



Hunter's Glen/Cove Newsletter

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More Hornswoggle and Cogitation

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Party time! Hope you can make it to the get-together this afternoon at 5PM until? at the bottom of the hill. We're keeping it low key, just a good excuse to meet your fellow homeowners. Bring a desert or an appetizer, and something to sit on. We'll provide soft drinks; BYOB. There will be a big blow-up, get inside and jump around hooaha thingie, a fire truck, and horseshoes for all you kids. If you miss this one, we'll do more, so not to worry.

It's been a busy summer and it's winding down; hear the cicadas at night? They are called Dog Day Cicadas, locally named for their appearance during the hottest days of the year, and there are at least 7 species: [Cicadas](#) are part of the charm of summers in North Carolina. The males sing high in trees with long, loud, songs composed of buzzes and clicks. The songs are distinct for each species.

We've also been busy doing HOA things. Some of you know because you've volunteered (or got volunteered) for some of this stuff—you can ask questions at the get together:

The Neighborhood Watch has been formed, and the next meeting is next Thursday, Aug 13, 7:00PM at Ed Eich's house. Each watch representative will be assigned about 10 houses, and will visit you before the end of August to provide you the program details.

We've formed the Covenant rewrite committee, and are about to have its initial meeting. The committee is comprised of Susanne House, Al Juneke, Ed Eich, Way Plowman, and Steve Hill. I'll be an exofficio (non-voting) member and Tom Shepherd will act as a consultant. The committee will report monthly progress to the HOA board, and has been instructed to:

1. Review:
 - current Hunter's Glen/Cove covenants
 - covenants from other neighborhoods
 - the North Carolina Planned Community Act
2. Write a draft of the new covenants that address our needs.
3. Accomplish this within 90 to 120 days.
4. Present covenant draft to homeowners for questions and comments.
5. If homeowners agree to the rewrite, rough draft sent to Van Winkle Associates for legal review and finalizing.
6. Submit for approval to the members of the HOA.

For those parents that have a child attending either Etowah Elementary or Rugby Middle School—I met with a group of moms (I want that bunch on my side if I ever get into a bar fight!) about getting those schools to drop off the students riding these buses somewhere on Hunters Glen Lane instead of on Hwy.

64. It is important that we have an accurate head count. The more students we show riding these buses, the better chance that we have of getting the bus to come up into the neighborhood. School will be starting in a couple of weeks so I need this information ASAP, so please e-mail me at sequitur@mchsi.com, or call me at 828-221-0633 (note--dial 828).

I'd like to consolidate some of the social groups (call them the "party animals?") into one so we have all those type activities covered, and will include those who organized this latest community get together. That way we're assured we don't miss something important to one or some of our members.

There is a bear in the neighborhood. We think it's one of two cubs seen over the last two years with their mom, who taught them how to find easy food. They generally stay with mom for 2 years before venturing out on their own. Wildlife officials say bears move more during the summer months when bears leave their mother to find new territory. That's what is probably happening with this guy. During this time, you may notice bears wandering in areas the animals would not normally frequent. You should not be alarmed if you spot a bear. Take pics (from inside). Unless you give a bear food, the wildlife people say the bear will not stay in the neighborhood. The animals can become bold when they routinely feed on food provided by humans. That includes garbage and bird seed. Wildlife officials say when people feed bears; the animals can become less wary of human contact. **Problem bears may eventually have to be destroyed.**

Once a bear receives a "reward" it will return to the same area several times (even after food is removed) or search around the general area for similar foods. Some bears become fairly tolerant of humans in these situations and appear tame.

- Store garbage inside buildings or other areas that bears cannot get to.
- **Do not feed bears under any circumstances.** There are lots of goodies in the woods (called "mast" by the wildlife guys), and it's better for them.
- If the area is served by a garbage collection service, place garbage out only during the day of collection. Under no circumstances should garbage be left out overnight. Keep all garbage sites clean.
- Do not leave pet foods out overnight.
- If bird feeders have been visited by a bear, stop feeding birds for 1 to 2 weeks.
- Persons living in bear range should install "bear proof" containers or use dumpsters with heavy gauge metal lids as a long term solution to bear problems.

We have attracted and conditioned this guy with easy food and it's losing its natural fear of people; that's when he can become dangerous. If you care about this critter, it's time for some tough love; stop feeding it. Do the right thing.

You can find more info on bears as well as other wildlife here: <http://www.ncwildlife.org> then click on "[co-existing with wildlife](#)", then "[nuisance wildlife](#)"

We also were visited by a bobcat and passed the pics around via email—cute little booger, about three times the size of a large house cat. Of course, he's much more shy than the bear.

If you are in need of a good yard person, give Lavonne Fulle a call. She mows the front entrance for the HOA and could use the work. C: 606-3964, H: 891-6096.