

# Haw Creek

## Community Association Newsletter

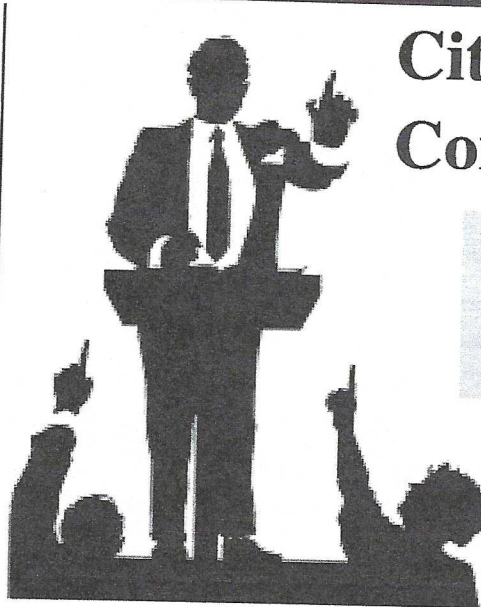
### Honoring Our Veterans

Vickie Gaddy, Treasurer of HCCA was selected as a Guardian (HOST) – to travel to Washington DC – as part of the inaugural HONOR AIR FLIGHT for Buncombe County on 9/29/2007. This trip was sponsored by the Rotary Club of downtown and Vickie was selected from her West Asheville Rotary Club (she is their president).

Jeff Miller of Henderson County in 2006 started this program. What is Honor Air? – it is a program where veterans are taken to Washington on a charter flight, to view the changing of the guard, and War memorials, particularly the World War II memorial – which has been a long-time in coming. A way for us to thank all of our heroes!

The concept is to take as many veterans (free) on this trip – Generous support and Community funds are making it so that the Honor Air committee can thank all of our veteran heroes. Veterans (mostly in their 80's) left Asheville airport in the early a.m. – with guardians for this wonderful day trip. \* Vickie was quite overwhelmed with these folks, they are who made it possible for each of us to enjoy our freedoms in this country!

Watch for upcoming trips in May of 2008! Visit: [www.honorair.com](http://www.honorair.com)



### City Council Candidates Coming to Haw Creek

*City Council Candidates Forum*  
 Monday, October 15th at 7PM  
 Evergreen Community Charter School  
 50 Bell Rd

Election day is around the corner and your Haw Creek Community Association is once again sponsoring an Asheville City Council candidates forum. This forum will take place Monday, October 15th at 7PM. Participating also will be the students of Evergreen Community Charter School who will be hosting the event on their campus at 50 Bell Road.

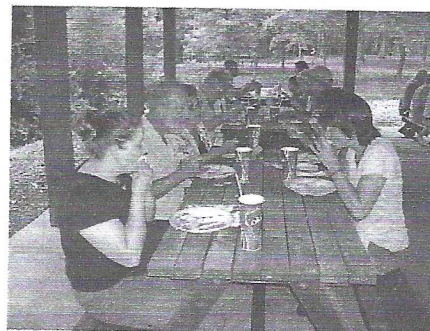
This forum will be occurring after the October 9th primary election but before the November 6th general election. Only the six candidates moving on to the general election will be participating. This is your chance to see, hear and question the candidates up close. Since nearly all the candidates do not live in Haw Creek or even East Asheville, they may not be familiar with our concerns. This is our chance to question them and educate them and do our part to become educated voters. Remember, democracy is not a spectator sport.

### Another Great BarBQue

The Second Annual HCCA Bar-B-Que was a great hit. Catering was done again by Haw Creek's own Ruby's. We enjoyed pork barbecue, hot dogs, beans and tea. We meet many new faces from Haw Creek. Many thanks to Jack Kennedy for organizing this years event!



City Engineer Cathy Ball gave a brief update on the Haw Creek sidewalk construction plans. And we got to see first hand the nice new sidewalks along Avon Rd from the library down to Beverly Rd.

