



# NEWSLETTER

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## News from the Mayor

Roger Snyder

Quite a few projects that we are working on keep moving forward in a positive way. The first phase of the park is progressing and things are taking shape.

### Highway 191 Entrance

We have the entrance almost completed. Contractors are still on the site daily and working on various things. The electricians are installing driveway lights (similar to our current parking lights) and they should be operational within the next 45 days. Our new driveway is paved and is in use. While entering and exiting the driveway, be careful and aware of people working. Also, when exiting the property, be careful and look both ways before pulling out on to Highway 191.

### New Entrance Sign

Council is looking at different sizes, styles and, of course, cost. No decision has been made yet and if you have any ideas feel free to let us know.

### Meetings

Council holds it's meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We have various committees that also meet throughout the month. All of these meetings are open to the public to attend. If you would like an electronic notification of these meetings, feel free to send an email to Aurelie Taylor or just simply call us on the phone and we will be happy to notify you.

Speaking of meetings, are you interested in serving on a committee? If you are, we have a simple application on our web site or call us and we will mail you one.

### Mills River History Room

The room is dedicated to the Mills River Community. This room is located inside the Library (inside the Town Hall Building) and is open the same hours as the Library. The room is sponsored by the Friends of the Mills River Library which is a "not- for- profit" organization. Any donations are tax-deductible.

### In General

Council members are always available to attend various community meetings. If you have a club, home-



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Mayor: Roger Snyder

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owners association or other function, let us know and we'll be happy to speak, answer questions or just attend.

**Safety Tip**

Have you changed your home smoke or carbon monoxide detector's battery? How about those flashlight batteries? Hopefully you have a flashlight beside your bed and one in each vehicle. You never know when you might need it.

.....and as always let us know if we can be of any assistance.



## HISTORY CORNER

by Jim Brittain

When I was growing up on a farm in Mills River, it was normal for acquired skills such as how to use a crosscut saw efficiently and safely to be passed down from father to son. These days, it seems more typical for parents to seek help from their children in mastering skills needed to use personal computers or other devices controlled by microprocessors.

When I became old enough to help with the task of cutting wood, my father purchased a six-foot long crosscut saw. As an apprentice, I soon learned that the proper utilization of this tool was more difficult than a casual observer might think. Effective sawing required team work between the two users stationed at opposite ends of the crosscut saw. If one attempted to saw faster than the other, it caused the saw to bend and destroyed the necessary rhythm. The more experienced sawyer might say in jest that "if you're going to ride the saw, pick up your feet." Maintaining the saw straight and vertical while sawing a block of wood from a log required close attention from both operators.

In the normal course of events, we carried the saw and an axe to a wooded ridge near our house and selected a good sized oak to fell. Before beginning, my father would decide where to fall it so that the tree would not be stopped by a nearby tree and result in a dangerous "deadfall". He then would use the axe to clear space around the base of the chosen tree to enable unobstructed sawing and provide an escape route when the tree began to fall. Only after these careful preparations did we apply the saw to the base of the tree. Initially, we would saw a few inches into the tree and then use the axe to produce a notch. If done correctly, the head of the axe could be placed in the notch and the axe handle would point in the direction the tree would fall. I was told that one should be able to drop the tree on top of a stake placed a considerable distance away.

Finally, it was time to cut the tree down. We held the saw with the handles parallel to the ground and began the cut on the opposite side from the notch and at the same height with the objective of producing a flat stump. There was always a rush of excitement when the tree began to fall. There would be a gradual widening of the gap where the saw had left its track and then the accelerated fall and final crash followed by silence. An early lesson was that the age of the tree could be determined accurately by counting the annual growth rings on the stump once the tree was down. The contemplative sawyer, could, in effect, trace the history of a particular tree back in time from the most recent growth ring to the first, formed decades before.

After we had studied the stump, it was time to prepare the fallen tree for removal. Prior to further use of the saw, it was usual to remove the limbs with the axe. Again, my father insisted on being quite careful to avoid an accident that might easily occur if the sharp axe deflected toward one's leg or foot. Ideally, one stood on the opposite side of the tree while chopping off a limb on the other side in case of an errant swing. We also devoted considerable time to clearing away underbrush where sawing would be done. We would either plan to cut the tree into logs to be pulled down the hill by a horse or into short blocks for firewood if a sled were to be employed to haul wood.

