



Hunter's Glen/Cove Newsletter

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Association*



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ARE YOU AN ASSET OR A LIABILITY TO THE COMMUNITY? That was the title of a newspaper article some years ago in a town where we used to live. Occasionally I've thought about that in the years since as we have moved from one location to another. I would hope that I have been an asset to the communities in which I have lived, but I'm not always sure. And as I've thought about this, it is not simply a matter of having a yard that deserves "Yard of the Month" honors! It has to do with how I relate to my neighbors in the neighborhood and the community. I suspect that I've not always been an asset in that regard. Of all of the subdivisions in which we've lived over the past 40 odd years I have found in Hunters Glen/Cove a community feeling that I have not found elsewhere. In the last neighborhood we lived in suburban Atlanta (for 11 years) I barely knew our next door neighbors, much less people down the street. Living here is a very pleasant change in that regard! Knowing our neighbors in this community is a major asset. Working together to build up our community is a great asset. I become disturbed, however, when I see things happening



in our community that should never happen. As I was preparing this newsletter I received some e-mailed photos from John Dellinger... photos of vandalism (again!) along the shoulders of Hunters Glen Lane as it makes its way down the hill from Derby Lane. We don't know who did this... or the previous vandalisms... but it saddens me that someone in, or related in some way to, this community would do this. This is definitely not an asset to the community. Friends, this is a great place to live... here in the mountains of western North Carolina... and a great community and neighborhood that we share. I hope we can all see ourselves as assets, and not liabilities, in this community! - *Don Poole, newsletter editor*

HELLO FROM TOM!

Homeowners Association President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope the summer and fall have been good for you. Thank goodness the drought we have experienced here in the mountains is nothing like the problems it has created for the people living in Atlanta and California. Everything seems to be going well in the neighborhood.

There are, however, a few things that you need to be aware of:

- Mr. John McGraw is building a road (off Hunters Glen Lane, up the hill before Derby Ln.) to access some of the remaining lots in Hunter's Glen and he has assured me that he is being very careful to not cause any environmental or construction related problems for any of us.
- My wife, Brenda, has replaced the Petunias at the front entrance with Pansies for the fall and winter season. We hope you enjoy them.
- This next year, the homeowners association will need a new vice-president as Allan Veach has agreed to take over as President, and a new treasurer, as our wonderful treasurer Nancy Jensen is retiring after serving our association for many years.
- On a negative note, we really need a few people to slow down a bit. None of us want to be injured or have our vehicles damaged by someone who is driving too fast. The consequences, personal and financial, are simply too great for a few minutes of time saved. Remember, the speed limit is 25 MPH.
- John Dellinger, Alan Veach and I have tried several times this summer to keep the water level of the pond up with mixed results. The property belongs to Mr. McGraw, not to Hunter's Glen and, hopefully, he is going to do something to solve the problem permanently.

- Finally, Bob Andrews and Kent Goodwin have created a great website for Hunters Glen/Cove, which can be accessed at www.hgcove.com. I suggest you have a look as it will likely become a major source of information and communication and give you a means of taking a more direct part in neighborhood actions and activities. Kudos to Bob and Kent for their work and creativity.

As always, a special thanks to those of you who work so hard to maintain and beautify your property and the neighborhood. Finally, as this is the last Newsletter of the year, on behalf of the Officers of the Hunters Glen/Cove Homeowners association we wish you the safest and best of holidays. - *Tom Shepherd*

WORDS FROM THE SECRETARY

If you are new in the community (since our annual meeting in May), I would like to have your name, address, phone number for our Homeowners Association address and phone list. Also, if you have corrections that need to be made on the current list, please give me a call (890-3563) or send me an e-mail (secretary@hgcove.com). - *Brenta Poole*

Monthly Climatology

By *Chuck Gorsuch*

Note: Observations taken at 709 Victory Lane (Elevation 2451 feet). Statistics from the National Weather Service (airport location) will differ substantially on some days. Your location on our mountain will also impact wind speeds and temperatures. See the previous newsletters for data from past months.

