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Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter

Asheville Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshop

The first Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshop will be Monday, October 10, 2016 from 4:00-8:00 pm at the Asheville Collider, located at 1 Haywood St., Suite 401 (4th Floor Wells Fargo Building).

The on-line survey for the Comprehensive Plan deadline has been extended through September 26th. To complete the survey go to http://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/239/forum_home

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Spotlight on East Asheville

Rejuvenation Hair Salon and Day Spa

By
Linda Stanton

Do you want to look and feel beautiful for that special event, wedding, prom or holiday party? Look no further than your own neighborhood because there is new salon and day spa in Home Trust Plaza at 1011 Tunnel Rd. Suite 160. Located under the copper crowned roof of Copper Crown Restaurant fame, *Rejuvenation Hair Salon and Day Spa* opened in December 2015 and is owned by Asheville resident Linda Fender.

Linda, a hair stylist and aesthetician, has been in the “beauty” business for decades. She used to own a hair salon in Michigan but after years of working for others, longed to open a full service spa. A West Asheville resident, Linda looked for space in the East because she has a connection to this part of town having worked here before. She thought her business model would meet a need for the area and chose the Tunnel Rd. location because of the clean, spacious suite and busy Tunnel Rd. location in close proximity to both I40 and 240.

Rejuvenation Hair Salon and Day Spa is really two businesses in one, providing comprehensive hair and personal care services. “Everyone wants to feel confident and beautiful. We pride ourselves on building a personal connection with clients and strive to be all-inclusive, not frou-frou or frilly,” Linda says. She designed the salon with the help of her daughter so women and men alike would feel comfortable in the space. The modern red, white and black décor has an elegant touch of European flair without being too over the top.



The Hair Salon offers cuts and styling for men, women and children at an affordable mid-level price point. Other hair services include perms, color, color corrective (fixing hair color mistakes), blow-outs and fancy undo's for special events.

Rejuvenation Day Spa offers a wide variety of personal care services including skin and nail care, makeup and massage. The Spa offers leg and eyebrow waxing as well as hot paraffin wax treatments for hands and feet, which soften skin and help, relieve aching joints. Biolements professional skin care products are used as well as Jack Black products for men, which are also available for sale. Guests have the option to come in for a single service or schedule an inclusive spa session. Full or half day spa sessions typically include hair, facials and makeup and mani/pedis but are personalized to your needs. Spas include lunch or the adult beverage of your choice served in a private space. There is space for up to 4 – 6 guests for bridal parties, prom or mother/daughter days.

Get your beauty on, right here in East Asheville! *Rejuvenation Hair Salon and Day Spa* is open Tue, Wed, Fri 10 - 6; Thu 10 – 7; Sat 8 – 2 and closed Sun, Mon. Walk-ins are welcome for haircuts. For personalized attention please call ahead for makeup services and massage or to schedule a spa experience. To find out more or schedule an appointment call 828-283-1544, or visit <http://www.rejuvenationhairsalonandspa.com> Email Linda Fender at lnfender22@gmail.com

Nature's Corner Hickory, Dickory Dock

By
Jeanie Martin

As I walk the trails and roads of Haw Creek in late summer and early fall I hear the constant kerplunking of nuts. This is the time of year that the hickory nut trees let loose and the bears and squirrels chow down. Some people living in the valley may also take the time to collect these yummy, nutritious nuts.

Hickories are in the same family as walnuts and pecans. Before wood something had to be made tough and strong it was made of hickory--from axe, hammer, pick, and shovel handles to wagon spokes, and rims. Worked green it became rockers and other bent wood furniture. Early settlers would take green hickory wood and throw it in the fire. The sap would bubble out and they would collect it and pour it in the ear for treatment of an earache. I'm not recommending this treatment.

Various species of these nut trees are native to most parts of the eastern U.S. growing in bottomland or in loamy soil on hillsides. Hickories generally produce nuts in a 3-year cycle. One year will be a very heavy

crop, the next year a light to moderate crop, and the third year, there will be practically none at all. Of all the species, the shagbark hickory has the best tasting nuts by far. The curling bark provides shelter for insects, mammals and birds. Bats will roost in the shelter of the loose bark and woodpeckers and nuthatches spend time finding insects hiding along the trunk.

