

THE RIDGE RAMBLER



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The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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Hello, Neighbors!

Google says the summer begins on June 23rd but it feels like it's here already! The flowers are abloom, especially at our entrance!



A very special thank you to Susie Perry and Gladys DeBruyne who volunteered hours to plant all the pretty flowers!

Also a big thank you to those who pay the annual \$60 dues. Without you we couldn't pay for the flowers, supplies, water, electric and mowing that keeps our front entrance looking so nice!

You may also have noticed the fallen limbs clean-up all along Rambling Drive. The Firewise team, volunteers and those that helped to haul it all away deserve a BIG high five! It looks fantastic!



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RAMBLING ROWDIES GUYS NIGHT OUT

is the first Wednesday of each month!

June 7th at 6:30 pm at
Blue Ridge Pizza in Etowah

Contact Matt to rsvp
mattheller2668@gmail.com

June Ladies Lunch Bunch will be at
West First Wood Fired in Hendersonville

Wednesday, June 12th at 11:30 am
101B 1st Avenue, Hendersonville NC 28792

PARKING lot for West First customers is located
on the corner of **1st Avenue West** and Church
Street (lot of Coopers Automotive Detailing Lot)

Restaurant Phone: 828.693.1080
Menu: [see lunch menu here](#)

If we are 12 or less attending, we will
be downstairs. If we are more than 12, we will be
upstairs.



RSVP by June 10th to the HOA secretary
via email at Linda@stampingschool.com

RAMBLING DRIVE TO BE RESURFACED NEXT WEEK!

DOT reports that the road repair
patching is complete and the contract
crew will begin resurfacing next week.

Rambling Drive is the only road
receiving the asphalt application
this year. Expect traffic delays!
We will keep you updated as DOT
updates us on the schedule.

Meeting Notice

The Rambling Ridge Board of
Directors will be meeting in person on
June 15th at 10 am.

If you have an item you would like the
board to discuss, please send an
email to ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com

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Photo/video capture by Stefan Jagoe

Rambling Ridge has had several bear and cub sightings already this spring. At least 3 cubs were spotted over on Deer Run and Rambling Trail last week! While they are super cute to see, we have also received several reports this past week of knocked over bird feeders, stolen corn cobs and garbage cans dragged into the woods.

We love feeding the birds, it's a joy to see them!

However, most birds do not need our help in the summer, according to the Audubon Society. We could hold off on bird feeding during cub season when bears are out so often. Another option is a water feature like a bird bath or nesting boxes.

- Bird feeders can contain feces and mold which can cause serious infections in bears and cubs.
- Bears wandering around a neighborhood (instead of naturally feeding in the woods) are more likely to be hit by cars.
- Bird seed is easy pickings for lazy bears but not the best diet for cubs who need more nutrition.

By inadvertently feeding the bears, they can get used to humans, to our pets, to cars on the road and could lead to them being euthanized if there is a surprise encounter that harms someone.

Here are a few suggestions to help deter bears from roaming around your yard:

1. Yes take your feeders in at night. Even the hummingbird nectar is a treat for bears.
2. Keep the cat food off the porch unless the cats are there to eat it. Don't leave it out unattended.
3. After grilling, burn off and clean grates well. Remove drip pans each time.
4. Put your trash can out in the morning or pick up – not the night before.
5. Keep your garage doors closed, especially if you store pet food or have an outdoor fridge/freezer.
6. Bears dislike the smell of pine based cleaners. They love the smell of coffee grounds!
According to [this article](#) from Wild Birds, animals dislike hot peppers while birds do not mind it. Adding hot pepper seeds to your seed might deter the bears, squirrels and mice.
7. Keep your feeders at least 10 feet high. We don't all have the space for an overhead pulley system for feeders, but if you do, this set up would deter bears. To see how to add one, see the instructions [HERE](#)

"Bears have adapted to living near people; now, we must adapt to living near bears" - ncwf.org/blog/black-bear



The Farmers Markets are open for the season!

The NC Cooperative Extension has a directory of our county markets to visit!
<https://henderson.ces.ncsu.edu/henderson-county-farmers-markets/>

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Neighbor **Spotlight:** Meet the Brodericks!



Jim & Glenna Broderick

How long have you lived here in RR and where did you come from originally?

We have lived in Rambling Ridge for 14 years and married for 52 years. We lived in Waldorf, Maryland for 38 years. Jim retired from the Architect of the Capitol and I retired from the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. We always knew we were going to move to NC or TN when we retired. We started exploring different areas about 10 years before we retired. We bought land in a small town in Tennessee but soon realized this was not going to work. Jim would have to travel a distance to play golf and we would need more medical facilities as we got older. We looked in the eastern side of NC but decided that wasn't going to work. We looked in the Boone/Blowing Rock area, but decided the winters were too harsh. We had been to the Hendersonville area a few years before so we started exploring areas from Maggie Valley to Black Mountain. It seemed like we always came back to the Hendersonville area. When we saw our house here, we knew it was the one!

Do you have a favorite restaurant here?

Our favorite restaurant is Hubba Bubba Smokehouse. Their menu provides options from ribs, juicy pulled pork or beef. We believe they are masters of the art of slow-cooked perfection.

What do you like to do in your free time?

We have volunteered at the Hospice Home Store in downtown Hendersonville for over 10 years and Glenna served on the RR board for 6 years. We also enjoy looking for new waterfalls to explore and embracing the beauty of nature that surrounds us. We also enjoy trying out new restaurants. Jim loves taking photos, printing and sharing them with friends and family. He also enjoys gardening and golfing. Glenna enjoys baking and trying new ice cream places! When she is not doing that, she can be found flower gardening, reading, and spending time with loved ones.

What is your favorite season in NC?

We both enjoy North Carolina in the spring. This spring was one of the best ones we have enjoyed since we moved here. The dogwoods and early flowers were just beautiful.

What do you love most about RR?

We feel incredibly blessed to call RR our home with the many friends we have made! We believe that a strong community is built on relationships and support, and we are honored to be a part of such a vibrant and caring neighborhood. We also enjoy the extraordinary views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.