

THE RIDGE RAMBLER



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The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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Happy February!

Well, we made it through our first snow (and probably last) of 2025. The county came through before the storm and dropped sand but it was our wonderful neighbors that cleared snow off the roads in RR! A huge **THANK YOU** to Paul Janson, Paul Duval and Kevin W. for plowing!



RR ROAD REPAIR UPDATE

DOT was on Loggers this week to repair the clogged culvert. Work is still needed for repairs on it as well as potholes and the big repairs on Loggers & Cantrell. We are on the list.

If you would like to report a road maintenance issue to the NCDOT you can do so by filling out a form online [HERE](#) or call directly to NCDOT Henderson County Maintenance, (828) 694-7971. Please copy RRHOA on email so we are aware of issues and help coordinate multiple repairs with DOT.

For PRIVATELY maintained roads, there is another form to request damage that was created by Helene [HERE](#)



Be sure to wave and thank them when you see these trucks out working on our roads!

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CHIPPER DAY IS ON and we have spots left!

The first 40 people who rsvp have a good chance of getting the free chipping. If funding falls through, the HOA will take care of dues paying members free and non-paying residents would be charged \$60.

It is an annual Rambling Ridge event to clean up excess brush and limbs to keep our neighborhood safe from fires and looking nice. The tips of a tree's branches should be at least six feet from your roof in case of high wind, fire or animals using it like a highway to your home. Fallen limbs and untrimmed landscaping looks messy and lowers our property values. Cleaning up around your property as well as the areas along the road closest to you can make a big difference for our neighborhood values and safety.

The HOA arranges the chipper and crew from a professional contractor to come throughout the neighborhood to pick up our piles of branches. Dates vary each year but will be announced ahead of time.

To participate in chipper day, you must get on the pickup list!

If you need help with trimming or getting your pile together, Contact Kenny Perry, our Firewise Coordinator, at kpfasure@msn.com

CHIPPER DAY GUIDELINES

- Brush and branches can be no larger than 6" in diameter. Brush PILES can be no larger than the back of a pickup truck (roughly 8 feet long by 6 feet wide). If you have a substantial amount of branches, you can contract separately with the company we will be using. Depending on the number of residents who participate, it may take 2 days to complete the job throughout the entire neighborhood. If your brush pile does not get picked up on the first day, sometimes it will move to 2nd day.
- Brush will need to be out by the side of the road in a neat pile but not in the way of traffic or plows. Branch or tree ends facing out or all in one direction helps the crew pick up easily. **Absolutely NO construction debris, vines, finished lumber, bamboo, stumps, potted plants, flower bushes or stems/plants with thorns.** This is for the protection of the workers as well as their equipment.

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FEMA DEBRIS UPDATE

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Chief Communications Office Mike Morgan and County Engineer Marcus Jones gave a short talk on the debris program. As of this week, 398,000 cubic yards of debris have been picked up alongside the roads. That's 12,500 loads! The estimated amount of roadside debris to be picked up is a million and a half cubic yards. They are around 25% completed in 4 months time.

(To put it in perspective, 100,000 cubic yards is normally the ANNUAL amount)

That does not include the private property and waterway debris removal, estimating 6 million cubic yards total for all 3 programs. It is imperative if you put out debris, [fill out this application](#) so they know you have something to be picked up.

Private Property owners have a separate application to allow them to go onto your property rather than roadside - [Click here](#)

THE REAL ESTATE CORNER

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ACTIVE

272 Deer Run - \$535,000
221 Coopers Dr #27R - \$92,900

PENDING

50 Coopers Dr - Listed at \$372,500

CLOSED IN THE PAST 3 MONTHS

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HENDERSON COUNTY

ACTIVE

509

PENDING THIS WEEK

29

PENDING OVERALL

253

CLOSED THIS WEEK

25

AVG DAYS ON THE MARKET

57

One of the things that makes our neighborhood so special is its low turnover—homes here don't come up for sale often, which speaks volumes about the sense of community and the quality of life we all enjoy! When homes do hit the market in our area, those that are priced strategically and marketed effectively are selling quickly. We're still in a strong and healthy real estate market, with solid demand and great opportunities for both buyers and sellers.



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The Social Scene

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Dining Out – A Rambling Ridge Tradition

The Rambling Ridge Dining Out was established over 20 years ago as part of the social part of our HOA. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy trying new restaurants around our area. Dining out is once a quarter, most often dinner although we have had breakfast and brunches, too.