The nutmeats of the shagbark have a mild pleasant taste and contain healthy oils and antioxidants. The trick is finding the good ones and getting them open. This takes a bit of work but it's worth it. Toasting them in a dry skillet brings out the best flavor. They are delicious when added to pancakes, muffins, sprinkled on your oatmeal or whatever you would use pecans or walnuts for. Don't let the squirrels be the only ones that go nuts. Foraging for free, nutritious food is fun!



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The Fight for Control of Asheville's Water It Isn't Over Yet

By
Beth Jezek

Many people think that when in 2012, a resounding 86% of Asheville residents voted against selling or leasing Asheville's water, the fight for our water was over. The Asheville city ballot referendum was non-binding and was meant to let our legislators in Raleigh know our wishes. Unfortunately, the NCGA ignored those wishes.

Asheville's pristine mountain water

We are fortunate here in Asheville to be blessed with pristine mountain water from the Bee Tree and North Fork Reservoirs. In fact, Asheville is envied around the state for consistently superior, award-winning, water quality. Perhaps that's why the state wants to take control of the water away from the city.

How did the fighting start?

Of course, it's not that simple. Asheville's water has been a source of contention for more than 80 years. The conflict has always related to who gets to control it and how much different customers pay for water. In 1933 the state legislature passed the Sullivan Act, requiring the city of Asheville to charge customers outside the city the same water rates as those living in the city. To this day, every other municipality in the state of North Carolina can charge higher rates to residents who live outside a municipality. Only in Asheville, do city customers subsidize the cost of extending water distribution to homeowners and businesses beyond Asheville's city limits.

Asheville, Buncombe County and Henderson County are involved

This and other conflicts have caused tension between the city of Asheville, Buncombe County and Henderson County for many years. Henderson County challenged with needed repairs and upgrades for their water system, has seen Asheville's water and infrastructure as a potential solution. Henderson County long believed Asheville treated them badly after the 1990s purchase by Asheville of the Mills River land for a new water treatment plant. The history of these and other conflicts is long and convoluted. In 2013, Rob Neufeld with the Asheville Citizen-Times summarized the struggle in a Q&A format. For more details about the fight for control of Asheville's water see, "Q&A about Asheville water system and the current state initiative" (<http://thereadonwnc.ning.com/forum/topic/show?id=1972559%3ATopic%3A65208>)

The water legislation

In May of 2013, the NC General Assembly passed HB488, introduced by former Representative Tim Moffitt (R-116), and three other WNC legislators. The bill took control of the water away from Asheville and gave it to a 15-member (MSD) regional board of appointees with just three board members representing Asheville, where 60% of the water customers reside. Henderson County, with a much smaller number of customers would also have three seats on the board. The remaining seats would go to nine smaller communities, such as Black Mountain, Weaverville, etc

Why does Moffitt care?

Tim Moffitt said the bill was necessary to prevent Asheville from treating non-residents unfairly, though the 1933 Sullivan Act addressed that issue. Some have said Moffitt has held a grudge since a personal lawsuit against the city of Asheville ended badly many years ago.

The lawsuits

After the bill passed, the city was able to get a stay and sued the state. The Superior Court agreed with Asheville and ruled the law was unconstitutional. The state appealed that ruling and in October of 2015, a three-judge Court of Appeals panel ruled in favor of the state. The city appealed the new decision to the NC Supreme Court at a hearing in May of this year. The decision from the NC Supreme Court could come in September, or possibly later.

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The Fight for Control of Asheville’s Water It Isn’t Over Yet, con’t.

Why fight it?

Why is the city fighting so hard to keep the water? There are several reasons. Revenue from the system helps support other City departments, such as Legal, Accounting, IT, Human Resources, etc., that the Water Department needs and pays the City to provide. Losing that large paying customer would cost the city about \$2 million per year. From a 2013 city of Asheville budget report: “The City of Asheville conducted a financial analysis that shows consolidation under MSD will cost city taxpayers \$33 million over nine years while not providing significant cost savings to water rate payers.” (http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Portals/0/city-documents/budget/20130404_Ashville%20Water%20FAQs-4.pdf)

The bill to take control of the water provides no compensation for the city. The value of Asheville’s water system has been estimated to be between \$90 million and \$1.4 billion. If the state can take control of a municipality’s assets at will, there is no motivation for a city to invest in services or utilities for its residents.

