

# THE RIDGE RAMBLER



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Private FB Group for RR:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RamblingFriends/>

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### **Letter from our President**

HAPPY NEW YEAR Rambling Ridge Ramblers!

We are 64 paid members strong, up from 42 members in the previous year.

Your Board has been hard at work and I would like to recount some of what we have accomplished during 2022.

This list is not complete but some of the highlights:

We had two, well attended HOA membership meetings, one in the Spring, one in the Fall. Each had an excellent pot luck lunch. The first had a Firewise speaker and in the second we approved on the first vote a revised set of bylaws for the HOA Association. New Board members, Darrell Burnett, Vice President, Chris Frey, Treasurer, Paul Hooper, At-Large were elected.

Our Secretary created monthly newsletters that were emailed informing members of the latest RR news as well as adding to the website and a new resident directory.

Under Kenny Perry's able leadership, Firewise was organized and expanded. Because of his committee's efforts, 22 neighbors have agreed to Firewise assessments and over \$3,000 has been refunded to neighbors for their removal of combustibles from their property.

The "Care Bears" were created to assist any homeowner with any issue that they need addressed. Many have taken advantage of this "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" program. Our VP Darrell Burnett has been key in helping many with yard and right of way beautification along the roads. Letters have been written to homeowners who have not been maintaining their property as well as offering help to assist those in need.

A formal letter was sent to Aqua, NC about the number of water outages in RR over the past year. The HOA helped organize a large pipe repair as well as several smaller repairs this year.

The five set of Covenants and their amendments were synopsisized making them more readable, therefore, more understandable. Also, each section's covenant synopsis contains all amendments relating to it.

Social events such as Dining Out, Dining In, Lunch Bunch and Men's night out were reinstituted after a covid break. An ice cream social was held in October for neighbors to get to know each other

I'm extremely pleased with what the Board has accomplished this last year and am truly excited about what the future will bring!

---Roy

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Your HOA has some goals to accomplish before our Spring Community Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>! Here are a few on our To Do List!

- finalize and implement emergency exits and map
- add signage to dead end roads for safety and traffic issues
- organize a Plant Share event for neighbors
- build and install a Little Library for neighbors to share books (see pg 4)
- add 10 more Firewise assessments of homes
- updating a neighborhood map with sections
- Chipper Day
- Trash/yard clean up along Trappers
- organizing spring community outdoor events

January Ladies Lunch Bunch will be at  
**VINTNER'S TABLE in Hendersonville**

**January 11th at 11:30 am**

2695 Sugarloaf Road

Hendersonville, NC 28792

See the current lunch menu [HERE](#)

RSVP by January 9th to the HOA secretary via email at [Linda@stampingschool.com](mailto:Linda@stampingschool.com)



Come enjoy the friendly atmosphere of Burntshirt Vineyards' latest venture!

## THANK YOU CARE BEARS & FIREWISE TEAM!

The Care Bears and Firewise volunteers continue to help those in need of trimming and clearing brush and old limbs. What a difference it makes to see a the fallen limbs and leaves cleared out! A special thanks to Kenny Perry, Darrell Burnett, Paul Hooper, Roger Mackintosh & Rich for all your efforts and hard work.

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

*Remember your neighbors during the winter!  
Even though we haven't had snow yet, check on them from time to time.*

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The Firewise committee has developed a list of tree contractors for your information. We do not endorse or recommend any one company but these have been used by neighbors with good results. It's always best to ask for references.

## **Bartlett Tree Experts**

<https://www.bartlett.com/>  
[828-877-6601](tel:828-877-6601)

Bartlett Tree Experts performs the following services: storm damage, cabling and bracing, fertilizing and soil care, plant analysis and diagnostics, insect and disease management, and tree pruning.

## **Epperson Tree**

<https://eppersontreeservice.com/>  
828-775-5175  
[eppersotreemgr@gmail.com](mailto:eppersotreemgr@gmail.com)

Bruce Helton

Epperson performs the following services: storm damage, tree trimming, tree removal, view trimming, stump removal, lot and land clearing, and brush chipping.

## **Marsam Tree Services**

<https://marsamtreeservice.com/>  
828-231-3941  
[marsam@hotmail.com](mailto:marsam@hotmail.com)

Marvin Amaya

Marsam Tree Services performs the following services: tree removal, dangerous trees, dead trees, tree trimming, tree pruning, tree topping, view enhancement, storm damage and lot clearing.



Neighbors Paul & Kim Hooper had a Firewise assessment recently. Some of the recommendations were very minor, such as adding a reflecting number address so emergency vehicles can locate quickly in an emergency. The solar light helps also! Looks great!

Out of 22 assessments completed so far, 6 people who have already submitted the Firewise paperwork have received checks back for ½ of what they paid to have trees trimmed and removing forest fuel sources too close to house.

## **Would You Like A Free Assessment?**

Please contact Kenny to schedule yours!

