

THE RIDGE RAMBLER



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The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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Hello, Neighbors!

Fall Homeowner's Meeting



**Rambling Ridge Fall Community Meeting
will be October 14th from 1 pm – 2 pm.
Big Willow Community Bldg.**

Come at NOON for a pot luck lunch
to socialize and have a meal together before the meeting
begins at 1 pm.

ALL are welcome! You do not need to be an HOA member to
attend. (You do need to be an HOA member to vote on any
new business.)

Annual Dues will be gratefully accepted at the meeting ☺

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

We hope to see you ALL there!

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Your junk, someone's treasure!

The Rambling Ridge HOA will be hosting and organizing, putting up signage, publicizing the sale on Facebook and in local ads.

To reserve your table to peddle your wares, email ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com
Each person selling must man their own table, money, set up and clean up.

October 28th 8 am – 3 pm
Big Willow Community Building 6930 Willow Rd

Ladies Lunch Bunch
Sept 13th at 11:30
at The LOFT

111 Joel Wright Dr,
Hendersonville, NC
RSVP by Sept 11th to

Linda Heller

Linda@stampingschool.com



**RAMBLING ROWDIES GUYS
NIGHT OUT**

Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6:30 pm
Address: 336 Banner Farm Rd,
Mills River

Menu: millsriverbrewingco.com

Phone: (828) 483-0480

RSVP to Chris frey

crispy275@gmail.com



**Our Rambling Readers Little
Library** needs more books!

We have all ages use the library so
please be mindful of content.



*Thank you, Amy Ross, for being our
volunteer Library Caretaker!*

Meeting Notice

The RR Board of Directors
will be meeting on Monday,
Oct 9th at 10 am to prepare
for the Fall meeting.
If you have an item needing
to be discussed,
please email us.

Our RR Care Bears have been
busy! All sorts of odd jobs,
trimming branches, mending
things.....Thanks to all your efforts
helping our community!

The Care Bears also received their
first cash donation from Jack
Rodriguez, a neighbor who
needed a little driveway repair!



A few of the Care Bears cooling off

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Tour of Bullington Gardens

by Susie Perry

If you enjoy learning about nature, native plants species or even walking through a fairy garden, take a trip to Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville!



I had a pleasant visit there recently, walking through their whimsical Fairy Garden, with several neighbors on our RR Beautification Team. We really enjoyed the experience, touring several trails and learning about native plantings that would thrive in our neighborhood.

I had previously attended their spring sale and was very impressed with the different selections of plants and many I had not seen before. The vendors are knowledgeable and can help you select items for your specific landscaping. They also have reasonably priced monthly courses and events from June – December covering everything from planting tips to floral design crafts! Here is the link for the class schedule:

<https://www.bullingtongardens.org/eventsandclasses>

I was particularly touched at the programs they offer, including a Horticultural Therapy program for special needs children and adults. Here is the link to read about the programs: <https://www.bullingtongardens.org/our-programs>

Bullington is having their fall plant sale on Sept 8-9 and will be worth a visit! (See flyer on next column)

<https://www.bullingtongardens.org/gardens-facilities>

A GARDEN WITH HEART

Bullington Gardens

Fall

PLANT SALE

SHOP OUR LAST PLANT SALE OF THE YEAR.
STOCK UP ON PERENNIALS, SHRUBS, TREES
AND SO MUCH MORE!

SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2023

9AM-4PM

95 UPPER RED OAK TRAIL
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792
828-698-6104
BULLINGTONGARDENS.ORG



SEEING DEAD BUSHES ?

We sent an email to residents about the brown vegetation around our neighborhood caused by Duke Power, which has now caused a fire hazard.

The HOA has been talking to Duke and the forestry service to see what can be done, now and in the future.

If you would like to submit your feedback to Duke to request trimming vs spraying, please email them via the form link and collectively we are hoping to make a difference!



<https://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/email-us>

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Rambling Ridge Kitten Update!