Appointed board members would not be beholden to voters. Currently, if we are unhappy with our water service, we can vote out City Council. Wilmington’s water system was moved to a regional authority in 2008. Many customers saw their water rates double immediately. In early 2010 their sewer and water rates increased 25%. (<http://www.wilmingtonwater.org/News.html>)

The P(rivatization) word

Some legislators who voted to take control of Asheville’s water have voiced strong support for privatizing public utilities. While Asheville’s City Council would almost certainly never explore privatization, an unelected Board, with policies set by the state could. Private water companies serve their stockholders, not their water customers. It’s easy to find one horror story after another of privatized water.

Asheville has award-winning water

Tim Moffitt would tell you that Asheville has not managed the water system well. The city has an ongoing program to update the water lines while maintaining the water system. Despite the challenges of extreme water pressures from moving water up and down the mountains to residential and commercial customers, the city continues receive awards and high marks for service and water quality that are the envy of other municipalities in the state. (<http://coablog.ashevillenc.gov/2014/12/water-resources-department-brings-home-awards-for-excellence-heroism>)

What if Asheville loses? What if Asheville wins?

The City has not said what actions would be available should the NC Supreme Court rule against Asheville. It’s telling though, that Representative Chuck McGrady (R-Henderson) has said that if Asheville wins the lawsuit, he will continue to re-write the legislation until he has a bill that will take control of the water away from Asheville.



Library Update Fall 2016

By
Bil Stahl

The Library Advocacy Group has continued to work on a new East Asheville Library. We have begun using the slogan “After 52 years: The East Asheville Library is Overdue”. The group reached out to City and County leaders to ensure that the East Asheville Library remains on the list of county construction projects for the 2018 – 19 Fiscal Year. County Commissioner Brownie Newman recently reported that he has been working with the other county commissioners and the county staff to move the East Asheville Library forward, but has not garnered much interest so far. He did report that the library is still on the County’s construction project list for FY 2018 – 19 and the Library Manager verified this.

St. John’s Episcopal Church approached the group with a very generous proposal. They are hosting the silent auction fundraiser “Book it to Haw Creek” on Sept. 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. and want to donate a portion of the proceeds to support a new library. While it is too early to start fund raising for the new library itself, it was agreed that the St. John’s funds would be allocated for promoting the need for a new library, and, if permitted by the County, for a feasibility study to determine if the existing library could be reasonably renovated or if it would be more economical to build a new library. We have worked with the Library Manager to ensure funds raised can be put into a non-profit account earmarked for the East Asheville Library. A recently deceased local resident left his house to the East Asheville Library. The proceeds from the sale of the house will be put into this same account.

The advocacy group continues to work on trying to provide community center space for East Asheville. Sharing the East Asheville Community Center with LEAF has not worked well. LEAF is unwilling to relocate before their lease with the City is up in two and a half years. The City’s neighborhood liaison has worked to find meeting spaces for us when needed, but has not been successful in most cases. We continue to depend on our local churches for meeting space. There is usually a facilities rental charge required for large meetings.

The Friends of the East Asheville Library established a Program Committee. The first program featuring wildlife biologist Carlton Burke was held on Sept. 7th. It was a great success with over 110 people attending. The goal of the Program Committee is to offer four programs a year. If you have suggestions for programs or would like to join the Program Committee please contact Jeanie Martin at mt.to.sea@gmail.com or 828-505-1240.

A follow-up meeting to the library community-wide visioning held last year will be held at-Beverly Hills Baptist Church on October 20th at 7:00 P.M., located at 777 Tunnel Rd. The County has agreed to pay the church for hosting. We have invited and expect City and County elected officials and staff will attend. We will present a status report and there will be a Q & A session. With the fall county commission elections coming up, your presence at the meeting will really have an important impact.

While a new library is still a few years into the future, there is increasingly more work that needs to be done to keep the initiative moving forward. If you can help with this effort, please contact Jeanie Martin at mt.to.sea@gmail.com or 828-505-1240.

Fall and Winter Home Safety Tips

By

Kelley Klope, Asheville Fire Department

As we all prepare for the changing of the season, the Asheville Fire Department would like to send out some helpful fire safety reminders. 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 ultimate 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 is no frayed wires. Be sure to keep them 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.

