



DELLWOOD DIGEST

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Dellwood Association Board

By George Stiekes - HOA President

There are seven board members of our Dellwood Association. There has always been an open door policy in our meetings when there are those who have questions or have a contribution to make. Better yet, we are always looking for those who would be willing to serve on the board. Personally, I am so glad that Heather St. Jacques joined our team this past year. I am saying that because I would like to see some more younger adults be a part of our leadership team. Normally, each year, the terms of at least two board members expire. Elections always take place at our annual board meeting in April.

With this being said we have two positions that are coming up for election this year. If you feel led to join the HOA board or know of someone who would be a good fit please feel free to reach out to

one of the board members with your suggestion.

Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic this year was another great success. We had the chance to meet new neighbors and catch up with long standing relationships.

Our president, George Stiekes, discussed some issues that have been addressed in the HOA Board meetings as well as discussed some pressing issues fellow neighbors brought to attention. There was some discussion at the picnic concerning winter snow and ice on the road. As much as possible, it was suggested that every neighbor do what they can to put chemicals/salt on the road and even do some shoveling in front in their homes. A second suggestion was for two or three neighbors to work on this project together. The second discussion presented was how to make

our neighborhood safer. One main issue Dellwood is experiencing is cars driving over the posted speed limit of 20 MPH. Awareness currently is our greatest ally. As the winter months are approaching please be extra conscious of your speed.

After food and fellowship we had a chance to participate in prize drawings and games.

This coming year's picnic we have several new changes planned. We are going to be hosting the picnic on a Friday night at the end of the summer in hopes that more families will be able to attend. We also are going to be having some friendly games/competitions. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see at next year's picnic please reach out to Heather St. Jacques at hs68303@gmail.com.

Special Thanks!!!

Our neighborhood wants to give a special thanks to Marty & Alison Harris for all their hard work they put into the annual picnic. Marty & Alison did everything from getting fliers out to cooking all the meat the day of and lots of work in between. We also want to thank anyone who came out beforehand to help set up!

Local Events This Winter

Not only is Dellwood a great neighborhood to live in but we are located in a community that offers so much this coming holiday season. Below

are a few things you and your family can enjoy together this winter. Further details and additional events can be found at <http://www.historichendersonville.org/calendar.htm>

- Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at the WNC Ag Center – November 27th – December 30th
- Winter Lights at NC Arboretum – November 27th – January 2nd
- National Gingerbread House Competition at the Grove Park Inn – November 27th – January 3rd
- Olde Fashioned Hendersonville Christmas – December 4th
- Hendersonville Christmas Parade – December 5th



2015 Calendar of Events

Below is a tentative schedule of events for the coming year.

- Thursday, April 28, 2016 – Annual Business Potluck Dinner Meeting
- Saturday, May 21, 2016 – Community Wide Garage Sale
- Friday, August 12th – Annual Picnic

Emergency Preparedness

If a disaster were to strike your family or home how prepared would you be? Our local Henderson County Library hosted an Emergency Preparedness Seminar this past fall and they had some great advice that all of us can take and apply.

Disasters come in many forms and can strike at any moment, being prepared can help alleviate stresses and dangers that can be associated with disasters. Preparing for emergencies only takes 3 simple steps: build a kit, make a plan, and stay informed.

1) Build a Kit

There are several different kits to create. They include a grab and Go kit, Shelter in Place Kit, Pet Kit, and a Vehicle Kit. Examples of what to include in your Grab and Go kit are: Food and water for 3 days, medication, battery powered radio, flashlight, spare batteries, first aid kit, can opener, blankets, whistle, local maps, moist towelettes, toilet paper, garbage bags and plastics for personal sanitation. Always remember to maintain your kit as time goes on.

2) Make a Plan

Develop an emergency plan with your family. Things to discuss include: escape routes, family communications, utilities, getting tech ready, insurance and vital records, special needs, caring for animals, and safety skills.

Emergency plans shouldn't only be discussed with family members but can

also be put into place at your school, work place and your community. This may include knowing which neighbors of yours would need help in case of an emergency. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency.

Once you develop your plan be sure and practice and maintain it.

3) Stay Informed

Be aware of any emergency alerts or natural disasters that might be happening. Know where shelters are and if there are evacuations.

Further information on this topic can be found at:

www.Ready.gov

www.ReadyNC.org

www.hendersoncountync.org/sheriff

On behalf of the Dellwood board, I would like to wish each and every one of you a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to seeing what can take place in our community as we continue to work together for the good of every family.

George Stiekes