flowering along Haw Creek today. This picture of a black haw in bloom along Haw Creek was taken on April 26, 2007.

Blackhaw viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*) is a large, multi-stemmed shrub or small tree that grows 10 to 20 feet tall. Its foliage is dark green in summer changing to a beautiful purple or reddish-purple in the fall. Blackhaw viburnum produces flat heads of creamy white flowers in 2- to 4-inch-wide clusters in spring. The berry-like fruit turn bluish-black at maturity and can be made into preserves. In the fall and winter songbirds, gamebirds and mammals consume the fruit. The astringent bark was formerly used medicinally. The Latin species name "prunifolium" refers to the leaves' resemblance to plum leaves.

-For other great Haw Creek trivia and history see the wonderful signs throughout Haw Creek park.

-If you would like to contribute some Haw Creek trivia or history we'd love to hear from you. How about sharing some old photos of Haw Creek. Items can be emailed to board members listed inside.

2nd Annual Bar-B-Que Social

When: Thursday, August 2nd, 5:30pm

Where: Haw Creek Park,

Avon Rd and Beverly Rd, in the picnic pavilion

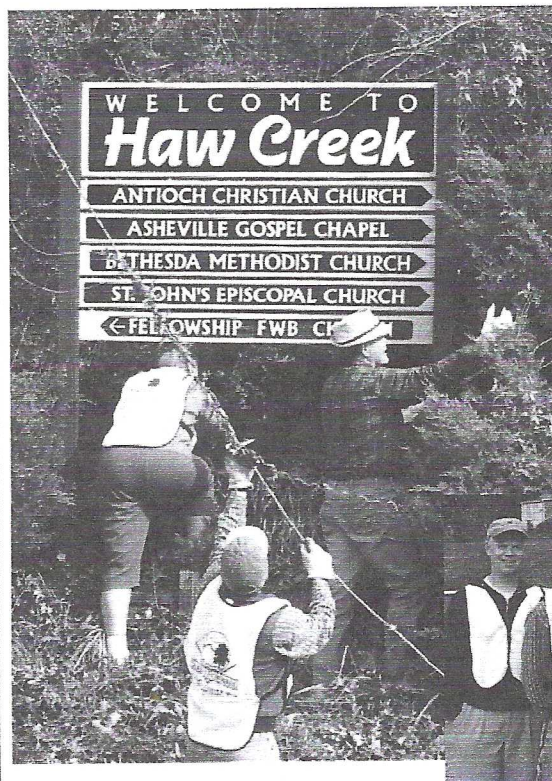
Why: Because we love Haw Creek

Last summer's Bar-B-Que was such a hit we're doing it again. Our next association quarterly meeting and our 2nd annual Bar-B-Que will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at Haw Creek park at 5:30pm. Catering will be by Ruby's for \$7 per adult, children under 12 are free with a paying adult. Dinner includes pork or chicken bar-b-que, texas toast, cole slaw, beans, and tea. Open to HCCA members and non-members. Come and meet your neighbors and hear about what is going on. We plan to be there even if it rains. Please contact Jack Kennedy with any questions at 268-3614 or jpkunca@yahoo.com.

City Engineer Cathy Ball is planning to attend, she'll have an update on the Haw Creek sidewalk construction plans. And you'll be able to see first hand the nice new sidewalks along Avon Rd from the Library down to Beverly Rd.

Neighbors Pitch In to Cleanup!

The HCCA held it's first cleanup project for 2007 on March 31st. We had a good turnout and cleaned the area mostly in and around Tunnel Road. The group also trimmed vegetation from around our Haw Creek entrance sign. The Lions club does a great job cleaning up New Haw Creek Rd and Beverly Rd. We appreciate the work they do to keep our area clean.



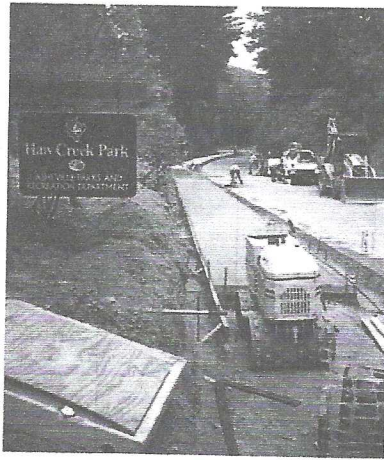
President's Message

Dear Neighbors,
I am pleased to report the completion of the long-awaited sidewalk on Avon Road. Although we still have a long way to go, this is one more step towards making Haw Creek a safer place to walk. Our next goal is sidewalks on a portion of New Haw Creek Road.

Thank you to all who joined us for the Memorial Day Bike Parade. Not only did we honor those who have served our country, but with so many joyful children involved, I could not but help to be optimistic for our future.

