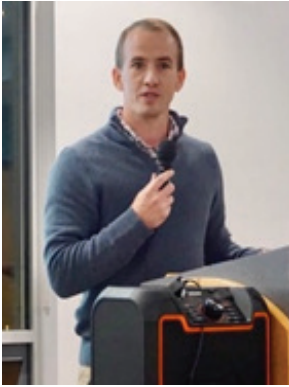


Development Plan for the “Meadows at Haw Creek” Subdivision



Kevin Jackson, the buyer of the 26-acre property at 767 New Haw Creek Road, presented his proposed plan at a required public meeting on November 28. To the collective shock of the 200+ residents in attendance, the plan calls for 95 homes to be built on this landmark property.

This development would transform the bucolic pasture and hardwood forest into high-density housing that exceeds current zoning standards. Specific concerns shared

by residents include loss of tree canopy and animal habitat, increased traffic and safety considerations on New Haw Creek Road, and density that’s out of scale and character with the surrounding neighborhood. For these reasons, HCCA is actively opposing this plan.

The sale of the property is not yet final. Additionally, this development will require review by the Planning and Zoning Commission and others, with opportunities to make our concerns heard. Ultimately, the development will require approval by the City Council.

Your voice is needed. Please join us in our efforts to protect and preserve the quality of life we enjoy as residents of Haw Creek valley.



Management said, “It is more than we could have imagined...it will be used and loved for many years!”

Little Free Library at Spruce Hill Apartments

The 174-unit apartment complex off Waters Road has an attractive new Little Free Library for its 500+ residents. Built by HCCA board member Liz Polfus, this project was funded by HCCA membership dues and supplied with books by the **Friends of East Asheville Library**.

Do you have used books in good condition? Especially needed are books for children and teens. To schedule a drop-off please call Spruce Hill managers Carol Waters or Meaghen McCoy at 828-298-1193.



Liz Polfus installing her hand painted Little Library

Haw Creek Park Greenway Campaign

The community association that brought you Haw Creek Park and Masters Park is now undertaking a campaign to bring the first-ever public greenway to the Haw Creek valley. This greenway will address a long-identified community need, providing a safe and pleasant walking trail alongside our namesake Haw Creek allowing, for the first time, public access to the creek.

HCCA seeks to raise \$78,000 to complete the greenway in 2024. Although most of the funding will come from grants, **our goal is to raise \$10,000 from within the Haw Creek community in the next 60 days.** Your contribution will help demonstrate broad-based community support, which will significantly increase our chance of obtaining grants.

We've got designs in hand and enthusiastic approval from all landowners whose property is involved but we need your help to make it happen. **Please make a tax-deductible donation now to help us make this greenway a reality.** Scan this QR code to go to our Greenway Campaign page on our website, hawcreekavl.com, where you can make your contribution, or mail a check to HCCA, PO Box 9193, Asheville, NC 28815.



HCCA has a track record of success on community-driven projects. By working in partnership with local and state government, foundations, and our neighbors, we have been able to accomplish valued and lasting improvements for the Haw Creek community. We believe this greenway will provide these same long-lasting benefits.

President's Message



Chris Pelly

The Haw Creek community is facing a significant growth and development challenge. As reported here, the 26-acre property beside the ballfields is being sold and 95 new homes have been proposed for the site. There is no denying this is a gut punch to residents who have long enjoyed the natural beauty of this landmark property. The same could be said for native wildlife inhabiting the land.

HCCA is taking steps to prevent this development as proposed. We have organized a Working Group to collaborate on action steps, published a "767 Development" page on our website to serve as a central informational resource, and reached out to our members and the public through emails and social media posts.

There will be a lengthy development review process culminating in an up or down vote by Asheville City Council sometime in the spring of 2024. HCCA is leading the fight and we will share ways for residents to participate at key points in the review process. To stay informed, join or subscribe at our website www.hawcreekavl.com.

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As an all-volunteer nonprofit, we rely on people who live in the community for their support through participation in events, volunteer efforts, and financial donations. Your \$20 membership dues are an investment in Haw Creek, the place we call home. **Please join us by becoming a member** at www.hawcreekavl.com or by mailing a check to HCCA, PO Box 9193, Asheville, NC 28815. Thank you!

Masters Park Kiosk Installed

The Masters Park Challenge, an improvements campaign begun by HCCA in 2021, was completed this fall with the installation of a new park kiosk, thanks to a Neighborhood Matching Grant from the City. This follows completion of a new parking lot and park entrance sign. All told, about \$93,000 was raised to improve this well-loved community park that links the Haw Creek valley to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.



Haw Creek Heritage Festival

The first-ever Haw Creek Heritage Festival on September 23 was a successful collaboration between Central East United Methodist Church, the Haw Creek Commons, and the Haw Creek Community Association. Our valley's past and current community spirit was celebrated with live music from three local bands – **Haw Creek Sweet Hots**, **Walker Family Band**, and **Wayne Erbsen and the UNCA Bluegrass Band** – food trucks, storytelling, and lots of kids' activities, including a bouncy house, face painting, and games. Look for this free festival again in 2024.



New Haw Creek Road Sidewalk Extension Update



In what might be confused as a rerun of *Groundhog Day*, Dustin Clemens of the Public Works Dept. confirmed on Nov. 14 that construction of the long-awaited and long-promised New Haw Creek Road sidewalk extension will, in fact, finally happen in 2024.

He reported that easements will be finalized this month, utilities have begun to be relocated, and final design plans are due in December. This will enable NCDOT to issue authorization allowing the City to accept bids for construction to start in the spring of 2024. Completion of the nearly one-mile route is expected to take about one year.

Community Yard Sales

Two community yard sales this year, in May and September, raised over \$1,700 to support the programs highlighted in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who participated and to Leslie Morris, Chair of the Community Outreach Committee, who made it all possible. Plan to join us for the next sale on May 4, 2024.





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*HCCA's **Chili Cook Off** in October brought neighbors together to share community spirit.*



Haw Creek's front door has a fresh look with a new **Welcome to Haw Creek** sign. In addition, we are planning significant landscaping improvements to the Crockett Road/ Tunnel Road entrance next spring. Led by HCCA board member Storms Reback, this project was funded by membership dues and fundraisers. When complete, the entrance will sport a fresh look to match our forward-leaning efforts to keep Haw Creek a desirable place to live.

Installing the sign: Doug Baughman, Clark Glenn, Storms Reback, Scott Clodfelter (L-R)