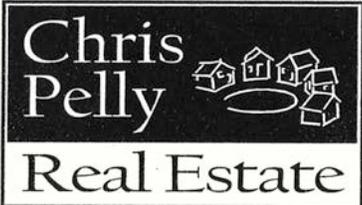
Holiday fire safety: November, December and January account for a larger percentage of residential structure fires than any other months in the year. Please be careful when cooking, keep kids and animals away from the stove/oven. Keep decorations away from open flames and keep exits clear of obstructions.

Smoke alarms: Having working smoke alarms in your home give 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 candleholders that are large enough to collect candle wax and are resistant to tipping over. Keep candles up and out of the reach of children.



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Tips on Protecting Your Home and Auto from Burglary

By
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Home Burglary Facts

Most home burglaries happen during the day.

Most home burglaries are young males looking for cash and items easily converted to cash.

Home burglaries are not truly random. They involve a selection process.

The process is easy. Choose an unoccupied home with easy access, lots of cover, and good escape routes. Then use household tools to gain entry.

What you can do to make your home less attractive to a burglar:

Doors:

Most burglars enter a home through a door, frequently the garage door or one in the back because cover is better in these locations.

Use solid wood or metal doors for all entry points. Ensure the hinge pins are on the inside, or use security hinges designed to prevent the removal of the pins.

Use a quality, heavy-duty deadbolt lock with a minimum one-inch throw bolt.

Use a quality, heavy-duty, key-in-the-knob lock set with a dead latch mechanism.

Use a heavy-duty lock strike plate mounted with screws at least three inches long.

Use a secondary blocking device on all sliding glass doors; keep the latch mechanism in good shape; use anti-lift devices such as locking pins; use highly visible alarm decals, if you have a system.

Windows:

Secure accessible windows with secondary locking devices.

Ensure that accessible windows, if they are left open slightly for ventilation, are blocked so they can't be opened.

Horizontal sliding windows should be secured like sliding doors.

Use alarm decals on accessible windows, if you have a system.

Shrubbery:

Keep shrubbery trimmed to allow an unobstructed view of all windows and doors.

Consider using low plantings under windows that discourage burglars, such as prickly holly bushes or hawthorn hedges.

Lighting:

Use light timers at all times to turn lights on and off. This avoids coming home to an empty, dark house. It also gives the house a "lived in" appearance. Leave the drapes or blinds closed, and make sure light is visible from the front and back.

Exterior lighting is important. It should be provided on all sides of the home. Control it with photocells or timers.

Provide lighting at all doors and along all pathways during hours of darkness.

Alarms:

Alarms have a deterrent value. Put the alarm company's signs on the lawn, windows, and doors.

Provide regular alarm testing and maintenance, if needed.

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Tips on Protecting Your Home and Auto from Burglary, cont.

Property Identification:

Photograph and record serial numbers for valuable items. (APD's Home Inventory List and Guide)
 Photocopy the contents of your wallet and/or purse.
 Store the copies in a safe place away from original documents.

DO NOT MAKE IT EASY TO BREAK INTO YOUR VEHICLE:

In 2014, 39,844 thefts from vehicles were reported in North Carolina
 Vehicle Break-ins are often a crime of opportunity

BASIC VEHICLE BREAK-IN PREVENTION TECHNIQUES:

Never leave your keys in your vehicle or in the ignition.
 Always lock your vehicle, even if it is parked in front of your house or in your garage.
 Make sure all the doors lock.
 Make sure the vehicle's windows are up.
 Park in areas where there is sufficient lighting to illuminate your vehicle, avoid parking in areas with minimal or no lighting.
 Avoid parking in isolated areas.
 Avoid parking near items easily thrown through windows.
 Avoid leaving items of value in the vehicle. Some of these items include change, cell phones, computers, Ipads, MP3 players, cameras, wallets, money on cup holder and purses.
 If you must leave valuable items in the vehicle, make sure to place them out of sight. (the trunk is the best place)
 If you see someone in the area looking into vehicles, or going from one vehicle to the next, contact the police
 Trust your instincts, if something does not feel right, park somewhere else.
 Be observant when exiting your vehicle.
 Make mental notes of people loitering in the area.
 If there are people loitering in the area that look like they are up to no good, contact the police.

