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Haw Creek

Community Association Fall Newsletter

Hot Dang!

Haw Creek Community Chili Cook-Off

Oct. 24, 4 – 6 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Anita Rose

Do you have a secret family recipe for chili? Have you figured out how to make a vegetarian chili that is healthy AND delicious? Have you never met a chili pepper you didn't like? We invite all chili enthusiasts— whether you make it, or just love to eat it – to come to the first annual Haw Creek Chili Cook-Off at St. John's Episcopal Church at 290 Old Haw Creek Road on Saturday, Oct. 24.

All PRE-REGISTERED entrants should arrive at St. John's between 3:30 – 4:00pm to set up with chili in a crock-pot, ready to go. Please provide your own ladle or serving piece for your entry; HCCA will provide small bowls or cups, napkins and spoons for tasters to use as they try your dish. The evening will start with a traditional cakewalk at 4 p.m. with donated cakes from local grocery stores and bakeries, as well as some of your Community Association board members. After the cakewalk, there will be a pumpkin-carving contest. Pumpkins for the contest can be painted or carved, and the contest age groups are Pre-K, K-3 and 4-6. Prizes have been donated by Dancing Bear Toys.

Then, the main event! Our judges for the evening are City Councilman Chris Pelly, Rev. Joan Grant of St. John's, and Rev. Karen Doucette of Bethesda Methodist. To make it a little more interesting, the Asheville Police Department, will field a team. Winners and runners-up in all three categories –red meat, poultry, and vegetarian/vegan – will receive prizes. You can enter solo, or as a two-cook team. Space is limited to 20 entrants and registrations are due by October 14, 2015. We also ask that you bring a typed list of all ingredients to have available as a precaution for individuals with allergies.

This promises to be a fun event for the whole family; if you like, dress up in hoe-down or square dance attire. To register please email your information to hawcreeknc@gmail.com.

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Update on the East Asheville Library/Community Center

Jeanie Martin

On July 15th, 115 East Asheville residents attended a meeting at Groce Methodist Church to voice concerns over the conditions of the East Asheville Library and loss of the community center that has been leased out to L.E.A.F. The loss of the community center leaves East Asheville community associations with no free meeting space and impacts library programming. County Commissioners David Gantt and Brownie Newman attended the meeting as well as City Councilman Chris Pelly and Roderick Simmons of the Parks and Recreation Department. Haw Creek Community Association coordinated the meeting.

Gigi Frances, current Manager of the county library system provided the history of the East Branch and told the audience that the East branch has been on the County's Capital Projects Plan since 2002 but has been delayed multiple times. The current plan calls for renovations to begin in fiscal year 2019 with probable completion in 2021.

Residents voiced their concerns over the loss of the community center and the conditions of the library, which is the fourth busiest library in the system. Jeanie Martin of the HCCA Board announced that there was a current petition drive asking the County and City to begin a new library in a timely

manner with input from local residents and to address the lack of meeting space. Comments on the petitions included: the library is too small (2,700 sq. ft. as compared to 8,000 sq. ft. at the North Branch), lack of space for children's programs, not enough computers, no indoor bathroom, lack of adequate parking, the library being rundown and outrage at loss of the community center. Most residents would like the facility to remain at the current site. David Gantt explained priorities for county spending and advised the community that fundraising for library furnishing/equipment would be a good idea.

A group of residents formed after the meeting to advocate for a new library/community center complex. The petition drive is proceeding and a children's petition has been designed and is being circulated. A letter to the Editor has begun and an open community-visioning meeting is being planned for Oct. 28th. Everyone living in East Asheville is invited so stay tuned for details.

To sign the petition online, go to HCCA's website <https://hawcreeknc.wordpress.com> and click on helpful links to scroll down to the petition. To become more involved contact Jeanie Martin at mt.to.sea@gmail.com.

We Can't Help You If We Can't Find You!