Please consider joining us for the August 2nd social and Bar-B-Que. City Engineer Cathy Ball will be on hand to take questions and to report the status of the New Haw Creek sidewalk. Also on hand will be your Haw Creek Association board members who look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
Chris Pelly, president
HCCA



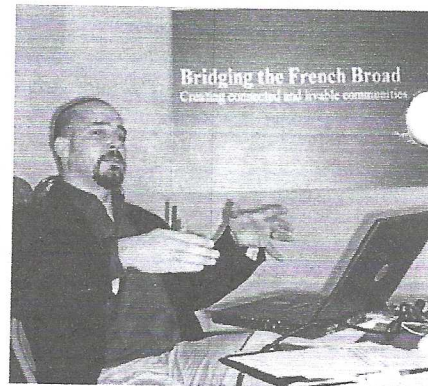
HCCA April 26th Meeting Highlights

-City Council members Brownie Newman and Robin Cape were in the crowd.

-Beth Jezek filled the final board vacancy and got to work on planning the Kids Bike Parade. Way to go Beth!!

-Joe Minicozzi of the Asheville Design Center gave a wonderful presentation on Bridging the French Broad: Creating Connected and Livable Communities. Joe shared the American Institute of Architects big vision of the I-26 bridge across the French Broad. It's amazing what creative minds can come up with. To see more on this project and other projects that the Asheville Design Center is working on check out their website: www.ashevilledesigncenter.org

-Vickie and Chris lead a discussion about "Haw Creek Then and Now" and took audience input on where we see Haw Creek going and what we want it to be.



Joe Minicozzi

A New Face As Neighborhood Coordinator



Kristin and her dog enjoy a beautiful day at the Kids Bike Parade.

Only in office since spring Kristin Harkey has been busy. She organized a neighborhood walk in June that lead city officials to some of the problem spots in Haw Creek as well as giving them a face to face with those of us that live here. We hope that she will keep up the good work for all the communities in Asheville.

Kristin can be reached by:
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Seniors News

By Jack Kennedy

UNCA College for Seniors summer program is in full swing. The Fall 8 week program starts in September. Classes are not your typical college courses, ranging from dance, art, politics, spirituality, and a lot of fun. If you are interested call 251-6140 and have them put your name on the mailing list for the Fall catalogue. If you have any questions about the program call Jack Kennedy, 298-3614 or visit www.unca.edu/ncccr/.

REMINDER :

Please don't feed the local wildlife. One of the special features of Haw Creek is the wildlife. Let's help to keep them wild. Animals that learn to eat from handouts, bird feeders, pet food left outside and trash cans become a serious problem. Especially bears which can cause lots of damage to property after they have been repeatedly feed by humans.

Haw Creek Community Association

Board of Directors for 2007

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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 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.

2007 Meeting Schedule

Thurs, August 2nd, 5:30pm
Location: Haw Creek Park
Agenda: Fun
Program: Bar-B-Que Dinner

Thurs, Oct 25th, 7:00pm
Location: St. John's Church
Agenda: Nominations for
January 2008 elections.
Program: TBA

*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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Haw Creek

Elementary School

<http://www.hces.buncombe.k12.nc.us/>

Supply lists are available online.

Aug 7th, Summer Kindergarten Registration. Call 298-4022 for an appointment.

Aug 16th, First Day for Students!

Charles C. Bell Elementary School

<http://www.ccbes.buncombe.k12.nc.us/>

Aug 15th, Meet Your Teacher

Aug 16th, First Day for Students!

Bell Elementary Sign Cleanup

By Vickie Gaddy

On Saturday June 23rd, a group of parents and Bell School family members had a work day near the school sign on US Highway 70 – opposite Sonic.

A big thank you for a job well done - weed eaters, and mowers on a hot summer day made this area look so much better. What a community spirit. School had closed – it was summer vacation, and a team of men, women and children took time out on a Saturday morning to work in the area!

Evergreen Community Charter School

<http://www.evergreenccs.org/>

Aug 13th, Required Student/Parent orientation

Aug 15, FIRST FULL DAY FOR STUDENTS!

Interview with Rev. W.C. Dash Hensley

By Chris Pelly

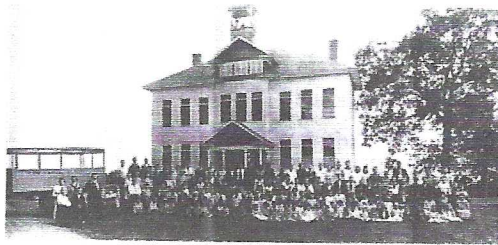
Part of the work of the Haw Creek Association is to tell the stories of persons who can share some of the history of the Haw Creek valley. This interview is with Dash Hensley who was born in Leicester in 1926 and moved to Haw Creek in 1928. He and his wife Helen live on Memory Lane in Haw Creek.

