

# Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter

## Ribbon Cutting & Bar-B-Que Dinner!

Mayor Bellamy  
Attending Haw  
Creek Barbecue

Mayor Bellamy and other city leaders will be on hand for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the long-awaited sidewalk on New Haw Creek Rd. It will take place at 5:30PM at the intersection of New Haw Creek and Trinity Chapel Rds. Residents driving to this event are encouraged to park on Trinity Chapel Rd.

The ribbon cutting will be followed by the community barbecue at Haw Creek Park at which Mayor Bellamy will join us for a short address and to hear from and take questions from residents.

*When: Thursday, July 31st, 5:30pm*

*Where: Haw Creek Park, Avon Rd & Beverly Rd, in the picnic pavilion*

*Program: Mayor Bellamy opens the newest section of Haw Creek sidewalks, on New Haw Creek Rd*

Last summer's Bar-B-Que was such a hit we're doing it again. Our next association quarterly meeting and our 3rd annual Bar-B-Que will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2008 in Haw Creek park at 5:30 pm. Catering will be by Ruby's for \$7 per adult for a plate, \$5 for a sandwich and \$2 for a hot dog; children under 5 are free with a paying adult. Plates include pork or chicken bar-b-que, texas toast, cole slaw, beans and tea. Open to HCCA members and non-members. We plan to be there even if it rains. Please contact Jack Kennedy with any questions at 298-3614 or Marti Terry-Purdy at 298-1925.

Come meet Mayor Bellamy and bring your Haw Creek related questions. Let's show the Mayor our neighborhood spirit!

Seats go fast so bring along a chair.

## Second Annual Haw Creek Very Patriotic, All-American Children's Bicycle Parade

By Beth Jezek



Judges, Army PFC Warren Smith (vet)(not pictured), Army Lt. Bob Pierce (vet), Army Sgt 1st Cls Keye Richter (active), had a tough job during this years parade!

The second annual Children's Bicycle Parade was attended by over 30 kids and their parents on Memorial Day. For a few hours Haw Creek Park was transformed into a patriotic wonderland. Kids decorated their bikes in red, white and blue and then paraded before a team of judges comprised of 1 active army soldier and 2 retired soldiers.



Riders line up for the start of the Parade.



A great banner made for this years parade.

While the judges were deliberating over who had the most patriotic bike and a myriad of other awards, kids and parents were treated to cold lemonade and cookies. Some parents expressed their thanks for "such a fun, safe, kid-oriented event." Many of your neighbors volunteered their time and energy to make this event a great success. Their hard work is appreciated. If

you missed this year's bicycle parade, you'll have another chance on Memorial Day, 2009!

\*A special thank you to the businesses that donated prizes and refreshments.\*





## Maple Dr Walk

Bernie Arghiere led Haw Creek residents on a hiking tour of Maple Drive park site on May 22nd. A naturalist, Bernie shared his knowledge of the unique flora and fauna of this 9-acre site adjoining the Blue Ridge Parkway. The hike was so popular that he repeated it again on June 21st.

## East Asheville Festival?

Jessica Johnson of Asheville Parks & Rec is in charge of the East Asheville Community Center. She is trying to put together an East Asheville festival for next spring.

It would include Haw Creek, Oakely, Beverly Hills, etc. She plans to schedule a meeting for all of the east Asheville community board members to begin brainstorming the feasibility of this kind of an event. We will likely hear from her in the next few months with a meeting day and time.

## President's Message - Closing in on the Maple Drive Park Dear Neighbors,

Efforts to create a new park in Haw Creek are tantalizingly close to fruition. The real estate closing is scheduled for August 29th for the nine-acre site of the proposed park off Maple Drive.

With an increasing sense of urgency towards meeting our fund raising goal, your community association is working to raise the last 10% of the purchase price of \$700,000. That's right, we have about \$70,000 still to raise in the next 30 days. Many, many Haw Creek families have stepped forward and given generously to this effort.

As you may recall, we were successful in convincing Asheville City Council and the Buncombe Commissioners to each contribute a third of the \$700,000 purchase price. **We promised we would raise the last third if they came through for us. Now it is crunch time for the fund raising.** If you are able to contribute, this is when **we need you.** And, as a non-profit, all contributions to the Haw Creek Community Association are tax deductible.

