

Haw Creek

Community Association Newsletter

Thank you to Amy McCrea

Since 2007, the newsletter you are reading has been edited and produced by Haw Creek neighbor Amy McCrea. Sadly, the time has come for Amy to move on to new challenges. We are indebted to her for producing a professional quality newsletter which has been enormously well received in the community. We'll miss you Amy. Thank you.



Our new Haw Creek editor will be Jeanette Fortuna. She has been a Haw Creek neighbor since 1999. She is a retired member from the US Air Force and will be a great member to our new staff.

Huntington Chase Supports Haw Creek Community

A most neighborly thank you to the residents of the Huntington Chase subdivision. 100% of its homeowners have become dues-paying members of the Haw Creek Community Association.

Their support (and yours) allows us to continue to advocate for sidewalks and parks, and other amenities that help us maintain the quality of life in Haw Creek valley. For \$12 a year, you too can support our work.

NC Dept of Transportation Joins Sidewalk Effort

In an important statement of support, Jeff Moore, DOT District Engineer has outlined how his department intends to assist in improving pedestrian safety on the Tunnel Road corridor. Mr. Moore reports DOT will later this year build a sidewalk on Tunnel Road from Crockett Rd at the entrance to Redwood Forest subdivision, westward to the entrance to the Asheville Mall. Also at the Crockett intersection, DOT will install a pedestrian crossing to the Haw Creek side of the Hwy 70.

Once complete, DOT will also build sidewalks on the steep section of Tunnel Rd fronting on the Bell School property opposite the Sonic Drive-in. Also included in improvements will be a pedestrian crossing at Maple Springs and Tunnel Rd. Completion of both DOT projects is expected by the end of 2011.

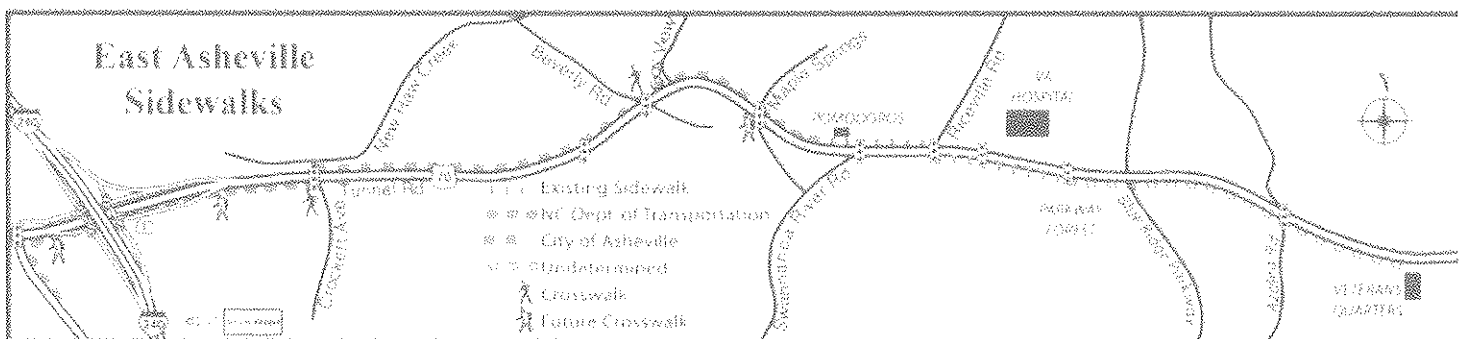
While the DOT is making these improvements, the City of Asheville has committed to building sidewalk on the dangerous and challenging curved section of Tunnel Rd between Grace Church east to Maple Springs Rd.

Taken together, these actions by the City of Asheville and NC Dept of Transportation, mean vital improvements in pedestrian safety on Tunnel Road, East Asheville's main thoroughfare.

by: Chris Pelly

NCDOT to be honored with 'Partner in Progress' award

In recognition of the NC Dept. of Transportation's leadership in addressing pedestrian safety concerns, our association will present on April 28th, 'Partner in Progress' award to NCDOT District Engineer Jeff Moore and Division Operating Engineer Kenneth Wilson. This award is in recognition of the Department's willingness to partner with the east Asheville community to solve pedestrian safety concerns. Please plan to join us in presenting this award at our association's general meeting on Thursday, April 28th at 7pm at St. John's Church, 290 Old Haw Creek Rd.



From the President of the Haw Creek Association

Dear Neighbors,

Good things continue to happen along the Tunnel Road corridor. We are pleased to report, joining the the City of Asheville in addressing our pedestrian needs, is the NC Dept. of Transportation. Having heard first-hand from residents about safety concerns, the DOT officials are rolling up their sleeves and helping create solutions.

Kudos to Jay Swain, Jeff Moore and Kenny Wilson for their commitment to ensure safe passage for pedesttians on Tunnel Road. First, the DOT put in the pedestrian crosswalk on Beverly Road. Now, they have committed to sidewalks in two important locations as well as other crosswalks (see map).