Some of you may remember our little surge of tiny kittens that emerged from our woods in RR a few months ago. Mama was a 6 month old gray/white cat with at least 6-7 kittens and she moved them around the neighborhood often to keep them safe. Concerned neighbors pulled together, from Rambling Drive to Ramblewood, to catch them and eventually fostering/socializing the kittens! In a generous turnout, RR neighbors donated \$600, enough to vaccinate & spay/neuter 5 kittens and mama! I've been asked to post an update so here it is!



Waffles & Biscuit were fostered on Chipmunk Dr. & are now living a great life on an apple orchard as barn cat mousers, earning their keep!



Mittens, now Remy, turned out to be a very social kitten. He was fostered on Deer Run is now living with a young family and is so very loved!



Mama cat, now named Nicon, has found her family on Ramblewood indoors! Nicon immediately loved their other cat and started purring the first day there!

For me, seeing neighbors who did not know each other originally come together was truly a highlight for me! This neighborhood has many caring people and it's evident we live here because we love nature and all it's creatures.

- Linda Heller



These two girls are being fostered by Connie on Deer Run and are still looking for a home(s)!

Sweet Pea and Lovey are adorable, social and playful!

Around four months old, these kittens are already vaccinated, spayed and litterbox trained! If you would like to adopt or know someone who would like to adopt one or both, please let us know!

Thank you!

There are so many neighbors I could list here to thank for donations, fostering, socializing, finding homes and support. Without your help, they wouldn't have a chance with the predators, traffic or harsh winters. (Or we would have had 20 more cats by the new year!)

Not everyone likes having feral or "community" cats around. We learned a bunch during this and are still learning. We know that TNR (trap, neuter, release) is a very important part to keep numbers down. Someone asked "Why not just get remove the cats here already?" Because more just come in. We are learning it is better to spay/neuter the ones here to keep more coming in as they protect their territory.

Oh, Deer!

Our deer are flourishing here on the Ridge and we have counted 4 new fawn, 5 bucks, 7 doe and there are probably more than that!



An anonymous donor has placed Deer caution signs on Loggers to help remind cars to SLOW DOWN!



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Neighbor **Spotlight:** Meet the Hellers!



Matt & Linda

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

Matt: We have lived here 8 years now! I was born in Ohio, then also lived in New Hampshire, Minnesota, Connecticut and Florida (where I met Linda). We moved here in 2015.

Linda: I'm a Michigander originally, moved to Florida for 20 years but longed to be back to cooler temps and seasons!

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

Matt: I really wanted to be a professional football player, and played through my sophomore year in high school. That's when I realized that many other guys on the team were still growing and getting faster, and I wasn't. So, I hung up the pads and now I do leadership coaching and HR consulting for the amusement industry. Some will say I still haven't grown up.

Linda: I wanted to be an English teacher when I was young and ended up teaching a different way. I taught in person, paper crafting classes for years and now teach weekly online through YouTube.

Do you have a favorite restaurant here?

Matt: We actually moved here for the food! So many great places like Never Blue and Mean Mr. Mustards (now closed). We really enjoyed the fact that you could get something other than chains in a very small area! Now, our fav might be Whit's!

What do you like to do in your free time?

We love to travel in and out of the states whenever we can as well as toodle around town, taking our dog Otis for a ride in our convertible.

Matt: I've been playing drums for many years, so I recently converted a small room in our basement into my musical man cave. I travel a lot for work so I often have to try the latest roller coaster or funnel cake wherever I go!

Linda: I'm passionate about genealogy and is a hobby of mine. I love to visit cemeteries and research historical areas. I'm also the secretary for our RR HOA, which I've enjoyed doing and getting to know all of you!

What do you love most about RR?

Matt: The community. My Mom used to always ask me when I went someplace new if I met anyone I could be friends with. The answer in RR is a resounding YES!!

Linda: I agree with Matt! We've made so many genuine friendships here. I'm so grateful we landed in this community.