

# THE RIDGE RAMBLER



**NC Burn Ban in effect**

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**The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Homeowners Association**

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Hello Neighbors! With the Pisgah Forest fire activity this week, it's a good time to refresh our fire prevention knowledge. (see update <https://www.facebook.com/nfsnc/> or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc>)

## **7 Easy Steps to protect your home from wildfires**

Article in part from <https://www.resistwildfirenc.org/homeowners.htm>

- 1. Clear:** Clear off pine needles, dead leaves, and anything else that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios, and along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.
- 2. Store Away:** Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants, and other decorations from doors, decks, porches, and patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.
- 3. Screen & Seal:** Wind-blown embers can get into homes easily through vents and other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.
- 4. Rake:** Embers that land in mulch that touches your house, deck, or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least 5 feet away.
- 5. Trim:** Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to your house, in addition to any overhanging branches.
- 6. Remove:** Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles, and boats – anything that can act as a large source of fuel.
- 7. Close:** If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows and doors are closed tightly and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.

## **Firewise and Safety Committee Volunteers Needed!**

Looking for neighbors who would like to help with brainstorming issues and possibly recertifying the Firewise Program and Neighborhood Watch. Contact [ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com](mailto:ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com) if you would be interested.

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## Speaking of Cleaning Up....

Volunteers have begun the street and sign cleaning! Years of mildew, algae and dirt are being scrubbed off and it sure looks nice! If you see one of your neighbors out in orange vests, give them a honk, a cheer or a high five! It make take through the end of May to get to them all.

How can you help? Keep the sign near your home clean as well as giving your mailboxes a good wash!



## Ladies Lunch Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month)

**Wednesday May 11th at NOON**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Hole Eatery in Cummings Cove**  
925 Lakeledge Ct, Hendersonville, NC 28739  
[Click HERE to view Menu](#)

RSVP to Linda Heller by May 9th  
[Linda@Stampingschool.com](mailto:Linda@Stampingschool.com)



## Rambling Rowdies Guys Night Out (aka Pizza Night)

**Wednesday May 4th at 6 pm**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Hole Eatery in Cummings Cove**  
925 Lakeledge Ct, Hendersonville, NC  
28739  
[Click HERE to view Menu](#)  
rsvp to [mattheller2668@gmail.com](mailto:mattheller2668@gmail.com)



## Do you have new neighbors?

Please contact Cathy Shanks so we can get them welcome packet!  
[csterp5@gmail.com](mailto:csterp5@gmail.com)



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**It's bear cub season!** We are hearing reports of bear sightings on Loggers Run, Rambling Drive and Grey Fox, who had a big adult on her porch last week! No cubs reported yet but last year we saw 4 in April!

- Bears love smelly garbage! Save stinky scraps or trash in the freezer until trash day. It's best not to put out the trash cans the night before! Bungee cord your lid or use a bear proof trash can.
- Bears LOVE bird seed and hummingbird nectar! The photo bottom left was taken by Cindy Lutz in our neighborhood and was loving the sweet snack! If your feeders are on posts near the ground, or easily accessible with stairs, you may need to bring them in at night.
- Don't leave food in your screened porch area! A few year's back a neighbor left a bag of birdseed inside and while she was out, a bear tore through the screen to get to it - what a mess!
- Clean and store your grill! Bears are drawn to the grease, drip tray and the smell of a good steak.
- If you feed pets outdoors, bring the dish in when they are done. Bears will eat cat/dog food!



Photo by neighbor Stefan Jagoe March 2018

Most often, bears are more afraid of humans and avoid us. If you do see bear cubs, get out of the area immediately as mama bears can be very protective. She will usually send them up a tree and stay on the ground to defend them.

Never run away from a black bear—back away slowly and get in a car or house. If you are cornered, throw rocks, make a lot of noise, Playing dead is not appropriate with a Black Bear!

Mama Bears can leave their cubs alone for a few hours to forage for food. If you suspect a cub has been orphaned, call the **NC Wildlife Helpline** at **866-318-2401**

Thank you to all who donated items and shopped at the community yard/garage sale last weekend!

It was a huge success that raised \$1000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County!

Thank you to the Rambling Ridge Apple Tart Queens who worked the sale and presented the check this week!



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## SPRING CHIPPER DAY WILL BE MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>!

### For those of you new to Chipper Day...

It is an annual Rambling Ridge event to clean up excess brush and limbs to keep our neighborhood safe from fires and looking nice. The tips of a tree's branches should be at least six feet from your roof in case of high wind, fire or animals using it like a highway to your home. Spring is a great time to trim those up as well as all the branches that fell during the fall and winter.

The RR HOA has contracted with a local landscape company to be in the subdivision on **Saturday, May 14.**

Chipper Day service is **FREE** to current paid members of the HOA!

Non-members may participate for \$75 or why not just join the HOA for \$60, get the service free and help with our community expenses for electric and landscaping. For information on joining the HOA or paying dues, click [here](#).

### CHIPPER DAY GUIDELINES

- Brush piles can be no larger than what you can put in the back of a pickup truck (roughly 8 feet long by 6 feet wide). The crews will not take anything larger.
  - Brush will need to be out by the road (not IN the road) by Friday May 13<sup>TH</sup>.
  - Brush and branches can be no larger than 6" in diameter.
  - **Absolutely NO** construction debris, **vines**, finished lumber, bamboo, stumps, potted plants, flower bushes or stems/plants with **thorns**. This is for the protection of the workers as well as the equipment.
- \*\*\*If you have a substantial amount of brush you can contract separately with the company. Greens Tree Service [\(828\) 693-5489](tel:8286935489)

Please indicate your intention to participate by contacting us [ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com](mailto:ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com) with your name and address by **May 8, 2021** so we can add you to the pick up list.

For more resources go to [www.ramblingridge.com](http://www.ramblingridge.com)