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HCCA 2016

2016 saw HCCA hosting several very successful events, and we plan to bring them back in 2017. A big change for next year will be the annual meeting. The board voted to move the meeting to the first Tuesday in March. The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 6:00pm followed by our annual meeting at 7:00pm. Check out the 2017 event calendar in this newsletter.

Thank you to those in Haw Creek that participated in the Shoe Box for Seniors program through Meals on Wheels. We contributed 9 shoeboxes.

Save the Date!

**Potluck Supper and
Annual Mtg.
Tuesday, March 7**

Potluck supper
6:00pm; Annual
meeting 7:00pm, St.
John's Episcopal
Church, 290 Old
Haw Creek Rd.

**Spring Yard Sale
Saturday, May 6**

Set-up 8:00am; sale
begins 9:00am-noon;
Field behind St.
John's Episcopal
Church, 290 Old
Haw Creek Road

**Community Board
Meeting
Tuesday, June 6**

Board meeting will
begin at 7:00pm, St.
John's Episcopal
Church, 290 Old
Haw Creek Road.

Nature's Corner

Coyotes - Haw Creek Howlers

Jessie Wilder

(formerly Jeanie Martin and yep I've changed my name)

Haw Creek neighbors have been posting on social media that their cats have gone missing. Sightings of coyotes on New Haw Creek Rd. have been also been reported. There is a possibility that these occurrences are linked.

The population of coyotes in WNC has been in increasing since the 1980's. Native to the western U.S. plains, coyotes have been moving east for several reasons. First, people in our region have killed off their primary competitors, the red and gray wolves. Second,



their food sources have increased, as coyotes are not picky eaters. They will eat anything – road kill, blackberries, small rodents, garbage and yes, housecats and small dogs. They do not hunt in packs like

wolves and therefore cannot bring down large animals. Third, we have provided them with the semi-open landscape that they prefer.

Coyotes are tan in color and weigh between 20-40 lbs. Some people confuse them with foxes or dogs. One way to distinguish them is how they hold their tails when walking. Coyotes walk or run with their tails held down, where dogs hold them up and foxes hold theirs horizontally. The young are born in the spring and stay with their parents about one year. We hear them most often in the fall when the young are learning to howl. They can interbreed with dogs and produce a sterile, hybrid offspring.

Hunters have blamed coyotes on fewer deer and wild turkey sighting over the years but Wildlife Commission's district biologist Justin McVey has been quoted in the Smoky Mountain News as saying there appears to be no real correlation. Coyotes are unpopular but they may just be filling a vacant ecological role as a large predator. They are tough, adaptable and most likely here to stay.

So how do we in Haw Creek live with these new neighbors? The same way we should be living with bears. Tightly close garbage cans, don't leave pet food out overnight and don't trust that unwatched, small pets are safe even in a fenced yard. Cats should be kept indoors for their safety and the safety of our songbirds. If you see a coyote treat the animal the same way you would respond to other wildlife. They are generally very shy, secretive animals and avoid humans. Don't try to feed them or get close to take a picture. If you did feel threatened, spread your arms or jacket so you look bigger and shout. That will scare them away.

Amongst some native tribes, Coyote is referred to as the trickster and there are many tales about them. When we are being too serious about life, it is said that Coyote may appear to teach us to laugh at life's ironies and ourselves.

Join Nextdoor

We are urging everyone in Haw Creek to join the social networking site Nextdoor. Nextdoor will help make Haw Creek a more cohesive neighborhood.

What is Nextdoor? 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!

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Stay up to date with city and county agencies. APD, Buncombe Co. Sheriff's Dept. and AFD all post on Nextdoor regarding issues important to neighborhoods, be it crime, Amber alerts, no burning bans and more. They are unable to see posts other than what they post.
- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike

Nextdoor's mission is to provide a trusted platform where neighbors work together to build stronger, safer, happier communities, all over the world.

- For neighborhood barbecues. For multi-family garage sales. For trick-or-treating
- We're for sharing a common hedge and an awesome babysitter.
- We're for neighborhood watch. Emergency response. And for just keeping an eye out for a lost cat.
- We believe fences are sometimes necessary, but online privacy is always necessary.

