

Sewer system history:

Several Companies have owned "our" sewer system. The system started as owned by Developer Thompson Jr. who offered a \$15 monthly rate. Home buyers were not given option of not using the sewer system. Many thought (me included) that having a sewer system was an advantage -- based on up north experience undoubtedly.

After Thompson went bankrupt (Oct '86??) the system was bought by Hydrologic of Asheville. Monthly rate became \$26.30 sometime before 12-6-90. The system had many reliability problems mostly stemming from Thompson's contractor poor installations. Much anguish of homeowners generated several meetings with Hydrologic (I attended) and caused a major dissatisfaction with Hunters Glen residents -- also HG property values were diminished during this period due to this and other "quality" issues with Thompson houses.

Lee Robinson was most supportive during this entire period.

Documented history starts here:

- Culligan purchased Horseshoe Sewer System from Hydrologic 1-17-96
- Blue Mountain Utilities (Kilpatrick) acquired HSS sometime before 12-01-99
- Blue Mountain requested rate increase for this and 5 other WNC systems -- requested increase from \$41.75 to \$47.50.
- HG Homeowner letter 12-3-99 to NC Utilities Commission requested hearing be moved to Hendersonville.
- HG Homeowner letter 1-21-00 to NC Utilities Comm. recommended a \$45 monthly rate including detail on performance satisfaction with Blue Mountain services and pointing out their opportunity for added future revenues.
- Subsequently, without my knowledge as to why, no rate changes were authorized or made. Our sewer rate has been \$41.75 since 11-7-94.
- The above is in my notebook should any further information be needed. Wally Plewak (current resident) was president then and may have more info.