

THE RIDGE RAMBLER



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The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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Hello, Neighbors!

August did not arrive quietly this year. Severe thunderstorms and forceful winds knocked down branches and trees all over Rambling Ridge!



A neighbor's car was covered by a fallen tree and thankfully no one was injured. A big thanks to neighbors with chainsaws in hand to help uncover the vehicle so the insurance company could assess.

Another tree fell on Deer Run and nearby neighbors rushed over to get it off the road and help cut it up. Thank you to all who helped!



August 7th is National Purple Heart Day

We will fly the flag at our entrance in honor of the men and women who bravely represented their country and were wounded or killed while serving.

We know of one Rambling Ridge neighbor who was a recipient of a Purple Heart,

Roger Mackintosh. He served in Vietnam from 1969-1971. Lt. Mackintosh was serving as an infantry platoon leader with the Army when seriously wounded in Da Nang on Feb 15th 1971, spending 9 months in a hospital and a month to get back home.

We are grateful for your service!

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Meeting Notice

Rambling Ridge Fall Community Meeting will be October 14th from 1 pm – 2 pm. Come an hour early for a pot luck lunch from noon – 1 pm! If you have an item you would like the board to discuss, please send an email to ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com

Our next **Ladies Lunch Bunch** will be at
P.F. Changs
Wednesday, Aug 9th at 11:30 am
RSVP by August 7th to the HOA
secretary via email
at Linda@stampingschool.com

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Rambling Drive Resurfacing Update

The board received feedback from neighbors about the recent road resurfacing. Comments included questionable quality with all the rain that month as well as less longevity over snow seasons. The DOT has inspected and concluded it is up to standard and acceptable. If it does deteriorate faster than expected, we will address that with DOT at that time.



THANK YOU, CARE BEARS!



If you see this little guy out and about, wave hello! You never know when you need an extra hand, a ride, or small tasks. Kenny Perry is our Care Bear coordinator and can be reached at 248-408-7379 or on email

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GOING **NATIVE** Part II

Last month we shared a few reasons for adding native plants to our landscapes. Less invasive, attracts birds & pollinators and improves soil quality. We are all learning how to improve our little ecosystem here!

We asked Annie Higgins from Bullington Gardens for a few benefits:

“Once established, native plants tend to be more resilient, needing minimal intervention and reducing the need for ongoing maintenance efforts. This can save both time and money in terms of landscaping maintenance and irrigation costs.” Annie also added “Low Maintenance and Cost-Effective: Native plants are often better suited to the local conditions and require less maintenance compared to exotic or non-native species. Since they are adapted to the local climate, they typically require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.”

If you want to learn more, a useful resource for native planting can be found on the NC Extension website [HERE](#)

As a Conservation Biologist, having been in my profession for well over 40 years, I have worked with plants, animals, and habitats from the deserts of the American West, throughout the coastal US and Caribbean and right here in Henderson County. Over the past ten years, and near the end of my career and life, I have developed a deepening fascination with those plants and animals living closely around me. Essentially we share the same space and live in the same place.

-Tom Baugh, Hidden Springs

I asked our VP and gardener, Darrell Burnett, what 3 native plants might be easy to start with.



For shady areas, he likes a Christmas fern. Great for erosion control, it doesn't spread like other ferns and the deer do not like them! Under 2 ft high when mature.

For sunny spots, Darrell recommended Black Eyed Susan and purple coneflowers, which is also known as Echinacea! Coneflowers are drought tolerant, doesn't mind clay or rocky soil, great pollinators and are available in several colors.

Coneflowers grow 1.5-3 ft tall. The flowers bloom from June til Aug/Sept. In the fall, the petals drop but the cone remains with seeds that birds love!



If you have coneflowers and didn't know how to deadhead them, this is a great video you can see here <https://youtu.be/VtNYlviBcn0>



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Neighbor **Spotlight:** Meet the Hoopers!



Paul & Kim Hooper

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

Kim: Our daughter Kira found this home on Zillow. It was in the afternoon when it popped up. The next morning, we had a virtual tour and decided to put an offer in on the house. It closed on February 1st 2021. I went back and forth from California until July of that year when I moved here permanently. Paul moved out in October after staying to close out our other home.

What did you want to be when you grew up and did it turn out that way?

Kim: I'm a teacher but it was not even on my radar. My dad was the first one to suggest that I become a teacher and I thought he was crazy. After our first daughter was born, I decided that my dad might be right. When I was growing up I wanted to become a flight attendant.

Paul: I wanted to become a pilot, I was and still am fascinated with aircraft but did not have the adequate eyesight nor the necessary math skills. I decided a career in government and ultimately became a Code Enforcement Officer for 24 years before retiring this past year.

Do you have a favorite restaurant here?

We love Mexican food. North Carolina and California Mexican food are not the same. The best Mexican food we have found is actually from a local food truck in Etowah. It is across the street from Salty Landing.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Kim: In my free time, I enjoy spending my time with the family. One of the main reasons we moved to North Carolina was our family. Our oldest child was making us grandparents. He is such a joy in our lives. Paul loves cars and motorcycles as well as spending time with the grandson. He also volunteers on our RR board.

What do you love most about RR?

The people. I have never lived in a neighborhood where the neighbors are so close and tight knit. We have made some very close friends since being here. It is great!!

You can frequently find Paul & Kim walking around Rambling Drive with their 8 year old German Shepherd, Katana along with their newly rescued pup from Korea, Blaze.

Stop and say hello!