### Mail-in Maple Dr Park Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pledge Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Donations may be paid now and anytime up to Aug 31st, 2008.

Contributions made out to: Haw Creek Community Association,  
 PO Box 9193, Asheville NC 28815

To learn more about the park proposal please visit our website ([www.hawcreeknc.org](http://www.hawcreeknc.org)). Following closing, the next step is a public input session to hear your ideas for how the park site should be developed. Once this session is scheduled, we will post it on the website.

Finally, please join us for the association's summer barbecue July 31st from 5:30 to 8pm in Haw Creek Park on Avon Road. Come meet your neighbors, hear the latest community news and enjoy Ruby's barbecue.

Thank you,  
 Chris Pelly, President HCCA



## Cleanup Report

The Spring Cleanup sponsored by the Haw Creek Community Association was held on March 29th, 2008. We had welcome rain that day but nevertheless 8 intrepid souls braved the elements to clean up quite bit of litter around the main entrance to Haw Creek at Tunnel Rd. We concentrated both on the roadsides and on the banks of Haw Creek. Those who helped that day are: Jennipher Spector and her son Clay, Bernie Arghiere, Jerry Friedman, Susan Evans, Gary Jackson, and Bob & Martha Pierce.

## Hawthorne Village

You are invited to a silent auction to be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 2pm to 4:30 at Hawthorne Villages clubhouse on Hedgerose Street. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Contact Gaynell Cabe, 298-1959, for more information. Proceeds will be used for clubhouse improvements.

## 2008 Meeting Schedule

**Thurs, July 31th, 5:30pm**  
 Location: Haw Creek Park, Corner of Avon & Beverly Rd  
 Agenda: Fun times!  
 Program: Mayor, Ribbon Cutting, & Bar-B-Que

**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.

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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 once 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).



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Haw Creek

### Elementary School

www.hces.buncombe.k12.nc.us/

Next year, Buncombe County Schools will open for students on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

## Charles C. Bell

### Elementary School

www.ccbes.buncombe.k12.nc.us/

#### WELCOME!! MRS. FINGER!!

Mrs. Carleene Finger is the new principal at Charles C. Bell Elementary. She is replacing Mr. John Barbour who will be taking the position as principal of William W. Estes Elementary. Mrs. Finger comes highly recommended to Bell from Candler Elementary. The staff and community are looking forward to Mrs. Finger coming to Bell.

## Evergreen Community Charter School

www.evergreencs.org

Please remember that kids must be with an adult when using the campus over the summer or after hours.

Evergreen's EMBE Marimba Band is invited to play at the Orff-Schulwerk Conference November 12-15, 2008, in Charlotte. This event brings together more than 1500 music educators to expand their skills, share ideas and renew their commitment to active and creative music making for children.

## Get Well Soon!

Vickie Gaddy, our HCCA Treasurer, will be away from her duties as she recovers from an extended illness. Calvin Underwood has graciously stepped forward to fill in as she recuperates. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her warm smile back at meetings just as quickly as she is able.

-Vickie's family would like to thank the entire community for the many well wishes that they have received.

# Haw Creek Native:

Interview with Mary Jane (Tuck)

and Dennis Jarrett

By Chris Pelly

Haw Creek natives Mary Jane (Tuck) and Dennis Jarrett remember when the Haw Creek valley was made up of family farms where people raised much of their own food. As children of the 1950's, Mary Jane was raised on a farm on Trinity Chapel Rd which back then was called Deal Road. Dennis was raised on Haw Creek Circle in an area known then as 'Hess Hill.'

Mary Jane's parents were both in the military and were stationed in the newly opened Oteen Veterans Hospital. Born in 1945, she was the very first baby born in what is now the VA hospital.



Mary Jane and Dennis Jarrett



Mary Jane and Dennis Jarrett, 1965

Tell us about your Haw Creek childhood?

**Dennis:** My family raised tobacco, corn and other crops and chickens, hogs and roosters. My dad and I had beagles and used to hunt rabbits in the fields that are now Huntington Chase and Trappers Run. I remember the time my daddy bought a bull and it got loose. He and I and several other chased it over Cisco Mountain all night long. Momma made him get rid of it.