Kenny Perry, Firewise Coordinator [kpfasure@msn.com](mailto:kpfasure@msn.com)  
248-408-7379



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## Dangers of letting your dog run off leash

Dogs need a good run for their mental health, explore, sniff, and get some good energy out! Sadly, it should not be in a residential area where there are more hazards than benefits. Although it seems like we are out in nature, the reality we have is traffic from cars, delivery and work trucks and many other dangers. Even the best trained dogs who come back home when they are called are in danger of other things such as:

- running up or jumping on someone who is walking in our neighborhood. Some are elderly and might fall easily or some may be rehabilitating after a surgery and need to be careful as well.
- eating something toxic. Dogs love to eat stinky things, even green things that might look innocent. Xylitol found in used chewing gum, compost pile with onions, tossed cigarettes, and many plants such as Lantana, Daffodil and Hydrangeas.
- snakes! One copperhead bite can be deadly and the smaller the dog, the faster you need to get to a vet since around 80% survive a bite if treated. Left untreated, they will likely not survive. If you didn't see them get bitten, it may be too late to help.
- risk of chasing or being chased by a wild animal. Rabid animals or a defensive mama bear might attack an unleashed dog if cornered.
- Last but not least....it's against our neighborhood covenants to let a dog roam free without its owner & leash.

If you don't have a fenced yard, consider one of the many parks near us or enjoy walking in our neighborhood leashed up!

### *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](#)  
on our Rambling Ridge  
Website



The Rambling Ridge Board of Directors will be meeting on Zoom February 10 at 10:30 am. If you have a question, concern or issue you'd like addressed please send an email to [ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com](mailto:ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com)

Our next Community Spring  
Meeting & Potluck will be  
**APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>!**

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## Market UPDATE RAMBLING RIDGE

### ACTIVE LISTINGS:

41 HUNTERS TRAIL 3 BD/ 3.1 BATH 3,739 SQ' \$1,150,000

(LISTED BY ALLEN TATE/BEVERLY HANKS)

25 BLACK BEAR TRAIL 3 BD/3 BATH 3,454 SQ' \$750,000

(LISTED BY KDGC PROPERTIES LLC)

### RECENTLY SOLD:

46 GREY FOX TRL 3/2 1,860 SOLD FOR \$367,500

18 RAMBLEWOOD TRL 3/2 1,212 SQ' SOLD FOR \$310,000

17 RAMBLEWOOD TRL 2/3 1,690 SQ' SOLD FOR \$325,000

48 WHISPERING STREAM TRL 4/ 5.2 3,573 SQ' SOLD FOR  
\$1,082,500

LOT 33 BLACK BEAR TRL 0.92 ACRE SOLD \$29,000

Courtesy of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Lifestyle  
Properties

Lisa Aguilar, Managing Broker  
Office: 828-233-1150



A big thank you to our neighbor, Lisa Aguilar, who created this Market Update for Rambling Ridge!

If you have moved in recently,

## WELCOME!

If you didn't receive a Welcome packet from us or have questions, please let us know via email at [ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com](mailto:ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com)



### Introducing our own Little Library!

A little library is like a tiny shed for books on a post. It can be accessible off of a road so neighbors can leave a book and take a book to read. There have been a few requests to have one over the years and our VP, Darrell Burnett, is building one! Here is our lil' library in the early stages. Once Darrell finishes hinges and door, it will go to our Treasurer, Chris Frey, will paint it!

Most little libraries have a name....Any ideas?  
Email us!

*"Poetry is the opening and closing of a door, leaving those who look through to guess about what was seen during a moment."* — Carl Sandburg

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## Neighbor **Spotlight**

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## Meet The Baums!

### ***How did you find Rambling Hills/Rambling Ridge?***

In early 2019 we began searching for a NC summer home to escape the Florida heat. Unable to find a home during over a year long search we were encouraged by our realtor to consider building. We found a lot online in August 2020 and loved the fact that the neighborhood was heavily treed and tucked away with city water and county maintained roads. The real bonus was the incredible views of the mountains we saw once the homesite was cleared. Our land was cleared in November 2020 and we moved into our new home in June 2021!

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

**Susan:** I wanted to be a veterinarian or a musician as a child and ended up studying nursing at the University of Florida. I still love to play piano!

**Steve:** I was always interested in the business world and I wound up as a banker.

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

We enjoy traveling, spending time with family and friends and playing tennis. 2022 concluded with a major milestone as both of us retired from our life long careers.

### ***Favorite sports team?***

**Steve:** We both follow our beloved Auburn Tigers and Florida Gators. I grew up following the Pittsburgh Steelers and NY Giants as my mom and dad were from those areas. Since moving to Florida I adopted the Miami Dolphins, Tampa Bay Bucs, and Jacksonville Jaguars.

### ***Have a favorite restaurant in our area?***

We like Shine in downtown and Sol Y Luna in Laurel Park

### ***Do you collect anything?***

**Steve:** I don't but Susan says she loves to collect friends 😊

### ***If you have a bucket list, what's on it?***

We have some travel wishes, some grand, like an African safari and a cruise around South America, and some less ambitious, like visiting some of our national parks which we are planning on doing this fall.

### ***What do you love about the neighborhood?***

We appreciate the kindness and friendliness of the neighbors. A true sense of community exists here and we feel truly fortunate to have become a part of this very special neighborhood.