Kelley Klope, Asheville Fire Department

The Asheville Fire Department would like to send an important message to the Haw Creek Community, one that could save your life. AFD responds to emergency calls daily and we normally reach our destinations quickly. However, several avoidable factors often slow us down. One way residents can assist in lessening that response time is to help us find you. Your house number is what we are looking for and if it is hidden or not displayed this will slow us down. No matter if it is a fire, a medical emergency or a child locked in a car, seconds count. So please be sure your house has numbers, which are visible from the street. AFD recommends numbers to be at least 6 inches high and contrast their background. If your house is set back from the road, be sure your house number is displayed on a mailbox or a sign in your yard. We thank you ahead of time for your cooperation!

Spot Light on East Asheville

Linda Stanton

The Haw Creek Community Association welcomes new east Asheville business, **Filo Featuring POST 70 Indulgence Bar** which opened in July. Many folks are familiar with **FILO Pastries**, the creation of pastry chef Maria Papanastasiou, an east Asheville favorite for nine years. Maria and her staff create amazing bakery items and serve fast casual lunch items such as spanakopita, quiche, and croissant sandwiches.



What you may not know is that at 5:00 pm the lights get turned down, candles are lit and the unassuming bakery shop turns into a unique evening venue. Featuring chef-created small plates and craft cocktails, the POST 70 Indulgence Bar project is the brainchild of Emilios Papanastasiou, Maria's nephew. He is also son of Nick Papanastasiou, owner of the adjacent East Village Grille for over 24 years. The name POST 70 pays homage to the original occupants of the unique stone structure, The American Legion Post 70 which has since relocated to a nearby location on Reddick Rd.

The family has deep roots in east Asheville, growing up in Haw Creek and currently living in Redwood Forest. Emilios and his family are proud to call this area home for both their residence and businesses. Filo Pastries and EVG have always been community-centric and he hopes to continue that neighborhood bar feeling. POST 70 is an east-end alternative to the sometimes crowded and busy feeling of downtown eateries.

At POST 70 Indulgence Bar, everything is created in house. Herbs and some seasonal veggies are grown right on premises. Mediterranean-style small plates combine the family's Greek heritage with an Asheville flair. Small plates encourage communal sharing of food but don't let "small" fool you, this is a high quality restaurant experience. Stop by to have a drink, some great food and say hi to your neighbors!

Filo Featuring POST 70 Indulgence Bar is located at 1155 Tunnel Road in Asheville. Visit their Face Book page for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/post70>

A Word From Ryan Justus

Asheville Police Department
Haw Creek Community Resource Officer

A few reminders for the Haw Creek Community. First, there have been some issues regarding speeding on New Haw Creek Road and Old Haw Creek Road. Due to several complainants the traffic unit will be running radar to help keep our community safe. If you are a speeder, please slow down it's not worth the heavy fines or hurting yourself or someone else.

Second, I know traffic is horrible on New Haw Creek Road as you are approaching Bethesda Road, especially when school is letting out. At the intersection of New Haw Creek Road and Bethesda Road, there is a gravel area to the right traveling east. Please do not pass on the right of a stopped vehicle, it is illegal. If you are in a rush to get somewhere, then leave early enough to beat the traffic or use a different route.

Finally, with Halloween approaching, please watch out for children on Halloween night. Parents, if your children are out enjoying Halloween, make sure an adult is with them and that everyone is wearing reflective clothing and that the group is carrying enough flashlights to make them visible to cars. Thank you for making Haw Creek a safe and enjoyable community.

Welcome To Haw Creek?

Linda Stanton

Look up the embankment as you turn from Tunnel Road onto Crockett Avenue heading to New Haw Creek Road and you will see a tall wooden sign welcoming you to the Haw Creek neighborhood. Or will you? Located on private property, the sign and accompanying landscaping is not maintained by the city or county. With the passage of time and our mountain weather taking their toll, the sign had become faded and overgrown.



