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NC Burn - OK
You must have a valid permit
which is good for 30 days.

https://www.ncforestservice. gov/burn_permits/burn_stan dard.asp

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The HOA Board had a community Zoom meeting on January 24th. Thank you to all who attended and shared feedback about neighborhood concerns. Most common issues were snow plowing delays and yards needing some cleaning up, trimming, etc.

We are planning a social zoom (no business, agenda or meeting) just getting to know your neighbors!

February 20th at 7 pm (eastern)
Join HERE that day

and a reminder email will be sent with link the day before

Snow, Snow and More Snow!

Some years we barely get a dusting of the pretty, white stuff but these year we got a bunch! Neighbors reported 10-12 inches and many of us were snowed in for a few days waiting for the plow trucks to make their way to Rambling Ridge. It's understandable that the plows need to attend to the interstate and city streets first, leaving us in the Secondary routes.

The DOT snow clearing policy/route in order is:

- 1. Interstate routes (I-26)
- 2. Primary routes (US25, NC225, etc.)
- 3. Secondary (main) routes (Kanuga Rd, Willow Rd, etc.)
- 4. Secondary (other) routes (Cantrell Loop, etc.)
- 5. Secondary (sub-divisions) (Rambling Ridge, Loggers Run, etc.)
- 6. Unpaved secondary routes

We heard from a few essential workers we have in our neighborhood expressing concerns to get plowed out sooner. Unfortunately, even if Rambling Ridge was clear, we still have to wait for the state to plow Cantrell, Willow, etc. The HOA contacted some plowing companies for quotes, which were quite costly for a neighborhood of our size. With a larger snow like we had this time, it would most likely be as much as 3K, and with memberships in our small neighborhood at \$60 a year, we couldn't afford it on a regular basis. We did explore another solution that may help next year. We have been in touch with a local guy who can be a state subcontractor for our area, which could help us get plowed faster next time! More on that once we get it confirmed.

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Request to join at https://www.facebook.com/groups/RamblingFriends

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday February 9th at 11:30 am A Day In the Country

130 Sugarloaf Road Hendersonville, NC 828-692-7914 RSVP to Linda Heller by **Feb. 7th** <u>Linda@Stampingschool.com</u>



Help! A Tree Has Fallen....

One question the board gets after a storm is who to call when a tree falls. It can be a 3 part answer if it fell in your property or fell on a road or if it is touching a power line.

The Fire Department & DOT both said if the tree has fallen on a state maintained road or involves a power line, call 911 directly. The Fire Dept will come assess the danger and help remove the tree IF it's not too large. If it is too large, DOT will take over if it is a state maintained road. If it is not a state maintained road, it falls on the tree owner to get it cleaned up although the fire department helped clear a tree just last year that fell on a non-state road.

If the tree has fallen on your house and power lines are involved, call 911. If you are in danger or trapped, call 911. If you and others are safe, call your insurance company first for the next steps for tree removal. There are many great tree services in town. Our HOA uses Greens Tree Service for Chipper Day. Here is their website nickgreenestreeservice.com

Good neighbors make GREAT neighborhoods

Here are a few things we can all do to be a good neighbor and add value to our neighborhood!

Bring trash cans back to their hiding place after trash pick up

- Clean up after walking dogs, even if it's on the side of the road
- Give your mailbox a cleaning and ensure the numbers are visible
 - Pick up litter, empty plant containers, and yard debris
 - Ask your neighbors if someone needs a helping hand!

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Rambling Photography

This photo was taken by RR neighbor, Kris Frey. She caught this beauty before the leaves left us and snow arrived. We do love our mountains!

If you have a wildlife or nature photo you would like to have in an upcoming newsletter, we would love to see it!

Email it to Ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com



Around Town

If you are driving on 64 past the Oakdale Cemetery, you may have seen her standing tall against the skyline. Wolfe's Angel is an angel statue carved from Italian marble, which holds a lily in her hand. Author Thomas Wolfe's first novel was "Look Homeward, Angel". In his book, there are mentions of an angel statue, which is referring to her. It is said that Thomas Wolfe's father, W.O. Wolfe, sold the statue to the Johnson family to mark the family plot in Oakdale Cemetery. There is a protective wrought iron fence and there is a historical marker located on the highway, which brings visitors throughout the year to view her.



HOA Membership

We are in a new fiscal year, Oct 2021-Oct 2022 and would love your support!

Please send a \$60 check to Phil Donofrio, 200 Whispering Stream Trail, Hendersonville, NC 28739. You can now also pay with PayPal or Venmo!

Click here for easy pay online, details and links!

Do you have new neighbors?

Please contact Cathy Shanks so we can get them welcome packet! csterp5@gmail.com