

# THE RIDGE RAMBLER



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**The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge/Rambling Hills Community**

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*The Owens' holiday decorations on Loggers Run*

**Hello, Neighbors!**

We are nearing the end of 2025, and it's hard to believe that 2026 is just around the corner!

December has already delivered a mix of freezing temperatures and surprisingly warm, sunny days. There's a little extra hustle in the air with shopping, travel, gatherings, and fewer daylight hours to get it all done. As we head into the New Year, may we remember the warmth of friends, neighbors, and community that makes this season special.

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## CHIPPER DAY NEWS

Kenny Perry, our Firewise coordinator, reports we have earned our Firewise accreditation for 2026! What does that mean?

As a community, we have met the national criteria set by the Firewise USA Program through our volunteer hours to reduce wildfire risks. It also is one step closer to getting our annual Chipper Day funded by the state.

Our Chipper Day is provided at no cost to HOA members who are current on their \$60 annual dues, regardless of whether grant funding is received. (we budget for the expense just in case) Non-members may participate for a \$75 fee per pile as a courtesy while the chipper crews are already in the community.

It's a good time of the year to clean up branches, trim while the leaves are off the trees and start making your piles (too soon for by the road) to get ready for Spring! If you are tracking your work hours and/or have receipts for work done, contact Kenny Perry at 248-408-7379

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## January Ladies Lunch Bunch will be at Tooley's Café

They are under new owners since 2024

1729 Brevard Rd

( In Laurel Park Ingles plaza)

Wednesday, January 14th

@11:30

Please rsvp to Linda Heller by Jan 12th

[ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com](mailto:ramblingridgehoa@gmail.com)

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## Rambling Rowdies Guys Night Out

Save the Date!

Wednesday, January 7th at 6

pm

(over 21 please)

Location to be posted soon on  
email and Facebook

Phone: [\(828\) 329-7558](tel:8283297558)

RSVP to Matt Heller

[mattheller2668@gmail.com](mailto:mattheller2668@gmail.com)

### How to submit HOA Dues:

You can mail a check payable to Rambling  
Ridge HOA and mail to our treasurer:

Chris Frey, 124 Eagle Rock Tr.

Hendersonville, NC 28739

or pay online [HERE](#)

Seeing or smelling smoke close to us can make anyone nervous. We are currently under a caution, not a ban, for burning. If you can wait to burn leaves, then wait until the dry weather resolves.



Many love to have a campfire as the weather gets cool. Our local Fire Department gave these tips to stay safe while enjoying the marshmallows and hot dogs on the campfire:

- Before lighting a fire, take a few minutes to clear leaves, twigs & pine needles from the area.
  - Keep it out in the open area, not under trees.
  - Keep fires small - Use a designated fire pit or ring.
  - Never leave a fire unattended—not one minute!
  - Avoid placing chairs & blankets close to fire area.
- Always have a bucket of water and a fire extinguisher nearby.



If you have had a great experience with a service professional, we'd love to hear!

If 2 or more neighbors recommend a service provider, we will share them on our website referral page. Sometimes we need an electrician, a plumber, someone to mow or mulch, this resource can be helpful:

<https://ramblingridge.com/service-provider-referrals/>

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## The Green Goodbye: Holiday Tree Recycling Day in Hendo

If you love a real tree to decorate but not sure what to do with it after the new year, give it a new purpose!

Henderson County will be hosting their annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Day at Jackson Park**. Bring your naked, real tree (and wreaths, too) to be chipped on site. You can take home mulch for your garden!

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 9AM-2PM  
at Jackson Park  
801 4th Ave E, Hendersonville

### Important Details:

- **Only REAL trees and wreaths!** Artificial trees and string lights must be taken to the transfer station for proper disposal.
- ALL decorations, tinsel, hooks, **wire**, etc. must be removed from the trees and wreaths prior to recycling.
- If you want to take home mulch chips, bring your own container. A tractor will be on site to load pick-up truck beds with chips as well.

## Do Snakes Hibernate?

Snakes around the ridge don't hibernate but instead enter a more dormant state called **brumation**. It's a low energy state where they hide in crevices, holes and rocks, sometimes with other snakes to stay warm. They can come out on sunny days to drink if it's above 50 or 60 degrees. If it's really cold, they burrow deep underground.

Copperheads love to brumate in old stumps and hollow logs, so be careful when doing yard clean up!

## Winter Feeding: Why Slowing Down Matters

Winter brings changes for our wildlife. As caring neighbors, many of us want to help by offering extra food during the cold months. However, it's important to know that many animals' digestion and metabolism naturally slow down in winter, and overfeeding can actually cause harm. In winter and higher elevations, animals reduce their activity to conserve energy. When air temps stay low, their bodies can't process food efficiently. Feeding animals too frequently during these periods can lead to undigested food, stress and illness. Let animals follow their natural rhythms.

Sometimes, doing less is the most responsible way to help.

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## New Neighbor **Spotlight**

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## Nick & Anna Fischer

***Welcome to Rambling Ridge! How did you find our little neighborhood?***

We bought the house in October and moved in this December! We looked at a load of houses throughout the spring, summer and fall of 2025 and found this home and this neighborhood through that process. Both had that certain kind of magic and that we couldn't pinpoint. So glad to be here!

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

Anna wanted to be a veterinarian and Nick wanted to be an astronaut. We both took our problem-solving natures and became engineers! Nick has spent his career in the civil engineering design world and Anna has spent hers in the chemical engineering manufacturing world across the southeastern US.

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

We both love to spend our time in a good read, a good project, a good walk together, quality time with friends and a good lay in the grass. We added a team member to our family in 2025 and raising a little human is now at the top of that list!

Anna's a runner and Nick is a rock climber; we each dabble in the opposite's loves over the last 14 years together. We enjoy mountain biking together, hiking our beautiful forests and soaking up the joy of taking our two Siberian Husky girls along for the ride. You'll see us out and about with them throughout the neighborhood on bike rides, walks and runs - say hi!

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

Our favorite restaurants live up in Asheville, we love Rosetta's, Plant, and Beer City Pizza! But there are plenty of good ones we really like south of town like Love Eat Thai in Brevard and Champa in Hendersonville. Glad to have good options all over!

***What do you like the most about the neighborhood?***

In our couple months of owning our home here in Rambling Ridge we have adored the concentration of our biodiverse WNC landscape on display here and all the kindness from the community of neighbors we have surrounding us! Community is everything so we are grateful to see the beginnings of that so soon into the journey of doing life here. If we haven't met you yet please stop by our place on Trappers Trail or say hi when you see us running, walking or biking the neighborhood with our dog and human kiddos - we would absolutely love to meet you!