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Happy December, Neighbors!

Most of our trees are bare, the heavier coats and boots are out as well as the holiday lights!

Even throughout Rambling Ridge you can find some beautifully decorated homes.

If part of your holiday tradition is to drive around looking at the lights, you can drive around Henderson County and even vote on your favorites! There is an interactive online Google Map with locations <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. A printable PDF map can be found <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. Printed copies of maps are also available at the Hendersonville Welcome Center. Online voting open December 5th-16th can be found <a href="HERE">HERE</a>.



Photo by visithendersonvillenc.org

To see all of December Events in Hendersonville, visit https://visithendersonvillenc.org/home-for-the-holidays

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December Ladies Lunch Bunch will be at the lovely Seasons Highland Lake!

December 14th at 11:30 am

86 Lily Pad Ln, Flat Rock, NC 28731

See the current lunch menu HERE

Dress for the holidays!

We will also be having an ornament exchange for those that would like to participate.

Bring one ornament, unwrapped!

RSVP by Dec 9th to the HOA secretary via email at Linda@stampingschool.com



## **Guys Night Out**

this month will be at Blue Ridge Pizza!

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 pm 6336 Brevard Rd, Etowah, NC 28729

Please RSVP to Crispy Frey (<a href="mailto:crispy275@gmail.com">crispy275@gmail.com</a>) by Wednesday at noon if you can make it.



Dining In! Get to know your neighbors in a smaller setting.

If you would like to participate for our next 3 month schedule, January – March, contact our coordinator,

Cathy Shanks

csterp5@gmail.com or (252) 236-7671



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# Your Rambling Ridge Firewise Committee

is working on putting details to our Action Plan for evacuation routes, signage and communication during emergencies. Our main goal is the safety of our residents and neighborhood. You should expect to see several announcements over the next couple of months.

We performed six more home/property assessments and have now done twenty-two assessments! We want to continue to do more to improve our fire safety ratings. Here are some comments from those that have participated:

"this is a great program"

"quite helpful"

"very straight forward"

" being safe in the forest is definitely doable,
we are pleased with the changes we are making"

Please contact me to schedule yours!

Kenny Perry, Firewise Coordinator <a href="mailto:kpfasure@msn.com">kpfasure@msn.com</a>

### RAMBLING RIDGE CARE BEARS

The Care Bears helped one of our homeowners with some security upgrades, trimmed the tree canopies in the subdivision entrance, rides, grocery store runs and various little jobs!

If you would like to be on the volunteer list OR are in need of help, please get in touch ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com



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Did you know you can plant your live Christmas trees in your landscape?

It is a bit of work, diligence and care but it's possible!

If you think you may be planting your tree, keep indoors no more than 14 days if possible.

Consider using LED lights to reduce heat on the tree. Also good advice is to Pre-Dig your hole BEFORE Christmas before the grown is frozen.

White Pine and Norway Spruce are reported to do well There is an in-depth article here:

https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/selection-and-care-of-living-christmas-trees and a video <u>HERE</u>

If you have had success planting a cut tree here in NC, we'd love to hear!



December is a great time to remove old shrubs, undesirable trees and fallen limbs while the leaves are gone!

# Just a reminder...

If you have paid your annual dues, thank you! If you haven't yet and would like to, you can pay online or send a check to our treasurer.

You can find all that info HERE

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For the first time ever, Hendersonville had an evening Christmas parade!

Over 100 floats with lights and our own Rambling Ridge Apple Tart Queens were dancing on their float, too! Many businesses were open on Main street and reported increased revenue and excitement.

If you missed seeing the parade in person, it was filmed and will be broadcast on My40 on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8-9 a.m!



The Apple Tart Queens volunteer and organize charity events for the Boys & Girls Club in Hendersonville.

This holiday season they are organizing a Toy Drive for the kids. The Queens will be driving around Rambling Ridge picking up new, unused, unwrapped toys on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3PM.

Toys can be for ages 5-8 and will be delivered to the club on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Even a small toy can make a big difference in a kid's life!

Contact Judi Donofrio for more information 630-335-0001