Please plan to join us in honoring DOT officials at our April 28th Association meeting. They are serving our community well, and for this, they deserve our recognition. Chris Pelly, President, Haw Creek Community Association

Need a sunny space for a garden? Community garden now forming in Haw Creek! Located on Swanger Rd. off New Haw Creek Rd. Individual plots available and community crops. Work day prepping beds on April 16 & 17th. Contact: tracyasheville@gmail.com

Spring has Sprung... Let's Celebrate

Evergreen Community Charter School is having a Spring Perennial Plant Sale on April 21, 22 and 23rd and having a annual yard sale on April 23rd.



Evergreen is also collecting aluminum cans to help raise money for a climbing wall for the kids. What a great way to recycle! Put your empty cans into a bag and bring them to the receptacle next to the dumpster.

Questions call: Robin at 298-2173 Thank you !

Masters Park Update

Many people have asked about the status of the Masters Park which has been planned on Maple Dr. Since our successful fundraising campaign of 2008 to acquire the 9-acre site, it seems like little progress has been made. **But it has!** No, the park is not yet open but, **yes** much of the behind-the-scenes progress has been made! Since our 2008, our successful campaign to preserve the land from development, the City of Asheville has completed a site design. The volunteers, with the Carolina Mountain Club, have helped with the trail development.

What's Next? Trail designer, Dwayne Stutzman, will be leading an on-site trail construction workshop for us. This is to complete the trail connecting Haw Creek valley the the Blue Ridge Parkway. We need 10 volunteers to help with this project. **If you have time, please volunteer! You will make a big difference for our community!** Deadline for volunteering for this great event is April 30th. If interested, or need some more information, contact Dick Meehan at 299-0442 or rbm2@att.net

Evergreen Students Test Haw Creek Water Quality

The community of Haw Creek is tied together by many threads but one of the most vital is our watershed. Everyone living in Haw Creek is a part of the watershed. Anything poured on the ground eventually ends up in Haw Creek. The water quality of Haw Creek indicates the health of the entire valley ecosystem. Low water quality means that the water which feeds our plants and fills our streams could damage the ecosystem and our children too. In January and February, the 7th & 8th grade students from Evergreen Charter School tested water quality at several locations in the Haw Creek watershed. The Good news is that the water quality of our watershed looks great! Thank you to Mr. Miles and to all your students!

The chart below shows the data gathered by our students for four locations .

	Unnamed Creek near Cisco Road	Haw Creek near Beverly Road	Haw Creek near Swanger Road	Unnamed Creek near Bell Road	Safe Levels
Turbidity	6.70 jtu	7.5 jtu	4.06 jtu	9.8 jtu	Varies
Phosphates	0.087 mg/l	0.1 mg/l	0.08 mg/l	0.03 mg/l	1-4
Nitrates	0.74 mg/l	1.27 mg/l	1.15 mg/l	0.88 mg/l	1-5
pH	6.5	7.1	6.9	6.5	5-9

2011 Meeting Schedule. Please join us ! Meet new friends and new neighbors !

Thurs Apr 28 7:00pm
St Johns Church

Thurs July 28 7:00 pm
HCCA Barbecue in Haw Creek Pard

St John's Church is on 290 Haw Creek Rd.

*Any of the above are subject to changes. Please check the website to confirm dates.

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If you are not already, please consider becoming a member of the Haw Creek Community association. Dues are \$12 a year and tax deductuctible.

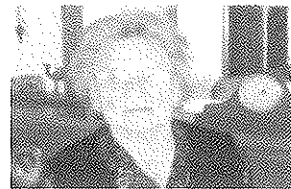
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Haw Creek Native

Interview with: Elizabeth Trantham

By Chris Pelly



Elizabeth March 20, 2011

Due to turn 94 years old in May, Elizabeth "Lib" Trantham, has led a life of service to others. Even now, most every day she can be found volunteering at the Swannanoa nursing home where her younger sister, Louise, is a resident. She said, "I believe service to others is what keeps me going, I like helping people". She said this with a warm smile.

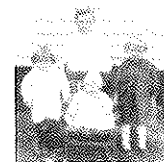
Shortly after graduating Haw Creek high School in 1934, Lib's first job was a sales girl in the Kress Department store earning \$1 a day. When she left the job in 1939, she was earning \$13 a week. About that time a friend introduced her to a handsome man in a military uniform. Later this man, Victor Trantham, visited her at the Kress store in civilian clothes. She asked him, "where's your uniform"? She recalled his words as if they were yesterday, "I got rid of it because I am going to marry you" Victor replied. Their marriage produced 2 children and lasted 61 yrs.