Updates – Summer Picnic and National Night Out

Thank you to Okey Dokey of Swannanoa for the wonderful BBQ that we served this year. We had approximately 85 people enjoy the evening of food and conversation. A BIG thank you to Bouchon for donating beer and wine to our event. For all our vegetarians, we will be adding a vegetarian dish next year. Our oops, this is something we overlooked.

National Night Out was a huge success again this year. We saw 250 -300 people attend. We would like to thank Target for being our sponsor this year. They provided all the drinks and chips along with a monetary donation, which we used for games and raffle prizes for children.

We would like to thank Mayor Esther Manheimer and Chief Tammy Hooper for attending NNO. Also our Officer Ryan Justus, our Community Resource Officer. He tirelessly sought out donations for raffle prizes and food. Please visit hawcreeknc.wordpress.com for a complete list of donors.

See you next August for another successful NNO.

Haw Creek Commons Update

By
Karen Douchette, Community Pastor

Haw Creek Commons is continuing to unfold and take shape during the renovation period. In several ways we are finding opportunities to connect to the community and offer common space for many to enjoy. Here's what we've been up to and some ways to become involved this Fall.

Our community vegetable garden has been a delicious addition. Katey Rudd, garden developer, has created a lovely space for growing, teaching and inviting volunteers to take part in the process. The food has been shared with neighbors and visitors, also donated to Manna Food Bank. We welcome anyone who wants to come garden and learn, no experience is required and volunteers can take home harvest. We have a garden workday every Thursday evening from 5:30-7:30. Please contact Katey Rudd at 203-212-7985 or katey.rudd@gmail.com if interested, or just come on by!

In the back of the property, we have 4 beehives who have found a home in a safe location. Come visit and take a look at their hard work—it makes me feel lazy. We had our first honey harvest recently! Holly Roach is our Queen Bee Keeper who cares for the hives and she would love to share her knowledge and form a Haw Creek Bee Collective, open to any who wants to learn, help with bees, attend workshops, or start a hive of their own. There will be an initial interest meeting for bee keepers on Sunday, October 9 @ 4:30pm at Haw Creek Commons House (311 Old Haw Creek Road.) If you are interested please call or email Holly Roach at 505-554-7133 or hollyrsf@gmail.com. We would love to have you.

We spent much of the summer hosting various student and community groups, including a group from New England that came to the Asheville area for a sabbatical. In October we will host an Art Sabbatical with Gary Shockley, a fantastic North Carolina painter. We hope to get started again over the next month with a garden-based afterschool program for children, as well as host space for the Spanish Club from Haw Creek Elementary and/ or other clubs such as the Girl Scouts.

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Wednesday	11:00AM - 10:30PM
Thursday	11:00AM - 10:30PM
Friday	11:00AM - 12:00AM
Saturday	11:00AM - 12:00AM
Sunday	11:00AM - 10:00PM

Our menu is updated often to reflect what is new and fresh in the kitchen. Our focus as a small neighborhood restaurant is to have something on the menu that everyone will enjoy. Our cuisine pays homage to New Orleans, Italy and the American south while also utilizing our relationships that we have built up with local farmers over the years.

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Haw Creek Commons Update, cont.

The sanctuary and the entire church building is moving through the renovation process as one historical building code continues to lead to another. Soon enough, all the updates will be completed and decorating will begin to take place. We hope to have our co-working office space and commercial kitchen open in the New Year. Currently we have some limited co-working space available at the house adjacent to the church property and have one co-worker sharing the space, excluding our staff. We would love to hear from others about co-working with us now or in the up and coming space.

On Halloween night, we plan to have a bonfire next to the garden. COME BY TO TRICK OR TREAT, MAKE A S'MORE or have a cup of hot chocolate, feel free to BRING ALONG YOUR GUITAR or a blanket.

We are interested in hearing from our neighbor's topics of interest for the community to come together and learn about as well as provide classes that are hosted by community lead teachers. Please let us know if you would like to teach or facilitate a class. What are your interests?

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS. HAPPY FALL, AS WE ARE SO DELIGHTED TO BE APART OF THE COMMUNITY.

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OUR HOLIDAY PARTY RETURNS!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

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