Nextdoor's Privacy Policy

Fences are sometimes necessary. But online privacy is **always** necessary. Nextdoor makes it safe to share online the kinds of things you'd be okay sharing with your neighbors in person. Here's how:

- Every neighbor has to verify their address.
- Every neighbor signs in with their real name. Just like in person.
- Your website is protected by password and encrypted by HTTPS.
- We never share your info with advertisers.

Go to www.nextdoor.com and sign-up today.

East Asheville Library Report, December 2016

By
Bil Stahl

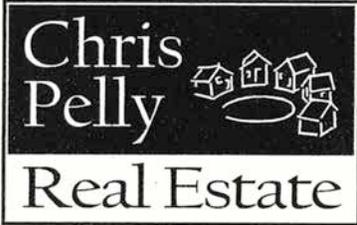
Your neighbors who have been actively advocating for an improved East Asheville library with a community center have formed an organization called Community Action for East or CAFÉ for short. If you would like to stay informed and help keep this process moving forward, please join the CAFÉ email list. Send an email to communityactionforeast@gmail.com and ask to be added to the mailing list.

About 60 East Asheville residents attended the Oct. 20th meeting where Community Action for East (CAFÉ) brought together City and County officials and candidates to discuss our library and community center needs. There was a very good dialog between residents and the candidates and officials. It was apparent that the candidates and officials understood our need for a modern library and community center. They agreed that the City and County will have to work together if the library/community center is to remain at its current location. They also agreed that we need determine whether it is feasible to renovate and enlarge the current facility or if a new location is warranted. We requested that the community be involved in the planning process. The County staff and the County Commissioner present assured us that we would have community representation. Our library remains on the FY 2018-19 county capital project budget.

Jasmine Beach-Ferrara is the Commissioner who now represents East Asheville. She was unable to attend the Oct. 20th meeting. However two CAFÉ members met with her later. She is very supportive of our need for a better library that also serves as a community center.

Two members of the CAFÉ Steering Committee recently met with the new County Commission Chair, Brownie Newman, to offer suggestions on the library/community center planning process. While it may seem that the 2018-19 fiscal year when the library will be funded is a long way off, it is actually not too early to begin the planning process.

If you are interested in helping to keep this process forward, there are openings on the CAFÉ Steering Committee. You are welcome to attend a Steering Committee meeting to see what we are working on. We will publicize the meeting dates, etc. on the communityactionforeast@gmail.com mailing list. We also need of people to attend County Commission and City Council meetings to keep our library/community needs before them. If you are interested in either the Steering Committee or volunteering in any other capacity, please let us know via the communityactionforeast email list.

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Community Policing in East Asheville

by
Linda Stanton

Much has been in the national news lately about the sometimes contentious relationship between citizens and the police sworn to protect them. While Asheville may be counted among the cities to have some experience with this problem, overall the Asheville Police Department (APD) does an admirable job of working with and communicating with the communities they serve. APD follows a “community policing” model based on building partnerships and working with community members one on one to engage in crime prevention and problem solving strategies.



There has been a trend nationwide toward more community-based policing programs for several decades. The premise is that when a concern arises or a crime is committed, there is already a relationship of trust and a line of communication in place with citizens. In contrast, “traditional” policing programs are based on the idea that the police force is there protecting law abiding citizens from criminals by responding to calls after a crime has been committed. To better understand the difference, compare these policing models to the health care system. Preventative healthcare focuses on staying healthy and preventing disease versus traditional healthcare with a focus on treating illness after it becomes a problem.

Most police departments generally have routine patrols of officers who work an assigned beat in vehicle or foot patrols. In addition, departments that follow a community policing model also have a Community Resource Officers (CRO) who serve specific districts of their community. The city of Asheville is currently divided into three such districts: Adam District for West Asheville, Baker District serving East and South, and Charlie District which covers North and Central.

Community Resource Officers serve as liaisons between communities and the police force. We have two CROs here in Baker District, which includes the Haw Creek neighborhood; Officer Ryan Justus and Officer Todd Brigman. During a recent meeting with Officer Justus, who grew up in East Asheville and “knows everybody,” he explained more about the CRO role. “Resource Officers are chosen for this position based on their past performance and go through an interview process. CROs have to have good communication and people skills, be friendly, flexible and the ability to function independently.” He continues, “We are accountable to the community as well as the police force every day.”

