

# THE RIDGE RAMBLER

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## The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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The outdoor burning ban in Henderson County was cancelled effective 8 am Wednesday April 2, 2025.

The Henderson County burning ban cancellation coincides with the cancellation of the statewide ban the NC Forest Service implemented on March 21, 2025. The burning ban has been lifted as forest fire conditions have improved statewide.

**Outside burning requires a burn permit.** Burn permits are available from any authorized permitting agent, such as a local fire department or online at

<https://apps.ncagr.gov/burnpermits/>.

We were incredibly fortunate that the recent wildfires did not reach our community, and our thoughts are with those who were impacted. This close call is a reminder of how important it is to stay prepared and practice fire safety year-round. Please take time to clear dry brush around your property and review your emergency plans. Let's stay vigilant and keep our neighborhood safe.

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## CHIPPER DAY AROUND APRIL 7TH

Great news—we have been approved for a Chipper Day pickup from the Forestry Service! Our piles need to be out by **April 7th**, although the date may fluctuate due to chipper crew equipment and schedule.

**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](mailto:kpfasure@msn.com)**



Please have your piles ready by **April 7th**, and we will keep you updated! . Please note that the chipper day is free for HOA members and costs \$75 for non-members.

## 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, 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. Thank you!

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## Covenants and Restrictions Apply to Everyone...even if you don't join the HOA

We've had a few questions recently about whether the covenants and restrictions (CC&Rs) apply to homeowners who do not pay dues to the HOA. The answer is yes—they do! The covenants and restrictions were created by the developer when Rambling Ridge was built 30 years ago. They were recorded with the county and are legally attached to each property in our community. That means they apply to every homeowner, regardless of whether they're active in our HOA or paying the annual dues.

It's important to remember that these guidelines aren't just rules—they're protections. The CC&Rs help maintain property values, preserve the look and feel of the neighborhood, and provide a framework if issues arise between neighbors. If a situation ever comes up where an individual homeowner (or a group of homeowners) need to enforce a covenant in court—like a dispute over property maintenance or land use—those rules are there to support and protect you.

The board is currently working on unifying all 5 sections/divisions for the RR covenants into one document. We will be talking about that at our **Spring Community Meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Our HOA is VOLUNTARY, which means that dues are not mandatory. Many have chosen to live in our neighborhood to avoid the strict rules and oversight. Our HOA board can help by talking to neighbors and offering solutions for issues that arise. Living in a community like ours means neighbors may not see eye to eye and follow the rules. While it's essential to respect the covenants that keep our neighborhood looking great, it's equally important to approach these situations with a bit of patience and understanding. Life happens—people get busy, face challenges, or simply may not be aware of the guidelines. A friendly conversation can go a long way!

### So, Why Join the HOA? The HOA is not about the rules...it's Community.

Dues pay for the electricity and water at the entrances, mowing service, website fees, repairs and maintenance supplies, canopy trimming & chipper day. The RRHOA also functions as a social club, organizing community events like *Dining In*, *Dining Out*, and the *Ladies Lunch Bunch*—all great ways to meet your neighbors and build friendships. Your volunteer HOA board also works hard behind the scenes, coordinating Care Bear outreach, Dumpster Day, utility repair support, and communications.

Paid HOA members also enjoy an added benefit: a free **Chipper Day** to help keep properties clean and fire-safe. Currently, about half of Rambling Ridge contributes dues—and we truly thank you for your support! We'd love to see even more residents join in and help make Rambling Ridge the best it can be. [Click HERE](#) if you want to join in and support!

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Due to scheduling issues, we are moving our **Spring Community Meeting** and Potluck to May 24th! (previously May 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Enjoy lunch together at noon, with a special guest speaker from 12:30 to 1:00, followed by the meeting from 1-2 pm.  
We hope to see you there!

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH**  
**TUPELO HONEY South**  
1829 Hendersonville Rd  
Asheville, NC  
Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

RSVP by April 7<sup>th</sup>  
to Linda Heller via email  
at [ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com](mailto:ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com)

See the menu [HERE](#)



## Helpful Links to Bookmark

- Duke Power Outage Map [HERE](#)
- Henderson County Road Repairs [HERE](#)
- Henderson County Debris Pick Up [HERE](#)
- Henderson County Transfer Station [HERE](#)



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*Nature is Calling...*

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## A Note on Roundup: Protecting Wildlife and Our Community

While Roundup and other glyphosate-based herbicides can be effective for weed control, they pose serious risks to our wildlife & environment. Runoff from treated yards can make its way into streams and soil, affecting birds, pollinators, small mammals, and aquatic life. Pets and children are also vulnerable to exposure through contact with recently sprayed areas. We encourage residents to explore safer, eco-friendly alternatives for weed management—protecting not just your yard, but the health of our entire community and the wildlife that call it home.