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Month	Highest (°F)	Lowest (°F)	Snow (in.)	Total Precipitation (in.)	High wind gust (mph)	Analysis
July	87	55	0	2.69	22	Dry- temp 1.5° below norm
Aug	94	58	0	1.76	23	Very dry-Hot- temp. 4.9° above norm
Sept.	86	52	0	2.82	26	Drought continues- 2.4° above norm
Oct.	79	34	0	2.37	28	Exceptional drought status warm month 4.4° above norm

Discussion of above chart

The important weather story for the past few months is the continual drought. We have received 27.71 inches of rain as of November 7. This is the lowest precipitation total by this time of year based on my 9 years of record keeping at this location. Normal by Nov. 7 is around 51.79 inches (Hendersonville data.) Long range forecast models all seem to show that the next 90 days are going to be slightly above normal temperature wise and dryer than normal.

The reasons for the continual dry weather are unclear. What is clear is that climate is highly variable and very dry periods run in cycles. The ridge of high pressure that has stagnated here for months seems to be related to the colder than normal ocean temperatures off the coast of South America. When ocean temperatures there are colder than normal it is referred to as La Nina event. Meteorologists feel we are moving into a La Nina period which may extend our drought into next year.

The first official drought in Henderson county was in 1897 which proved to be the worst in 50 years. It was also very dry here during the 1925-1930 era. (Dust Bowl)

Other headlines from the past few months would be the low number of hurricanes that struck the US. Only 1 (Humberto) struck the US this season and that was the first hurricane to hit the mainland since Wilma in 2005. We had at least 10 days of 90° or above in August which proved to be a hot month as you can see from the chart above.

Weather Question

- Q.** With global warming in the news so much lately we have a question related to that topic. Based on US weather records what year stands out as the warmest in the US since record keeping began?
- A.** **1934** ranks as the warmest year in US history. Four of the top ten warmest years are from the 1930's. Only 3 of the top 10 are from the past 10 years.

If you have any weather questions for this section please e-mail me at C_Gorsuch@bellsouth.net

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following Yard-of-the-Month winners for 2007:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Homeowners</u>
June	501 Hunters Glen Ln.	Alan & Janet Harms
July	20 W. Turkey Paw Trl.	Don & Brenta Poole
August	104 Saddlebred Ct.	Walter & Hope Plewak
September	311 Derby Ln.	Fay & Linda Gallagher
October	301 Derby Ln.	Neil & Priscilla Kendrick



The committee criteria for choosing Yard-of-the-Month is based upon curb appeal, yard maintenance, up-keep, etc. Due to the hard freeze this past April, a winner was not selected for the month of May 2007.

Through the year 2007 we did not select repeat winners so that many more homes could receive the award, Starting in 2008 repeat winners may be awarded. - *Russ Sailing, Committee Chair*

LAURELS & DARTS

With acknowledgement to the *Hendersonville Times-News* we'll give out our own *Laurels & Darts*:

A *Laurel* to John Dellinger (again!) for mowing the shoulder grass (and weeds) up and down Hunters Glen Lane and on other streets in the community.

A *Dart* to the person or persons vandalizing the grass shoulders of Hunters Glen Lane by driving on the shoulders and spinning wheels. We could do without such childishness!

A *Laurel* to Brenda Shepherd to keeping the flowers at the entrance signs looking nice as the seasons change... and the flowers change, too!

A *Laurel* to Bob Andrews and Kent Goodwin for the new Hunters Glen/Cove web site. Looks great, guys!

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(A note from the editor: If you have something you would like to share with the entire community, please feel free to e-mail me at newsletter@hgcove.com, or give me a call at 890-3563. We're always looking for input from you! Thanks! - Don Poole)

Happy Thanksgiving
and

Merry Christmas