Placed in 2000 by a coalition of Haw Creek residents and HCCA members, the sign has stood silent sentry at the main entry point to our neighborhood all these years. Residents of Haw Creek wanted churches in the neighborhood listed. The sign was paid for in part by the churches whose names are featured on the sign: Antioch Christian Church, Asheville Gospel Chapel, Bethesda Methodist Church, St. John's Episcopal Church and Fellowship FWB Church.

In an effort to create a more welcoming entry into the neighborhood, the Haw Creek Community Association got permission from the property owner where the sign is located and organized a clean-up. On June 6th members of the HCCA board gathered for an early morning work party. The group cleared brush, trimmed back overgrown limbs and raked leaves around the area. As a final touch the worn paint was freshened up. Now the Welcome to Haw Creek sign once again stands proudly, ushering residents and visitors into our community.

History Of Haw Creek Fire Department

Jeanette Fortuna

The Political Season is Upon Us

Jeanie Martin

Tis the season for politicians to be making their cases as to why we should elect them. This year if a campaign worker, or better yet the candidates themselves approach you, consider asking them, "If you are elected will you make sure that East Asheville gets funding for our library and that East residents have community meeting space?" If we want an updated library with adequate meeting space we must ask for it loud and clear.

Haw Creek is fortunate to have a Fire Department right here in our neighborhood on New Haw Creek Rd. It was established in the 1950's as a Volunteer Department. In 2009 it became city Fire Station 12. Six firefighters are assigned to the station who rotate 24 hour shifts. Manned by 2 individuals 24 hours a day, they are the first responders for any medical/fire emergencies. In addition, Station 8 will respond from the Tunnel Rd location as well as downtown stations. These fire fighters are EMT certified with intensive 22 weeks of training with additional 240 hours each year to maintain certification. If you are in the area, stop by to say thank you. Bring some cookies or a pizza. They deserve it for risking their lives for us everyday.



What Makes a Good Fall Color Year?

Jeanie Martin

In the next few weeks the trees in the Southern Appalachians will get all gussied up in their fall finery. Ever wonder why some year's fall color is more spectacular than others? The answer starts with knowing what's going on in the trees' leaves.

During the spring and summer the trees make chlorophyll in the leaves, a chemical that allows them to "eat" sunlight and turn it into food. Chlorophyll reflects the color green and our eyes see the reflected color. There are other pigments in the leaves that are masked by the green. Chlorophyll breaks down easily in cold and in sunlight, so the tree makes other pigments to protect the chlorophyll from light and to capture the energy the chlorophyll misses.

These other plant chemicals are powerful antioxidants, the same ones that we are encouraged to get in our food to keep us healthy. One group is anthocyanins and they reflect red or purple. Another group is the carotenoids, which reflect yellow and orange.

As the length of day shortens in the fall, the trees decrease the production of chlorophyll, the green fades and the other color pigments begin to show through. A cold snap will enhance the fall colors as cold breaks down the chlorophyll even quicker.



Conditions for the best fall color would include a warm, wet summer so the trees would have made lots of leaves and pigments. Then a fall that is dry, sunny and cool at night intensifies the color. A cold snap starts the show. Because we have lots of microclimates in our region, different areas get different weather causing pockets of varied color patterns. Soil pH also plays a part in the red leaves. The more acid the soil, the more bright red we see such as with red maples. The less acid, the leaves turn more purple, like in the sourwoods. With over 100 species of trees in the Southern Appalachians, the diversity alone ensures us that at least some of the tree species will be having a good year. Enjoy the show this fall Haw Creek!

Sew-In-Love

Lisa Thomson



Tucked away in the former parsonage for Bethesda United Methodist Church, Sew-In-Love, a group of wonderful women, spend every Wednesday sewing quilts for sale to the public and their service project, Project Linus. They will also finish quilt tops. Ask for a price quote.