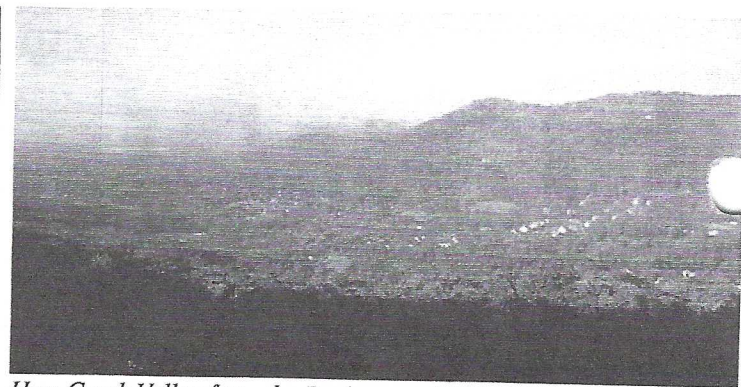
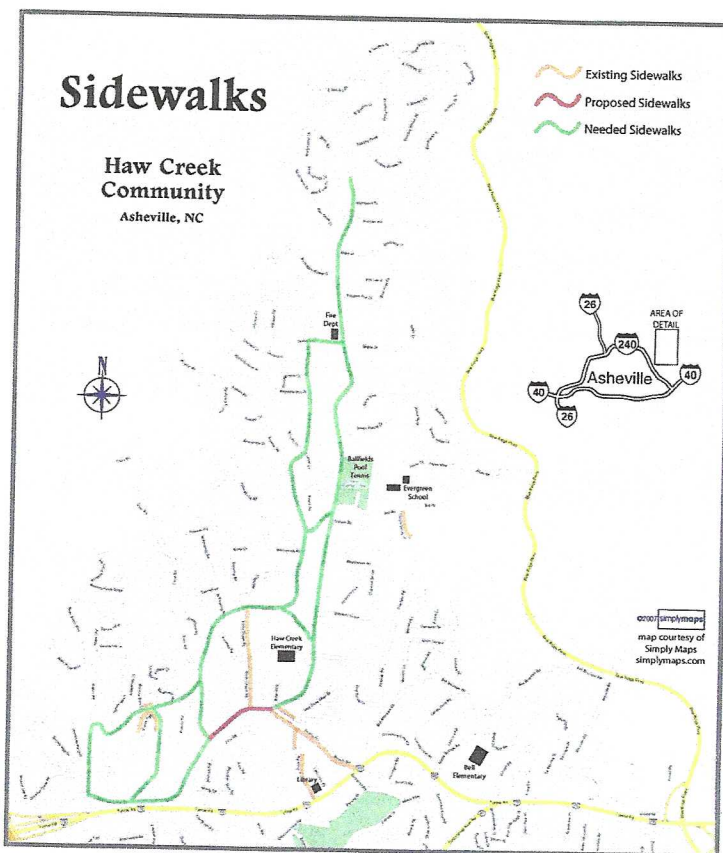


### HCCA Quarterly Meeting

Join us for our next quarterly meeting.

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

We hope to see you there!



Haw Creek Valley from the Parkway, taken by Chris Pelly.

## President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

As a former two-time candidate for city council, I encourage you to attend our organization's candidate forum occurring October 15th. Not only will it be a learning experience for both us and the candidates, but coming to our valley will help to put Haw Creek on their 'radar' when it comes time to set priorities. If you're tired of waiting years for basic infrastructure like sidewalks on New Haw Creek Road or a bus shelter at Haw Creek's entrance, this is the time to let them know it. Unless we make our voices heard, it's unlikely these basic concerns will be addressed.

While the work to improve our community continues, it is also important to take a moment as we enter the fall season to look around and rejoice in this place we call home. Crisp morning air and changing colors on our ridges remind me there is much for which to be grateful. I like calling Haw Creek home.