February Dining out will be at Bohemian restaurant in Brevard! The ladies have had lunch bunch here twice but this is the first time for dinner with our group.

For our group size, we will be upstairs. (about 10 steps) There is street parking in front of restaurant and carpooling is suggested.

Sunday, FEB 23rd at 5:30 pm

Please RSVP for a head count to the secretary, Linda Heller at ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com



The Bohemian Restaurant
192 W Main St, Brevard.
828-884-8402
See their dinner menu [here](#)

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

West First Wood Fired

101b 1st Avenue West

Phone: 828.693.1080

Wednesday, February 12th at 11:30 am

RSVP by Feb 11th to Linda Heller via email at ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com



Thank you to those who paid your dues so far! Your contribution helps to maintain the beauty and value of our community. We are a volunteer HOA and every little bit helps! Members also get a free chipper day once a year for the \$60 dues.

Non-Members pay \$60 for Chipper Day.

Pay online [HERE](#) or a \$60 check payable to RRHOA mailed to Chris Frey, 124 Eagle Rock Tr., Hendersonville, NC 28739

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Black bears are unique in that they mate in summer but give birth in winter, around January/February. It's a special process where the fertilized eggs don't implant until late fall and is called Delayed Implantation. Pretty cool! That means we have newborns in Rambling Ridge, somewhere tucked in dens.

If this is interesting to you, read the whole article here:

<https://bearwithus.org/understanding-bears/the-black-bear-mother-her-cubs/>

Another great link for black bear facts is at <https://bearwise.org/>

FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

Alison Arnold of the NC Cooperative Extension published an article about what we could be doing now in our yards and gardens. Here are a few tips gleaned:

- Clean out birdhouses and set up new ones. Bluebirds and some other songbirds start scouting for spring nesting boxes.
- Start your seeds indoors
- Apply a thick layer of mulch to keep weeds from germinating in yards and beds.

To read the entire article, Click [HERE](#)

WHO STEPPED IN IT?

Your neighbor did and they were not happy. The majority of our neighbors pick up after their pets and for that, we say THANK YOU! It's important to health, hygiene and community pride...and being a good neighbor. So if you are out walking your dog and they decide it's a perfect time to do their business, please do YOUR business and pick it up and take it home where it belongs.

Did you know Rambling Ridge has 4 waste bag stations?

These bags are a back up if you forget your bags! Look for the bags at these stop signs:

Deer Run/Meadowood, Deer Run/Trappers, Deer Run/Grey Fox, and Rambling Drive/Rambling Trail

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Neighbor **Spotlight:** The Bells

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Michael and Serena Bell

How long have you lived here in RR and how did you find us ?

We moved here from the Dallas, Texas area in 2019, and bought our house in RR in Oct 2021. Paul Jansen introduced us to Linda Camp, the former owner of our home, who was getting ready to sell and it was a great fit for us. We've been married for 30 years this April, 5 children; 4 are married and our last single girl is still living with us. We have 3 granddaughters, one grandson, and another granddaughter on the way!

Favorite restaurant you have found in our area?

We have a few favorite eating places! The "Book and Bee" is by far Serena's favorite lunch place. Southern Streams Coffee Shop, Umi's on Main Street, Taco Fiesta in Horseshoe, Holes Donut's in Asheville and of course Biscuit Head are all great, too.

What do you like to do in your free time?

We both love the outdoors, so hiking is definitely on our Spring-to-Fall agenda. Serena will find every opportunity she can to go to Triple Falls and swim. Michael loves to go for a "walk", which usually starts on a trail, but ends up literally in the middle of nowhere, and loving it. We both love to garden, and seem to expand the garden every year. We currently attend Upward Christian Fellowship Church in Flat Rock.

Not quite ready to retire yet, Serena is a Visual Merchandiser in retail. Michael owns his own business called Bell's Home Improvement. From handyman to remodeling and decking, he loves to see a the transformation in homes he works on. (you can find Michael's business page on Facebook [HERE](#))

What do you love most about RR?

We love the quiet neighborhood and don't mind the drive into town. We joined the neighborhood Dining In and love all the RR neighbors we have met. Serena's mother and father, Jim and Nora, live across the street in Rambling Ridge so it's extra nice to have close family here, too.