

THE RIDGE RAMBLER



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The Newsletter for the Rambling Ridge Community

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Hello, Neighbors! October greeted us with cooler days, the beginning of colorful trees, and a packed house at our **community meeting and potluck**. The food was amazing, and it was wonderful to see new faces join our familiar ones around the table. Thank you to everyone who contributed to lunch to made it such a fun and welcoming afternoon.

After lunch our president, Roy Smithers, opened the meeting by thanking those that volunteer in RR. From flags to flowers, mowing, the little library, Care Bears....it takes a village to keep our little neighborhood looking nice!

After the board reports, Roy jumped into Old Business on the agenda, our covenants. After sending out the email/mail survey, it was a very close margin of 54% in favor of combining and updating the covenants. It was decided by the board to not pursue combining at this time.

To see the detailed survey results, [click HERE](#)

The last item on the agenda was New Business, which was board elections. We had 4 positions open for voting.

Vice President: Darrell Burnett re-elected by acclamation. *Treasurer:* Chris Frey re-elected by acclamation.

Member-at-Large (Seat 1): Serena Bell elected, replacing Cathy Shanks

Member-at-Large (Seat 2): Paul Hooper elected for another term by acclamation.

If you would like to read the full meeting minutes, [click HERE](#)

Welcome, Serena Bell—our newest RRHOA board member!

We're excited to have Serena as an at-large volunteer.

A heartfelt thank-you to **Cathy Shanks** for her years of dedicated service—she'll continue sharing her green thumb talents leading our **front entrance beautification**.

We're grateful to you both!



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The Social Scene

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November's Ladies Lunch Bunch

will be wunderbar at Haus Heidelberg!
630 Greenville Highway, Hendersonville

Wednesday, Nov 12th @11:30

To see menu, click [HERE](#)

(they also have a soup/sandwich special each month)

Please rsvp to Linda Heller by Nov 10th

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End to an era...

Thirty years ago, Rambling Ridge introduced "Dining In," a wonderful tradition where HOA members gathered in small groups of six to eight to share a home-cooked meal. It was a way to meet new neighbors, build friendships, and enjoy one of the social perks of being part of our community.

Over time, participation has gradually declined. At our recent community meeting, we asked if neighbors would like to continue the tradition — but no one raised their hand. So, after three decades of good food and even better company, we'll be retiring the Dining In program.

Though the dinners may stop, the friendships they created will always be part of our community's story.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who hosted, cooked, and shared a meal over the years. Your warmth and hospitality helped make Rambling Ridge the friendly place it is today.



Rambling Rowdies Guys Night Out

Appalachian Mountain Brewery

46 N. Mills River Rd

November 5th at 6 pm

(over 21 please)

RSVP to Matt Heller

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The RR board will have a zoom meeting on October 20th at 11 am. If you have feedback or questions for us to review, please email us

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Nature Notes

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WNC Wildlife in the Fall



- ❖ Our black bears are now in the hyperphagia period, which is an extreme appetite where they eat massive amounts of food to prepare for winter. That means keep an eye on your garbage, compost and birdfeeders! They can gain up to 3 pounds a day and can be out looking for food up to 20 hours a day.
- ❖ Autumn is Deer Rutting season where the males battle it out for the females. It's a great time to take a day trip to Cataloochee Valley in Great Smoky Mountains National Park to see and hear the elk 'bugling'!
- ❖ Look for migrating bald eagles in October! You might get a view at places like Grandfather Mountain, Mills River Overlook, Chimney Rock and Blue Ridge Parkway.
- ❖ Squirrels are scurrying around burying nuts and seeds. Groundhogs, chipmunks and mice will be hibernating in November as well as bats, turtles and lizards.

BB Barns Class: Privacy with Plants
October 18 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Looking for a beautiful way to block unwanted views, reduce noise, or add privacy to your outdoor spaces?

[Click HERE](#) to read more about it and see all the classes available in Oct/November



- Remove summer annuals and veggies that are done producing
- Native bees like to winter in hollow stems and seed pods – skip cutting those down to the ground.
- Plant your spring bulbs like daffodils, and tulips. Plant root vegetables and greens.
- Plant shrubs, perennials and trees in fall for stronger roots.
- Rake leaves or mulch them into your lawn for nutrients. Leave some around the perimeter of the yard for wintering bugs and birds.
- If blowing leaves, remember to keep them off roads (and not blow them into your neighbor's yard 😊)

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Firewise Update – Kenny Perry

Rambling Ridge participates in the **Firewise USA program**, which helps neighborhoods like ours take practical steps to reduce fire danger and improve home safety. This is the time of year when we will be focusing on home visits (assessments). I can walk your property with you, pointing out simple ways to reduce risk — no pressure, just helpful advice. Things like clearing pine needles from the roof and gutters, identifying low branches and the correct perimeter around the house.

How do I get a Firewise Assessment?

Just call or email me! It is free! It's **not an inspection** or a test — just **personalized advice** to help you protect your home. Assessments usually take less than 30 minutes and can give you peace of mind — and a clear list of easy improvements.

Why It Matters

Small changes can make a big difference in how a home withstands embers or nearby flames. We really saw the benefit of the work done from assessments during Helene, which could have been much worse.

By participating, you not only make your home safer but also help our entire neighborhood maintain its Firewise certification which can help with chipper day grants, too.

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Small jobs, rides, computer help...
if you can volunteer OR if you are in
need of something, let us know!

Our fiscal year began on Sept. 1st !
You can pay online or send a check to
our treasurer.

You can find all the info [HERE](#)

While dues are voluntary, they make a big difference! Contributions cover mowing, planting, repairs, and even the electric bill for our entrance lights. The HOA also maintains the website, publishes newsletters, coordinates with utilities, organizes social events, supports Care Bears, promotes Firewise safety — and so much more!

Members who contribute just **\$60 a year** also receive a **FREE chipper day**, a benefit worth more than the dues themselves.

Help support the efforts that keep our neighborhood welcoming, safe, and beautiful for everyone.