On Saturday, November 7, 2015 they will hold their annual fundraiser in fellowship hall at Bethesda UMC from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Items for sale will be quilts, quilted pillows and placemats, many hand crocheted items and white elephant items. They will have for sale sausage and gravy, sausage biscuits, cinnamon rolls and coffee for breakfast; hot dogs for lunch.

If you are interested in joining, they meet every Wednesday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Contact Ruth at 299-8221 or Jackie at 298-0221. Bring a bag lunch and join in the fun.



Fall and Winter Home Safety Tips

Kelley Klope, Asheville Fire Department

It may be bitter sweet that Asheville Fire Department is sending out fall season fire safety messages as we prepare to say goodbye to summer! Some residents may be excited about the upcoming cool weather while others are sad. Either way we cannot deny fall will be here soon. As we do prepare for the changing of the season, the Asheville Fire Department would like to send out some helpful fire safety reminders.

Home heating

Soon you may need to fire up the furnace so it is important to have your system professionally inspected, cleaned and serviced. Filters need to be changed or cleaned, and you should always make sure combustibles are stored at least 3 feet from the furnace. Have any alternative heating sources checked out as well, such as fire places and wood-burning stoves. Creosote buildup can cause heat buildup and ultimately cause a house fire.

Space heaters

Before plugging in your space heaters for the first time be sure to inspect the cords to be sure there are no frayed wires. Be sure to keep heaters away from combustibles and out of the path of children and pets. Space heaters need space and it is recommended to keep a 3 foot distance around a space heater.

Holiday fire safety

November, December and January account for a larger percentage of residential structure fires than any other months in the year. Please be careful when cooking, keep kids and animals away from the stove/oven. Keep decorations away from open flames and keep exits clear of obstructions.

Smoke alarms

Having working smoke alarms in your home gives you precious time for escaping a home fire alive. Tips regarding smoke alarms:

- Replace the batteries twice a year.
- Clean dust from smoke alarms with a vacuum attachment.
- Replace units that are over 10 years old.
- Push the test button monthly to ensure proper operation.
- Have an outside meeting place where your family will meet in case of a fire. Practice home fire drills!

Carbon monoxide alarms

Carbon monoxide, or CO, alarms are an important part of your home safety plan too. They detect unburned gases that may leak from gas burning appliances. They must also be tested monthly and have batteries replaced annually. CO is an odorless deadly gas.

Candles

Many Asheville residents use candles in their holiday decorating to create a festive and warm atmosphere. Unfortunately, candles can lead to home fires when they are left unattended and ignite nearby combustibles. Use sturdy candle holders that are large enough to collect candle wax and are resistant to tipping over. Keep candles up and out of the reach of children.

WNC Funfest 2015

Jeanie Martin

Dancing Bear Toy's is hosting their 3rd annual WNC Funfest, which is a FREE festival for families, highlighting the best kid's activities WNC has to offer.

The event will be held Saturday, September 26th from 11 AM to 3 PM at the store's location at 518 Kenilworth Rd. just off Tunnel Rd.

Participating organizations include:

- WNC Nature Center
- Brother Wolf
- Roots and Wings School of Arts and Design
- The Real Food Truck
- Snake, Rabbit and Snail Bookmobile and more!

There will also be face painting, a tattoo station and the Fun Fest's first ever Kidzone. Go to <https://wncfunfest.wordpress.com> for more info.

Haw Creek Community Association is grateful for this local, family-owned business that is donating the children's prizes for our pumpkin carving/painting contest coming up on Oct. 24th.

National Night Out

THANK YOU!

Lisa Thomson

Thank you to the Haw Creek community for attending our first National Night Out. It was a great coming together of neighbors and we are already planning for next year, which we hope will bring all of East Asheville's communities together for National Night Out



A huge thank you to all our sponsors, without whose generous contributions we would not have been able to hold this event – Frank's Roman Pizza, Filo, East Village Grill, Post 70 Indulgence Bar, Target, L.E.A.F, Asheville Municipal Golf Course, Ultimate Ice Cream, WNC Nature Center, Alnuge and Ingles.