## Have Leftover Paint from a recent project?



If your leftover paint is in good, usable condition, call Henderson County Habitat for Humanity (828-696-9524 Ext. 250). Liquid paint and spray cans must be new or ½ full; no rusted, old, gummy, or rotten paint will be accepted.

## APRIL IN THE GARDEN

B.B. Barnes has a list for April garden chores:

1. Keep the frost cloth out for cold nights
2. Fertilize Rhodos, laurels, camelias, and hollies
3. Plant trees, shrubs, early early-blooming perennials
4. Plant vegetables
5. Prune shrubs after they bloom.
6. Clean up and mulch

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

A promotional poster for Bullington Gardens. It features a dark green background with white and yellow text. The top line reads "BULLINGTON GARDENS" in white. Below it, "Annual Spring Plant Sale" is written in large, bold, white letters. The dates "APRIL 24, 25, & 26, 2025" and the time "9AM-4PM" are also in white. A light green banner with dark green text says "Shop for perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, tomatoes and veggies!". At the bottom, a white oval contains the address "95 UPPER RED OAK TRAIL HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792", the phone number "828-698-6104", and the website "BULLINGTONGARDENS.ORG". The poster is decorated with illustrations of various flowers and plants.

**BULLINGTON GARDENS**

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## Garden Volunteers Needed!

All the plants and flowers you see when you drive in are planted and cared for by volunteers. If you have an hour or two to spare, our Beautification Team needs you for our upcoming spring planting. It's a fun and rewarding way to give back and help keep Rambling Ridge looking its best! Please get in touch with Cathy Shanks at 252-236-7671 or [csterp5@gmail.com](mailto:csterp5@gmail.com). Many hands make light work!

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## Neighbor **Spotlight:** The Johnsons

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Donna and Bob Johnson – Eagle Rock Trail

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

We have lived here for almost 26 years!

We contacted a realtor when we decided to relocate from Wisconsin to North Carolina. The year before we left Wisconsin, she showed us what would become our new home. We happened to meet the owner while viewing the house, and all of us connected immediately because of our shared faith in Christ.

In fact, the owners turned down a higher offer because of that connection. Another reason we moved here was that a former student of Donna's suggested we find a place that would feel like a permanent vacation home.

### ***Do you have a favorite restaurant you have found in our area?***

Our favorite restaurant over the past few years has been Hannah Flanagan's, partly because of our wonderful experiences in Ireland and the U.K., and partly because many of the servers have become like "family" to us. We also love Brandy's on Main street and Harry's.

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

**Donna:** No one in my family had ever gone to college, but during my senior year in Racine, someone said to me, "Why, Donna, if you don't go to college, who should?" That encouragement inspired me to go. I originally thought I wanted to be an elementary school teacher, but I ended up teaching high school math and physical education for 33 years in Milton, Wisconsin.

**Bob:** I wanted to pitch for the Chicago Cubs. When that appeared unlikely, I decided to become a Social Studies teacher, which I was for 31 years in Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

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

**Donna:** I volunteered at Interfaith Assistance Ministry for 20 years as File Manager. We also volunteered for a couple of years at Habitat for Humanity on the Family Selection Committee. My main hobby has been craft and card making. My most important hobby is also my ministry and has been for many years, making cards to send to others to celebrate or encourage.

**Bob:** For 17 years I was an interviewer at Interfaith Assistance Ministry and then 10 years at the Sharing House in Brevard.

### ***What do you love most about RR?***

What we love about living in Rambling Ridge is the wonderful neighborhood and the caring nature of so many people who step up to help others when they're in need. We also enjoy the beautiful view of the Pisgah Range, our lovely home, and the incredible neighbors who make this place feel so special.

**Donna:** A most memorable experience in RR was in 2002 when I woke up around 2 am and noticed the neighbors' home on fire. I was able to wake them up in time. To this day, though they have moved away, they still call us "angels" who saved their lives. (We give God all the credit for waking us up at the right time).