Lib's parents in front of Millers

Part of a family with deep roots in the Haw Creek community Lib recalls the time with her brother Hugh, while serving stateside in the Air Force in WW II, called one Sunday morning to say he'd be doing a Haw Creek flyover later that day. Sure enough that afternoon, with his head out of the cockpit window, Hugh waved down as his plane buzzed up valley floor. Days later Ed Harper, the Millers Store butcher, told of a customer complaining that someone was stealing corn from his field. Asked how he knew of the theft, the customer reported finding a pair of glasses hanging from the top of a cornstalk; the same glasses blown off brother Hugh's head during his famous flyover. Still in Lib's possession to this day, the glasses are a poignant reminder of the fun-loving brother who did not make it out of WWII alive.

Lib with her brothers and sisters, 1921.



Lib is still living in the Trinity Chapel area in the home that she and her husband built in 1944. She reflects on all the changes she has seen. "Haw Creek used to be a farming community and most everyone kept chickens, pigs and cows. Much of that has changed but not all change is bad. I love my new sidewalks and enjoy watching people using them", as she said with a smile.

Know a Haw Creek native with a story to tell? Call Chris Pelly at 231-3704

Tailgate Market Coming to East Asheville

Beginning Friday May 20th, Groce United Methodist Church will be hosting a tailgate market each Friday from 4-7pm until September 16th. Sponsored by the Riceville Tailgate Market, it will feature local produce, eggs, meat, herbs, flowers, baked goods, chocolate and crafts by local farmers and crafters.

The tailgate market is *also seeking veggie and fruit VENDORS*. If you have a backyard garden or farm in Haw Creek and are interested in selling at the market, please contact Erica Howe at flagshipgardens@gmail.com or (973) 943-8506

New Transit Routes for Haw Creek

The City of Asheville has developed a Transit Master Plan with the intent to improve service. This will include the relocation of many bus stops in Haw Creek and will occur during the spring.

***The proposed changes for the Haw Creek area will include;

- Transit service will be discontinued from Spruce Hill Apts. parking lot
- Service will be provided on Old Haw Creek Rd at Waters Rd. or Spruce Hill Lane.
- Service will be removed from Bethesda Rd and added to a portion of Bell Rd.
- For more information about the Transit Master Plan, visit www.ashevilletransit.com

Mountain Mobility also provides para-transit services for persons who have physical limitations. Riders have to be eligible. Please visit Buncombe County's webpage for further information or by phone at (828) 250-6750 extension #5.



School News and events:

The Haw Creek Elementary School

They will have an information night for upcoming kindergarten students which will take place on May 2nd from 5:30-6:30.

The Evergreen School Community is gearing up for spring with the "Earth Garden".

The gardens will be used for students as a learning tool for students. It will also be open to the Haw Creek Community to grow your own and get involved with the kids class projects. For more information call: Sarah Wishnick at 298-2173 X 234 or attend the next meeting on May 2nd at 1:45 in the science Lab at Evergreen.

The Charles C Bell Elementary School is also having Spring events.

- Spring Plant Sale will be on Thursday and Friday, May 5th & 6th from 12 to 6pm
- Kindergarten registration on May 2nd.
- Call: 298-3789 to make an appointment.
- Watch for our annual Fall Carnival to return next year.

Important Note: With the recent budget cuts, schools have been hit hard! Budgets for textbooks, technology, class supplies, and personnel have been eliminated or cut to the bone. Schools are looking to the community to help fill the gaps. There are many areas where community members can volunteer their time, expertise, and materials. Please contact one of our area schools to see how you can help.

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Next Meeting
Thurs, April 28th 7:00 pm
St John's Church
290 Old Haw Creek Rd

Another Thank you!

We would like to acknowledge Benson Metcalf who will help us with computer assistance. He works at AB Community College as a computer specialist and even has his own computer business. Thankfully, Benson is donating his time for our Newsletter.

Please recycle !

Our Community, as well as our world, has to be responsible for us and all our future generations. Asheville provides us with green and blue recycling bins and we should use them!
WHY NOT! Personally I went from a full garbage can to one bag a week.
Newspapers, tin cans, plastic containers and cardboard, are all recyclable. Please help our world and the kids of the future. More info call: 828 251-1122

Summary of upcoming Events:

- Meeting April 28th at St Johns on Old Haw Creek Rd
- Evergreen Plant sale April 21 through 23rd
-- Yard Sale will be on April 23rd
- Bell school: Registration for Kindergarten May 2nd
-- Spring plant sale May 5th & 6th, 12-6 pm
- Tailgate Market Market starting May 20th at Groce Church On Tunnel Rd 4-7 pm, every Friday.
- Haw Creek elementary school for kindergarten information will be on May 2nd, 5:30-6:30 pm.
- Need volunteers for Masters Park to help with the trail. What fun! Call Dick Meehan 299-0442/tbm2@att.net
- Check out the new transit bus routes