

April 2019 Newsletter

SHOULD HAW CREEK JOIN THE URBAN BEAR STUDY?

The HCCA has heard our neighbors' concerns about the increasing bear activity in the neighborhood. We are excited to share that Haw Creek has been invited to **participate in the second phase of the Urban/Suburban Black Bear Study**, a collaborative research project between NCSU and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Since 2014, the researchers have been live-trapping and GPS-radio-collaring resident black bears in Asheville to learn about urban black bear spatial ecology, movements, demography, and reproduction.

If Haw Creek residents decide to participate in the study, we will provide the researchers with live-trap sites. We will also voluntarily participate in [BearWise](#), a regional program that **promotes responsible co-habitation with black bears** through bear-proofing strategies. This project gives us an exciting opportunity to be directly involved in wildlife research efforts, and assist in providing science-based information to create informed and effective management plans for black bears in urban/suburban areas.

Please join the HCCA for a very important community meeting regarding our participation in the study:

Black Bear Study & BearWise Community Meeting
Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church Sanctuary

Researchers Jennifer Strules and Ashley Hobbes will help us understand what becoming BearWise-compliant entails and how individual households will participate. Participation in this study will require a high level of community cooperation, so this is our opportunity to learn more and ask questions before deciding to move forward.

Please make plans now to attend this important community meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE ON MAY 4



Our [neighborhood yard sale](#) is just a month away on Saturday, May 4! Email us today at info@lovehawcreek.com to add your address to the list of participants. If you're not able to set up at your house, St. John's Episcopal Church is opening their back field to neighbors for the sale (please bring your own table). Get ready for some serious bargain shopping!

BELL-BEVERLY SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

The bond-funded sidewalk planned along New Haw Creek Road between Bell and Beverly Roads is currently in the preliminary design phase. Project Manager Lora Sepion attended the HCCA's March membership meeting and gave our neighbors an update on the project. [Click here to view the preliminary design](#) of the sidewalk and to learn more about the next steps.

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Thank you to all our neighbors who took our community needs survey and participated in our Community Vision meeting in February. The HCCA Board is

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COMMUNITY CLEAN UP THIS SATURDAY

Join the HCCA for a neighborhood clean up this Saturday, April 6 beginning at 9:00 am at St. John's Episcopal. Click [here for more info](#).

EVERGREEN PLANT SALE APRIL 8-9

Evergreen Community Charter School is celebrating 20 years of appreciation and stewardship of our Earth. Alongside the variety of watershed projects that will be taking place across campus, they are holding their [yearly Plant Sale on April 8-9](#) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. This sale is open to the public; come on out to get your beautiful annual bedding plants, hanging baskets, ferns, and herbs!

ASHEVILLE NOISE ORDINANCE REVISIONS

As part of our work with the Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods (CAN) and the City of Asheville, the HCCA invites all our neighbors to participate in a [survey about your experience with noise in Asheville](#).

The results of the survey will be used as CAN and the City work to review and revise the City's noise ordinance.

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR



working hard to incorporate your ideas for our shared future into a revised [Plan on a Page](#). We look forward to sharing that with you soon along with some next steps. We are looking to have a community meeting about sidewalks and density in the near future, so stay tuned for details. As always, we would love to hear your ideas and concerns for our community. Email us at info@ilovehawcreek.com.



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ABOUT US

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