The Baker District CROs are based out of the Oakley Resource Center at 711 Fairview Rd in Asheville. Officer Justus focuses primarily on the East neighborhoods and Officer Brigman on the South, although they collaborate and cover for each other when needed. Their duties are varied and include providing education about crime prevention to schools and businesses and community organizations as well as becoming involved in community activities. One such activity is the National Night Out event which the Haw Creek Community Association hosts every August and is an opportunity for neighbors to get out and interact with each other and the public servants in their area. Officer Justus often attends Haw Creek Community Association (and other neighborhood association) board meetings and events to give and receive updates regarding current crime trends and prevention techniques. (cont. next page)

Community Policing in East Asheville, cont.

Our area of the city has experienced problems with speeding in neighborhoods, larceny and “grab and go” type thefts such as thieves opening unlocked car doors and grabbing whatever they can. Officer Justus offers the following crime prevention tips: Lock vehicle doors, don’t leave valuables visible in cars, keep a light on in the house when you are gone, install motion lights on your house, and clear shrubs that block views to entry points. The CROs also work with Crime Prevention Officer Keith McCulloch to assist businesses on loss prevention, giving guidance on matters such as locks and alarms, lighting, and sightlines to help reduce crime at business locations.

The Haw Creek Community Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Officers Justus and Brigman, Chief Tammy Hooper, and the whole APD staff who work so hard to keep us all safe! If you have questions or concerns about policing and crime in your area, please contact your Community Resource Officers or the Asheville Police Department.

Contact Baker District (East & South Asheville) Community Resource Officers at rjustus@ashevillenc.gov or tbrigman@ashevillenc.gov
The non-emergency line for Asheville police dispatch is 828-252-1110.
As always, dial 911 for any police, fire or medical emergency.

East Asheville Residents

Buncombe County invites you to a Public Meeting to discuss plans for the new East Asheville Branch Public Library.

7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2
Beverly Hills Baptist Church
777 Tunnel Rd

Meeting topic: Progress Update
County staff will be present to take suggestions and answer questions.

YMCA Mobile Kitchen

On the first and third Monday of each month the YMCA Mobile Kitchen will be at Mission My Care Plus Leicester, 711 New Leicester Highway from 5-7pm for a free produce distribution and cooking demo. If you know of someone within our Asheville community that can use this assistance, please let them know.

2017 Membership Dues

A friendly reminder that 2017 membership dues for the Haw Creek Community Association are due in January. These dues cover the calendar year and are only \$12 per household, which you will realize is a steal when you see what your Association is cooking up for next year. Membership dues account for almost all of our income and if we are to continue to send out printed newsletters and sponsor neighborhood events we need your help. If you can give more than \$12, your tax-deductible donation will be greatly appreciated.

You may pay by check or pay online at our website through PayPal (no PayPal account necessary - credit cards accepted) by clicking on the "donate" button on our membership page. Our website address is www.hawcreeknc.wordpress.com

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Spotlight on East Asheville Foreign Affairs Oriental Market

by
Linda Stanton



In a city of main streets lined with big name grocery stores there are still small ethnic food markets tucked away, you just have to know where to look. Luckily for East Asheville residents they don't need to look far to find a very special "specialty" store. Foreign Affairs Oriental Market is located at 611-A Tunnel Road in the same shopping center as Play It Again Sports. While technically any business with a Tunnel Rd. address could be considered "on the main drag", this shop is on the lower side at the end of the building giving it a "hidden jewel" sort of feel even before you walk in the door.

Stepping into the shop you feel transported into another world. The small space is filled floor to ceiling, side to side with a dizzying array of gift and food items from all over the orient including the Philippines, China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Korea, Laos and India. They even carry some popular specialty items from the Middle East, Africa and the Caribbean. Despite the small space and large inventory, the shop is neat and orderly, arranged into sections. Although not marked with signage, the sections become self-evident once you look around.