Add Us To Your Contacts

Are you missing out on our events and newsletters? We have been receiving notification of a lot of undeliverable emails; email is the way we notified our community of events. Please add hawcreeknc@gmail.com to your contacts.

Advertising with HCCA

Are you interested in advertising in our newsletters? Our new advertising cycle will begin with our winter newsletter in December.

We have four newsletters a year, three emailed to over 600 residents/businesses in Haw Creek and our summer newsletter is mailed to every door and business in Haw Creek. We also place your ad on our web site, hawcreeknc.wordpress.com and mention you on our Facebook page.

Contact HCCA at hawcreeknc@gmail.com, a board member will contact you with more advertising information.

APD To Use Next Door

Christina Hallingse
APD Public Information Officer

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free.

Approximately 60 of our Haw Creek neighbors are already using Nextdoor to build a happier, safer place to call home.

On Monday, September 14, Asheville Police Department began utilizing Nextdoor to share information on crime, crime prevention, safety and emergency notifications. Our Community Resource Officers (CROs) will be the primary source of information on Nextdoor. CROs are officers who work as a liaison between the police department and the community. They assist with public education, crime prevention and neighborhood specific issues. We would like to remind everyone that police staff can only see our own posts and replies to our posts. We will NOT be able to access or view any information that you and your neighbors have shared on Nextdoor.

Nextdoor is not the appropriate way to request emergency services, police services, report criminal or suspicious activity, or file a report. If you require emergency services, or wish to report suspicious activity, please call 9-1-1. For all non-emergency inquiries please contact the Asheville Police Department (828) 252-1110. We would like to thank you for allowing the Asheville Police Department to be a part of your Nextdoor experience. We look forward to connecting with you to build stronger and safer neighborhoods throughout Asheville!

HCCA is already using Nextdoor to promote our events. Joining is easy – log into Nextdoor.com and follow the easy steps. Get the word out to your neighbors. Let's bring Haw Creek together.

C.A.N. to Hold Candidates Forum

The Primary for Asheville City Council is **October 6th**, which will narrow the candidate field from the current 15 down to 6. On **October 21st**, the final six will participate in a forum and debate sponsored by C.A.N. All neighborhoods and residents are welcome and invited to participate! The event will be held in the Kenilworth neighborhood at the Kenilworth Center and be moderated by David Hurand of WCQS.

Asheville is facing unprecedented change. As we, the citizens, prepare to hire three city Council members, what questions do you think are important to ask of the people who will be working for you? C.A.N. is interested in collecting those questions in advance of the forum.

Submit your questions by **October 1st** for consideration. These can be emailed directly to: teddy.jordan30@gmail.com with C.A.N. as the subject line.

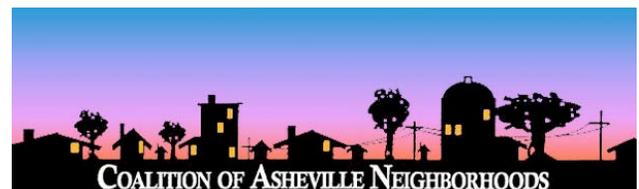
Note: There will also be limited time during the forum for general audience questions as well.

Event details

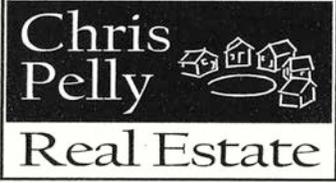
WHERE: The Kenilworth Center at 4 Chilies Ave. in the Kenilworth neighborhood. The center is behind the Kenilworth Church at 123 Kenilworth Rd.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Because of limited parking, C.A.N. is asking people to carpool.



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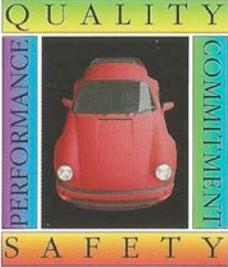
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