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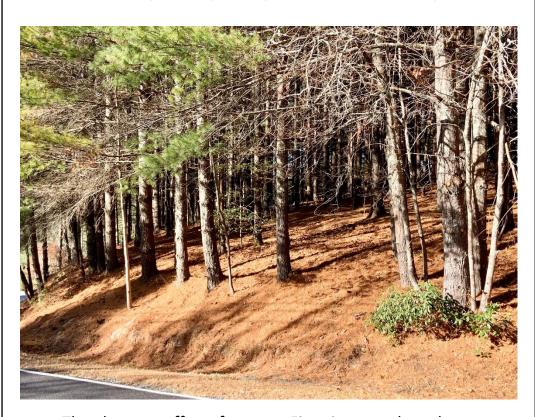
The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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### Happy December!

We are thankful for the rain to keep the fires near us under control. According to the NC Forest Service, there have been 1,033 human-caused wildfires in November alone! Use outdoor fire with care and caution. "If burning can wait, let it wait."

#### A NEW VIEW ALONG OUR DRIVE



The clean-up efforts from our Firewise crew have been outstanding! For years, the very large lot near our front entrance was full of fallen trees, debris and dead branches and not a pretty sight. The current owner of the property lives out of state but visited here last month and was very pleased with the progress! Our Firewise crew has been in communication with him for a few years and updating him on the clean up. A HUGE thank you to the RR volunteers who raked, sawed, hauled the area to beautify our drive in and out of the neighborhood.

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The Beautification team was working on the Whippoorwill sign and flower bed. The sign posts were painted and the garden bed was enlarged to include some decorative rocks that were donated from residents. In the Spring, planting will continued at both entrances.

Flowers and shrubs have been planted along the entrance way on the slope along the road.

### Firewise Update:

This year was very productive. We were able to remove 68 piles of branches on Chipper Day and the Care Bears removed another 20 piles. The Community logged almost 200 hours to the cause. Please continue to send me any hours you work. The slope on the vacant empty lot has been cleared. The NC Forest Service and the owner thanked us for the great work. We were able to get DOT and Duke out to some clean up.

Coming up we would like to do more fire safety assessments. It only takes twenty minutes. Just give me a call.

In 2024, Chipper Day will return to one pile free for each paying HOA member and \$60 for non-members. We are limited to 50 piles and you must sign up with me by the end of January. Depending on any grants we can receive, we will work on the road canopies.

I have submitted our application for renewal and should know soon!

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Our RR Apple Tart Queens will be volunteering to pick up toys around our neighborhood for the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County.

On **Saturday, Dec. 9**th, the Apple Tart Queens will pick up unwrapped toys from around the neighborhood and deliver to the Boys & Girls Club Santa's Workshop, where they can "shop" the toys for gifts for their families.

If you would like to donate and help the kids, please place all new unwrapped donations in a bag near your mailbox for pick up on **Dec. 9 after 2 pm!** Contact <u>Judi Donofrio</u> with your address so pick up isn't missed.

Toys, school or art supplies for kids between the ages of 5-12 are needed.

If you prefer not to shop, but still want to participate, the Queens will gladly shop for you! Please send your donation via Venmo to:

@Judi-Donofrio, last 4 digits of her phone number are 0001.



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Take a drive around RR and see the lights aglow! Photo: Holiday Lights at the Owen's place on Loggers Run

### **Board Meeting Notice:**

The HOA board of directors will be meeting via Zoom on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have an issue to be discussed, please send an email to

ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com

### **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th th</sup> at 11:30 at Cummings Cove "Palmers" Restaurant 943 Lakeledge Court, Hendersonville, NC RSVP by December 11<sup>th</sup> to Linda Heller <u>Linda@stampingschool.com</u>



### RAMBLING ROWDIES GUYS NIGHT OUT

Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
Dry Falls Brewing
425 Kanuga Rd, Hendersonville



Rowdies night out is open to all RR neighbors over 21

# PLEASE SLOW DOWN

### THIS IS A NEIGHBORHOOD, NOT A RACETRACK

Maybe it's the holiday season upon us that creates the need for speed? Or perhaps the last minute shopping, the guests in town and extra trips to the grocery store?

We have received 3 complaints in November for speeding cars being a nuisance and danger to pedestrians.

Please take EXTRA care to slow down and STAY in your lane as you come around corners!

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### Neighbor Spotlight: Meet the Perrys!



Kenny & Susie Perry

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

**Susie:** Kenny & I were born and raised in Detroit Michigan. We met when my sister brought the work crew home from the local restaurant one night, that was 1976! We will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this upcoming summer. We have lived in North Carolina twice now. The 1st time was 30 years ago in Morganton N.C. when Kenny was working in the chemical industry for BASF Corporation. We loved the weather, beautiful landscape, and kind people, so that's what drew us back here after retirement. We moved to Rambling Ridge in May 2021.

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

**Kenny**: I was going to be a running back, too small, or a rock star, no talent! I spent forty years as a chemist with BASF.

**Susie:** I worked in clerical at Detroit Medical Center for 10 years and earned a business management degree. Raising 3 girls was a full time job but even so, I did go back to school for nursing. After my youngest was in high school, I was an assistant preschool teacher until I retired.

### Do you have a favorite restaurant?

We like to eat out and enjoy Posteros and Chestnut in Asheville.

## What do you like to do in your free time?

**Kenny**: I enjoy golfing, cooking, and being outdoors. I am on the HOA board, and the Firewise, Care Bear and Beautification Teams.

Susie: I enjoy hiking, puzzling and reading. I'm also an Apple Tart Queen Mackintosh, the short one wearing the tartan plaid, a nod to my Scottish ancestry. I also volunteer at the Boys & Girls club

### What do you like most about RR?

We have never lived in a more friendly and helpful neighborhood. The people in this neighborhood are more than just neighbors, they are friends that take care of each other like family! Thank you for welcoming us to this great community with open arms, we love it here!



May Where You Live Be Better Because of You.