

THE RIDGE RAMBLER

The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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Happy July!

The fireworks may be over, but summer is still in full swing in our little neighborhood. Whether you celebrated with family, friends, or a quiet evening under the stars, we hope your holiday was memorable. A big thanks to Rich Casey for displaying our flags at the entrances.

Update on RR Road Repairs

We are waiting on more gravel to be delivered to the Loggers Run culvert project. DOT reports the priority is to fill and pave all the repaired culverts around Henderso County and there are many! The potholes are being filled around RR as trucks are available but many roads are much worse than ours at the moment and take priority.

Many of us noticed the BIG trucks coming through the state maintained roads, scraping the grassy sides of the road in places.

We all wondered if DOT was widening the road?

Getting ready to resurface? Maybe! One person said we are still on track for Loggers Run this year. When? TBD.

Shoulder Maintenance is performed when the sides of the road become higher than the road, which causes water to sit on the road, causing potholes. The side of the road is scraped and lowered for better drainage. The grass will grow back naturally in time. In some areas, DOT will plant grass seed or add grass mats to speed things along.

If you have a pothole to report, call DOT (828) 694-7971 and send an email to RRHOA ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com so we can keep track of repairs in the neighborhood, also.

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NC Burning is allowed but please use caution. You must have a valid permit to burn leaves and brush. Henderson County residents are only permitted to burn **leaves, brush, and other natural vegetation**. Burning household trash, furniture, or other items is **not allowed** under county regulations.

Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood and air clean and safe!

DUMPSTER DAY UPDATE

Kenny Perry organized another Dumpster On Demand!

This dumpster was bigger than the last one and it was still filled to the brim earlier than expected. If you dropped off your junk while Kenny was 'off duty', please get your \$20 to Kenny to settle up.



Kenny: King of the Can



Smashing Success!

Steve put in extra effort, using a sledgehammer to break down old chairs so they'd fit neatly into the dumpster. Thanks to this kind of dedication from our Care Bear volunteers, every bit of space was put to good use!

Coming up in August – Locations TBD



Guys Night Out Aug 6th
Ladies Lunch Bunch Aug 13th

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The Wild Side of Rambling Ridge

With warmer weather, copperhead snakes become more active and they certainly have been this year. Our neighborhood had two situations with copperheads recently that caused some trouble. Over on Whispering Stream, a neighbor was getting an outdoor a/c unit worked on and found a copperhead inside! Another neighbor on Trappers Trail was bitten by a copperhead while weeding in the yard and spent quite a few hours in the ER. They are camouflaged so well in the leaves and easy to overlook.

How to Spot a Copperhead

- Hourglass or Hershey's kiss-shaped bands
- Light tan to coppery brown color
- Triangular head, wider than the neck
- Vertical, slit-like pupils, elliptical not round
- Juveniles have a bright yellow-green tail tip



Safety Tips

- ✓ Wear closed-toe shoes and stay on clear paths
- ✓ Check around woodpiles, rocks, and gardens before reaching or stepping
- ✓ Keep lawns trimmed and reduce yard clutter

If Bitten

- Stay calm and seek medical help right away. Do **not** cut the wound or apply a tourniquet. Keep the bitten limb still and below heart level
- If your dog or cat is bitten, call your vet asap. Read a good article [here](#) for more info on pets.

Who to call to remove a copperhead? Chris & Kris Frey met Nate DiBuono, who came to their home after seeing one in their yard. Nate will remove it for you and doesn't charge for the service (although tips are welcome). 828-702-4933.

On the sweeter side of nature...

Fawns may be seen in the grass where mama leaves them while she finds food. We called a nature rehabber today who said they can be left alone for as much as 12 hours and mama still returns. If you need to move it to safety, use a towel to avoid putting your scent on it. Do not give food or water. If mama does not return, we have a few contacts for you to call on our Wildlife Rehabilitation PDF.

Click [here](#) to view and print the resource.