The careful product selection and arrangements are the brainchild of owner Sharon Domingo. Sharon owns the business and runs it with the help of husband Gilbert, sons CJ and Noel and daughters Angel and Chat. She is a NC native, having grown up in Transylvania County and met Gilbert who grew up in the Philippines, at a dance. After they married she tried to cook the way her husband liked and Gilbert would say that it just wasn't the way his Mother made something. The family had the opportunity to spend time in the Philippines and she finally learned traditional Filipino cooking from her mother in law. When they came back to the states she was disappointed that she couldn't find the ingredients she needed, which was a factor in starting the store.

Sharon prides herself on offering great quality, good customer service and education about ingredients and recipes. "Customers tell me that some markets can feel intimidating with so many unfamiliar products. We have many regulars who come in for specific items but we also love to work with new customers to find out what they want and help guide them toward ingredients that will work for them" she says. For example, someone will come in saying, "I want to make spring rolls but don't know what I need." She will give them a little info about spring rolls from different cultures, assure them the rolls are easy to make and can be customized to their taste. "Spring rolls generally have 2 veggies, 1 or 2 meats and 1 noodle or cabbage. I can talk them through the recipe and help them select the right ingredients and even make suggestions for dipping sauces or other items to go with them. We can also do special orders if a customer needs something we don't currently carry (cont. next page)."

Spotlight on East Asheville

Foreign Affairs Oriental Market, cont.

Some of the main sections in the store include dry goods, produce, frozen foods, spices, drinks, candies, snacks and desserts. There are also large displays of many types of rice, noodles and flours. The dry goods section has gifts, household items and some personal care products. There is pottery and tea sets, a large selection of incense, tinctures and balms such as the infamous Tiger Balm for sore muscles and Monkey Balm for dry skin and eczema. They even carry a hair dye popular with many oriental women (and men too), which Sharon swears covers all grey hairs! The staff can even recommend which incense is best for good fortune, purification and other blessings.

Dessert, candy and snack sections features many oriental classics such as ginger candies, canned fruit salad and table cream as well as high quality ice creams from Japan and the Philippines such as Mochi, green tea, coconut and red bean. Fresh produce is usually delivered on Sundays and varies with the season. You may find many oriental staples such as Chinese broccoli, bok choy, eggplant, fresh curry leaves, Chinese okra and bitter melon. There are also may prepared and frozen options for customers who want a taste of the orient without as much cooking. Whatever your oriental fancy, Sharon and her family can guide you in the right direction.



Sharon Domingo and her daughter Chat showing Walis Ting-Ting for sale. These handmade coconut tree brooms are great for getting leaves off a deck or for household chores. They are light and you don't have to hunch over to use them.

Stop by at the FOREIGN AFFAIRS ORIENTAL MARKET for a large variety of high quality ethnic products, expert advice on ingredients and authentic recipes, friendly conversation about food and any other topic that might come up. Come “play with the different flavors of the world.”

FOREIGN AFFAIRS ORIENTAL MARKET, 611 A Tunnel Rd. Asheville, (828) 299-0333

www.foreignaffairsorientalmarket.com

Hours: Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 7:00pm; Sunday 12:00pm to 5:00pm



2017 EVENT CALENDAR

- MARCH** **Tuesday, 7** – Pot Luck Supper, 6:00 pm, Annual Meeting, 7:00pm, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 290 Old Haw Creek Rd.
- MAY** **Saturday, 6** – Yard Sale, 8:00am set-up, sale 9:00am – noon; St. John’s Episcopal Church, 290 Old Haw Creek Rd. **
- JUNE** **Tuesday, 6** - Board meeting, 7:00 pm. open to the public, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 290 Old Haw Creek Rd.
- JULY** **Monday, 10** - Annual BBQ, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 290 Old Haw Creek Rd.
- AUGUST** **Tuesday, 1** - National Night Out, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Bullman Park
- SEPTEMBER** **Saturday, 9** – Ice Cream Social, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 290 Old Haw Creek Rd.
- DECEMBER** **Tuesday, 5** – Holiday Party, 6:00 – 8:00pm, St. John’s Episcopal Church, 290 Old Haw Creek Rd.

****Please note an error was made in the email. The Yard Sale is Saturday, May 6. Set-up 8:00am; sale 9:00am - noon**