Thank you,  
Chris Pelly, President HCCA

## Lions Club and Evergreen Cleanup

Contributed by Norman Booker

Last Tuesday, six Haw Creek Lions worked 14 hours and filled 16 orange bags filled with roadside litter. This was one of the 4 scheduled pick ups done annually. We hope that the cleanup will make the New Haw Creek Road more pleasant for both residents and leaf-lookers this autumn. Try to encourage everyone to keep it clean by not littering and picking up whenever they see small litters which may become a heap.

Some of you who not property owners on the banks of Haw Creek (the proper word is "RIPARIANS") may not know what a great job the Evergreen Community Charter School are doing in keeping the actual Haw Creek clean. On September 4th, 44 5th graders cleaned Haw Creek through the neighborhood. Let these students and their teachers, Theresa Showman and Lynn Player know their good citizenship is appreciated.

## Haw Creek Community Association

### Board of Directors for 2007

President	Chris Pelly	95 Cisco Road	298-5299	cpelly@buncombe.main.nc.us
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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](http://www.hawcreeknc.org).

## 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

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

**Thurs, Jan 24th, 7:00pm**  
Location: St. John's Church  
Agenda: Elections.  
Program: TBA

**Thurs, April 24th, 7:00pm**  
Location: St. John's Church  
Agenda:  
Program: TBA

**Thurs, July 24th, 7:00pm**  
Location: St. John's Church  
Agenda:  
Program: TBA

**Thurs, Oct 23th, 7:00pm**  
Location: St. John's Church  
Agenda:  
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/>

The PTA's annual fall carnival will be held on October 20th this year.

Raffle Tickets go on sale the first week in October.

Eblen Pumpkin Fundraiser  
The Eblen Foundation provides resources to students and their families in Buncombe County.

Ingles Tools for Schools  
Re-link your card for the 2007-2008 school year.

## Charles C. Bell Elementary School

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

Jersey Mikes PTO Nights  
Oct 18, Dec 20th

Chuck E Cheese PTO Nights  
Sept 20th, Nov 15th, Jan 17th

Courtyard Work  
The PTO is raising money to complete restoration of the courtyard area. The area will be used for outside eating and learning. The first work day is set for Oct 13th.

## Evergreen Community Charter School

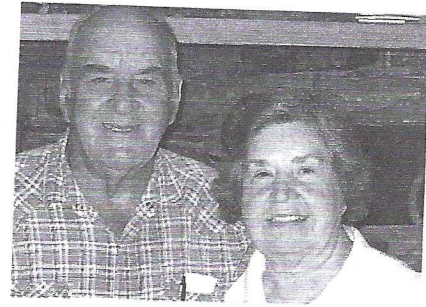
<http://www.evergreencs.org/>

Urban Burrito on Bleachery Blvd near Walmart is donating 15% of its receipts to Evergreen from meals served after 4:00 on the third Thursday of each month. Let's help Urban Burrito support Evergreen!

## Interview with the Lindsey's

By Chris Pelly

Jim and Marjorie Lindsey have been married 56 years and Jim has lived his entire life on Cisco Road. They have four children, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, all still a part of this mountain. His family's roots in Haw Creek date back to the post-civil war era. One of his sisters, Emma, lived to be close to 100 years old when she died.



Jim on the left of his Father with his siblings.

### When did your family first arrive in Haw Creek?

My grandfather, George Washington Lindsey, who was born in 1840 and was a civil war veteran, used his war pension to purchase 500 acres of land in the area of what is now Cisco Road and up and over Cisco Mountain into Chunn's Cove. He purchased the land for \$25 or 5 cents an acre. He and my father farmed the land but slowly sold off parcels over the years. We still own over 100 acres in the upper Cisco Road area.

