

CHEROKEE HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CHCA Newsletter Compliments of the Cherokee Hills Community Association

Let Your Voice Be Heard

There's still time to have your voice heard as Roanoke County's Planning staff continue to gather input on the Glenvar Community Plan. The County is essentially collecting information and opinions regarding future development and land use in the Glenvar area. The Plan will also study community facility needs, environmental resources/constraints, as well as outdoor recreation resources.

One way the County is collecting citizen input is through a survey. You can pick up a hardcopy at the Glenvar Library or on the second floor of the Roanoke County Administration Center at 5204 Bernard Drive. The survey and additional information about the Community Plan are also available online at www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/gcp. You'll also find an online interactive map of Route 11/460 on the site. This is another way the County hopes to gain community input. By clicking on a highlighted parcel you can see detailed property information. Let the County know what you would like to see on the site in the future.

The deadline for folks to take the Glenvar Community Survey has been extended to April 15, 2010. The goal is to adopt the plan by December 2010.

Let Your Voice Be Heard

Take the Glenvar Community Plan Survey:
It's Vital to Our Community

www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/gcp

Deadline: April 15, 2010

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Neighborhood Safety

Last summer residents across our neighborhood reported that property was stolen out of vehicles parked in driveways or in front of homes. In most instances, these vehicles were unlocked and/or exterior lights were turned off or not working properly. Although we can take comfort in the fact that no reports of theft have been reported since August 2009, it's important that all residents take steps to protect their property.

Last August the CHCA hosted a program on neighborhood safety at the Glenvar Library. Officer Eric Orange with the Roanoke Co. Police Dept. shared the following tips:

- Don't leave valuables where they can be seen and always lock your doors/windows
- Installing lights (motion detection style) can be particularly effective. Home security systems can also be a deterrent.
- If you EVER see anything suspicious, contact the Roanoke Co. Police Department.
 - Emergency number = 911
 - Non-emergency number = 562-3265
 - Officer Eric Orange = 777-8651

For more safety tips, visit the Cherokee Hills Community Association Website at: <http://chca.yolasite.com/>.

Message from the President

By Barry Garst

President, Cherokee Hills Community Association

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Each year the CHCA coordinates a “**Community Clean-Up Day**” to beautify our neighborhood. Based on feedback from CHCA members, we’re making it a weekend event to better accommodate your schedules. If you prefer not to work on Sunday, then you can contribute on Saturday, April 17. If you and your family are involved in sports and other family and community activities on Saturdays, then we invite you to work with us on Sunday, April 18. If April 17–18 doesn’t work for your schedule, then pick a project from the list below and contact Les Meadows at 380–2256 to schedule a different time when you (and perhaps a few of your neighbors) can get the job done!! In fact, **April 17–18** is not just an opportunity for service in our neighborhood, it’s also an international event called Global Days of Service. Join millions of people across the world volunteering to improve their communities.

Volunteers are needed to work on a number of small and large projects, including:

- Seal the basketball court at the park
- Replace tire swing at the park
- Equipment repair and hardware replacement at the park
- Put a fresh coat of paint on the 2 Cherokee Hills signs (one on Sundance Road and one on Cherokee Hills Drive)
- Landscaping around the main Cherokee Hills sign on Cherokee Hills Drive
- Spread new mulch around the playground equipment at the park
- Spread gravel in the parking lot at the park
- Replace rotted telephone poles with new poles in the parking lot at the park
- Make repairs to the shelter at the park
- Digging out the ditch near the entrance of Cherokee Hills Drive

Are you aware of other projects that need to be addressed in Cherokee Hills? Contact Les Meadows at 380–2256.

Nominations Being Accepted for CHCA Officer Positions

If you’ve ever thought about getting involved in the Cherokee Hills Community Association, now is the time. Nominations are now being accepted for the position of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Park Manager. Each position serves for a 1-year term. The current officers will serve until the Annual Meeting on June 12, 2010, at which time the CHCA membership will vote for new officers and the new officers’ terms will begin. (Some of the current officers may be continuing in their positions.) For more information about these positions, please contact Scott Sprunger at 380–4029.

CURRENT CHCA – BOARD MEMBERS:

- Barry Garst, President, 380–5191
- Scott Sprunger, Vice-Pres., 380–4029
- Stephanie Butler, Secretary, 380–3142
- Jean Thompson, Treasurer, 380–4449
- Les Meadows, Park Superintendent, 380–2256

For newsletter submission ideas, contact Teresa Hall at 380–3339 or thall@vt.edu.

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For More Information:

www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov or
<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

Nominate a Neighbor Hero

Snow, snow, and more snow! That seemed to be the theme for the winter of 2009 as many people found themselves trapped at home or worse still – stuck on the side of the road! But the winter will also be remembered for the willingness of neighbors to help each other. If you know a Cherokee Hills/The Oaks neighbor who went out of his/her way to help others, please let us know. We are compiling a list of neighbors who deserve a “Hero Spotlight.” Send this information to Barry Garst at bgarst@vt.edu.

Grant Request for Main Sign Improvements Denied

At the Cherokee Hills Community Association Annual in June, we reported that the Association applied for a \$1,000 capital improvement grant through Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism for landscaping improvements to the main Cherokee Hills sign. This grant was denied. However, with contributions of money (to purchase new landscape plants) and labor, we could accomplish much on our own. If you’d like to contribute to this project, please contact Barry Garst at 380-5191 or bgarst@vt.edu. In the future we hope to write other grants for neighborhood improvements. If you have ideas for potential funders, please contact Barry.

Progressive Dinner Update

Chris Poulton is still hoping to set a date in the near future for the Progressive Dinner. He reports that the current consensus is to move the dinner to late spring when the weather is less of an issue and people can get around easier. When a date is set, the information will be provided via email and on the CHCA website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM:

GROUP A STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONS!

Here Comes Peter Cottontail Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, March 27

The Children’s Programming Committee is hosting a neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt in the park on Saturday, March 27th from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. If anyone would like to help, please contact Angela Hughes. Organizers could use donations of plastic eggs and candy, small toys, or tattoos to put inside the eggs. They could also use snacks and crafts. If you’d like to donate or volunteer, Angela can be reached at arhughes4@verizon.net or by phone at 380-5093.



Other Fun Dates to Remember:

- Community Yard Sale – June 5
- Party in the Park/Annual Meeting – June 12

Dues & Neighborhood Park Reminders

Dues to belong to the Cherokee Hills Neighborhood Association are still being collected for 2009. Dues are \$30. Dues paying members have use of the playground, shelter, and ball field. Non-members can pay a fee of \$30 to reserve the facilities. Please contact a Board member for more information.

PLEASE NOTE

The Park facilities are for neighborhood enjoyment. Vandalism and trespassing will be reported to local law enforcement. Riding motorcycles and ATV’s are frowned upon by the Association as these activities are prone to damage the park and surrounding woods.