Where were you born and raised?

My mother was raised in Leicester and my father in Yancey County. I was raised in a home located about where the IHOP is on Tunnel Road next to the Asheville Mall. Our cow roamed pasture-land on which the Asheville Mall now sits. We didn't need a fence on the south side facing the Swannanoa River because back then there was a steep cliff.

What was your first job?

I worked at Johnson Esso on Tunnel Road and earned \$4 a week. I usually wore my Esso coveralls to school and then went to work after school.



voted best dressed in my senior year, I guess because I always wore clean coveralls to school. After 1948 Haw Creek ended high school with students instead going to Lee-Edwards (present day Asheville High School) or the Biltmore School.

What changes have you seen?

Back when I was a boy there was not home delivery of mail. Residents had to collect their mail at Millers Store in the valley or Joyce's grocery store near where I lived.

What is the longest you were away from Haw Creek?

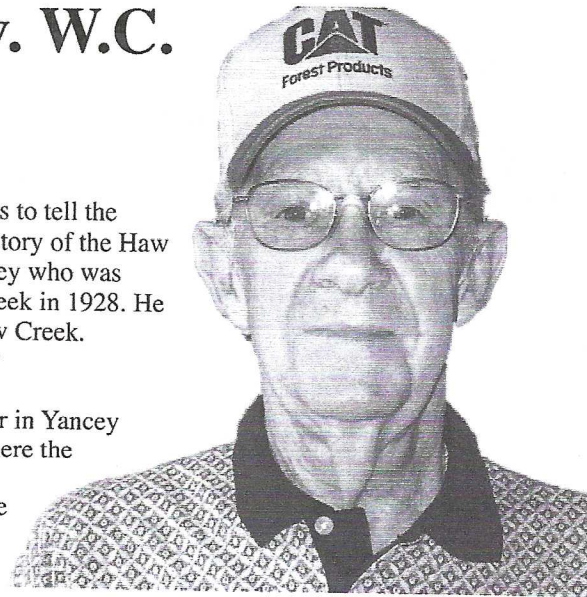
When I was seventeen and joined the military during World War II. I was with the amphibious forces that landed on Gold Beach as part of the Normandy invasion. I was sure glad to come back to Haw Creek after the war.

In which presidential election did you first vote? For Mr. Truman in 1948.

Why is Haw Creek important to you?

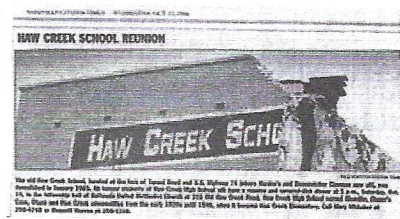
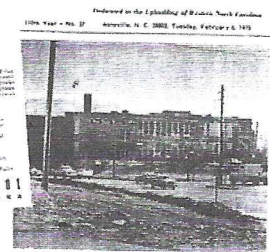
There is no other place quite like it. It is my home. I've watched it grow and change but it is still the only place I ever want to live.

Also, if you or someone you know, has a Haw Creek history story to tell and would like to be profiled in a future interview, please contact Chris Pelly (298-5299) or Ed Seel (298-5413)



Where did you go to school?

Back then the Haw Creek School went all the way through high school. It was located about where the Tunnel Vision eyeglass store is located across from the mall. My graduating class in 1943 had sixteen students. I was



Children's Bicycle Parade



Vickie, our MC!

By 9:45 AM on Memorial Day the first children were arriving. A little after 10 AM the first annual Haw Creek Very Patriotic All-American Children's Bicycle Parade opened with Vickie Gaddy as the MC. She introduced HCCA president, Chris Pelly who reminded us of the meaning of Memorial Day. Resource Officer, Daryl McCurry taught the kids bike safety.

Haw Creek Park had been transformed into a patriotic wonderland with the colors of our flag on posts, in and around trees and hanging from the picnic pavilion.

Then the parade began. Bikes were decorated with red, white, blue, silver and gold. There were streamers, balloons and ribbons. The kids rode their bikes twice around the top loop passing the judges' gazebo both times.



While the judges deliberated, kids and parents had lemonade, cookies and brownies donated by Ingles, Café Azalea and Rubys.

Everyone got prizes with some kids getting special certificates for their exceptional bike decorations. It was a sparkling; patriotic; red, white and blue; morning. If you missed it this year, please join us next year.

Beth Jezek
HCCA Board Member

A special thank you to Beth Jezek for getting this event together. We look forward to making this an annual event! And to all the people/businesses that donated prizes and refreshments, we couldn't have done it without you. The kids really had a great time and there were enough prizes for every child to get something!

Our panel of Judges.