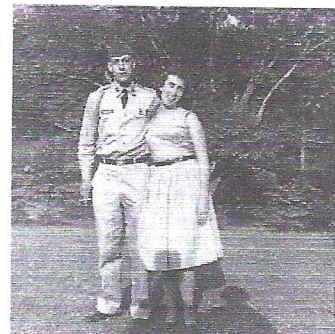
**Mary Jane:** My daddy also had a farm and we canned food and raised chickens and hogs. My mother bought cloth from Millers Store and made all our clothes. Back then there weren't many cars and we could ride our bikes everywhere. For a treat on Saturday's, we'd ride 'Bryson buses' downtown and have sodas at the Barefoot & Tatum drugstore on Pack Square. I also loved shopping at Woolworth's.

*How did you two meet?* Dennis was two grades ahead of me in school but we'd known each other all our lives. We became sweethearts in high school. On our first date he took me to Recreation Park and it wasn't to long before he gave me his high school ring. Later this year we'll celebrate our 45th anniversary.

*What was your first job?*

**Dennis:** I pumped gas at Harry Byas' Shell station in 1961 and '62. It was located at the corner of New Haw Creek and Beverly roads. Earlier this year I retired after 37 years with Braswell Scale Equipment Company.

**Mary Jane:** My first job was as an assistant at Lemores Pharmacy which was next to the A&P on Tunnel Road where today 'Play It Again Sports' is located. I went on to work 30 years with B&B Pharmacy in west Asheville.



Mary Jane and Dennis Jarrett, 1969



Mary Jane and daughter, Spring 1970

*Why is Haw Creek important to you?* We built this house in 1984 and raised our daughters here. Haw Creek has always provided everything we needed. It has been a safe place to live and raise a family.

Know a Haw Creek native with a story to tell? Call Chris Pelly at 298-5299

-Correction: In our previous 'Haw Creek Native' interview we reported Hazel Tilson's age as 88 at the time of the interview. She is 90.



## Singers, Right Here in Haw Creek

Womansong is a non-profit chorus whose New Start Program helps women in transition from difficult domestic situations. Haw Creek residents Va Boyle, Joanne Busiel, Jean Cassidy, Beth Jezek, Kate Lalor, and Claudette Wren, are all members of Womansong, one of the longest-running womens' choruses in Asheville. Their next performance is the Womansong Benefit Concert, "BIG LEGGED WOMEN" with special guests: THE RIGHTEOUS MOTHERS from Seattle at UNCA LIPINSKY AUDITORIUM, Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. [www.womansong.org](http://www.womansong.org) for tickets.

### Quarterly Meeting Thurs, July 31th, 5:30pm

Location: Haw Creek Park,  
Corner of Avon & Beverly Rd  
Agenda: Fun times!  
Program: Let's Eat BarBQue

## Help Take Back Our Yards From Asian Tiger Mosquitoes!

Contributed By Becky Smucker

**Facts:** Mosquitoes, especially Asian Tiger Mosquitoes, have invaded Haw Creek. Asian Tigers are very aggressive. They bite quickly and outcompete other mosquitoes. They are active during the daytime. They can develop from egg to adult in as little as a week. They thrive in residential neighborhoods.

**But:** Asian Tiger Mosquitoes stay close to their hatching spot (300 yards). They are dependant on standing water in which to lay their eggs.

**So:** They can be controlled in a neighborhood by eliminating their breeding places. If we work together, we can take back our yards!

### ELIMINATE STANDING WATER

1. Flush BIRDBATHS at least weekly.
2. Dump excess water (after rain or watering) from saucers under FLOWERPOTS.
3. Discard EMPTY CONTAINERS, OLD TIRES, etc., that can collect water.
4. Cover RAINWATER BARRELS with screening, or use *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti)* granules or pellets in the barrels to kill the mosquitoes.
5. Keep RAIN GUTTERS free of debris.
6. Correct DRAINAGE PROBLEMS wherever standing water occurs.
7. Fill holes in TREE CROTCHES or TREE ROOTS.
8. Completely empty containers for RECYCLING or GARBAGE before storing outdoors.
9. Store BOATS and CANOES where they won't collect water, or empty puddles from tarps frequently.

For more info on mosquitoes and their control,  
visit <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/Urban/mosquito>

Copy this flyer, share it with neighbors, and solicit their help.