### What was your first job?

Stocking shelves in Millers Store on Beverly Road. Pretty soon I was also driving delivery trucks for Ernest Miller. I remember the Miller family fondly all the way back to when I was a little boy and was playing in the basement of the original Millers Store (which is still located at the corner of Beverly and New Haw Creek and is now home to Dalton Carpet). In the basement I found an old scooter which N A Miller gave to me. Although I am 76 years old, I still recall this kindness of many years ago.

### How did Cisco Road and Cisco Mountain get their names?

I believe it is traced back to a native American Indian named Cisco who lived on and is buried on Cisco Mountain.

### Who are some other early Haw Creek families?

I remember when Haw Creek was peopled by just a few families with surnames such as Suttles, Creasman, Burnett, Hahn, Jolly and Young. After World War II major changes began. In the 1950's came the first subdivisions which slowly changed the character of Haw Creek from rural and farming to suburban and commuter in nature.

**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)**

## Evergreen Rain Garden Cleans Storm Water Run-Off

Through a partnership with RiverLink, over \$65,000 in storm-water management initiatives were implemented to address runoff from Evergreen's parking lots, roof's and other impervious surfaces. RiverLink received monies from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to address non point source pollution in the urbanized areas of the Swannanoa River watershed.

"The purpose of the design is to trap, slow, and filter rainwater run-off," said Jackie Williams, Evergreen's Director. We clean the run-off from our roof and parking lot by using rain barrels,

two large rain gardens which include a native wetland and several bioswales."

In Evergreen's situation the surface run-off spills into Haw Creek, which eventually drains into the Swannanoa River and the French Broad River, our region's watershed. Native creatures and plants make their homes in the affected areas. So without the cleaning process of the school's new rain garden, the storm water run-off could threaten their existence.

"The rain gardens help

prevent Haw Creek from becoming polluted," says Skye Nestler. "I think it is creative to use nature as a pollution blocker and I am looking forward to learning more about stream and water quality by studying and learning about the rain gardens."



## Board Nominations

The HCCA could have as many as 3 openings on the board for next term.

## Is It Time to Consider City Council District Elections?

*Contributed by Chris Pelly*

Did you know that of the last 35 seats filled on Asheville City Council only one was filled by someone from East Asheville, and that was Tommy Sellers who served from 1997 to 1999. Including the mayor, each city council has a total of seven seats. If you look at the last five election cycles dating back to 1997, a total of 35 seats have been filled, 7 seats x 5 election cycles. In that time the representation on city council has been as follows:

28804 -- 12 seats  
28801 -- 10 seats  
28806 -- 8 seats  
28803 -- 4 seats  
28805 -- 1 seat

Perhaps it is time to do what a number of other larger North Carolina cities have done, and that is elect their city councils from districts as well as at-large. Not only would district elections provide more balanced representation on city council but campaign costs would be significantly reduced as well. With some candidates spending in excess of \$40,000 to run city-wide campaigns, district elections would make the process more affordable to more candidates.

Presently, each city council member is also expected to serve all constituents equally. But is it realistic to expect each to be an expert on every Asheville neighborhood in the way they are about their own. In their own neighborhood council members know the leaders, the issues and the history of how things became the way they are. This knowledge serves to make them more effective advocates on behalf of their community. Perhaps it is time for Asheville to consider district elections. Perhaps this is a good question for the candidates.

## Spreading Holiday Cheer

We invite you to help us spread holiday cheer this year by joining us for Christmas

Caroling in Haw Creek. Also, if you know of a homebound person in Haw Creek that we could visit with and sing send us there information. Caroling dates are set for two Saturdays in December, Dec 15th and 22nd. We hope to iron out more details at the upcoming HCCA quarterly meeting on Thursday, October 25, 7:00pm at St Johns Church on Old Haw Creek Rd. Watch for sign-up sheets at Blue Ridge Pharmacy! ! We look forward to making this a joyous event for everyone but we need your help to make it all come together. For more information, to volunteer or nominate someone for a visit from Carolers contact Vickie Gaddy at 275-2680.