It was necessary to measure with some accuracy the length of logs or blocks to be cut. One might use a measuring stick or perhaps a mark on the axe handle. Blocks intended for firewood were cut to be just short enough to fit in the wood stove after being split. The process of sawing a fallen tree became a lesson in mechanics as we frequently employed a long pole as a lever to raise one end of a log. While it was elevated, one of us would place a support underneath so that a block or two could be sawed without binding the saw. It was only some years later when I took courses in mechanics as part of the engineering curriculum that I learned about tensile and compressive stresses in beams. This provided a more scientific explanation of some effects I had once observed while using a crosscut saw.

One of the more pleasant aspects of sawing wood with a crosscut saw was the smell of fresh saw dust and the welcome pause at intervals when one might hear a nearby squirrel or bird call. It is my impression that sawing with a powered saw is less enjoyable due to the noise and less opportunity to pause and rest. Although the chain saw increased productivity, it tended to deskill the woodcutting process.

Once the wood had been moved to a location near our house, it required splitting. Blocks of wood devoid of knots would generally split rather easily, if one complete the task before the wood seasoned too much. Creating a large stack of split stove wood brought a sense of satisfaction that the Rome Eagle stove would be well supplied with fuel. This would enable my mother to prepare three hot meals each day and heat water needed for various purposes. Larger chunks of wood were burned in a wood heater in our living room throughout the winter months. It seems to be that participation in these activities gave one a fundamental understanding of energy sources and their conversion. We are less apt to get this now with our dependence on electricity, propane, or natural gas conveyed to our homes from far away locations.

## **2012 TAX LISTING NOTICE**

### **READ CAREFULLY - YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO LIST.**

**All persons who have or who may acquire any interest in any real or personal property that may be or may become subject to a lien for taxes are hereby charged with notice that such property is or should be listed for taxation, that taxes are or may become a lien thereon, and that if taxes are not paid the proceedings allowed by law may be taken against such property. This notice shall be conclusively presumed, whether or not such persons have actual notice. N.C.G.S. 105-348**

**GENERAL RULE – PER N.C.G.S. 105-308; ANYONE WHO, ON JANUARY 1, 2012 (THE DATE AS OF WHICH PROPERTY IS TO BE LISTED), OWNS PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION MUST LIST SUCH PROPERTY WITHIN THE PERIOD SET FORTH IN THIS NOTICE AND THAT ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO DO SO WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW.**

**In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, any person whose duty it is to list any property who willfully fails or refuses to list the same within the time prescribed by law shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. The failure to list shall be prima facie evidence that the failure was willful. Any person who willfully attempts, or who willfully aids and abets any person to attempt, in any manner to evade or defeat the taxes imposed by law, whether by removal or concealment of property or otherwise, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. N.C.G.S. 105-308**

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 105-296(c), AND 105-304 THROUGH 105-311, SET FORTH THE SPECIFIC LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED DURING THE JANUARY LISTING PERIOD AS DETAILED BELOW:**

**REAL PROPERTY – AS REQUIRED BY N.C.G.S. 105-303, HENDERSON COUNTY USES A PERMANENT LISTING SYSTEM FOR PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS REAL PROPERTY (LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS). THEREFORE THE OWNERSHIP OF ALL REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCES IS LISTED FOR YOU. HOWEVER, N.C.G.S. 105-309(c)(4) REQUIRES ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND CHANGES OF ANY KIND MADE ON YOUR REAL PROPERTY DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2011 OR PRIOR MUST BE LISTED DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2012. NOTE: IF YOU PURCHASED A PROPERTY DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2011, WHICH ON JANUARY 1, 2011 WAS VACANT LAND OR DID NOT HAVE ALL THE STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED ON THE PROPERTY THAT WAS THERE AT THE TIME OF YOUR PURCHASE, YOU MUST LIST THE CONSTRUCTION MADE BY THE SELLER PRIOR TO YOUR PURCHASE. FAILURE TO TIMELY LIST ANY CHANGES MADE TO REAL PROPERTY WILL RESULT IN PENALTIES AND POSSIBLE INTEREST BEING APPLIED. N.C.G.S. 105-312 REQUIRES A PENALTY OF 10% BE ADDED FOR EACH LISTING PERIOD THAT HAS LAPSED SINCE CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED.**

**PLEASE NOTE: OBTAINING A HENDERSON COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT DOES NOT FULFILL THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT TO LIST CHANGES TO REAL PROPERTY REQUIRED BY THIS NOTICE.**

**ALL TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY – NEWLY ACQUIRED REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A CHURCH, CIVIC ORGANIZATION OR FRATERNAL ORDER, AND HOMEOWNER OR PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, MUST EITHER BE LISTED FOR TAXES OR AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION MADE PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE LISTING PERIOD, TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT ALL PROPERTY HELD BY A NON-PROFIT, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, OR CHARITABLE OWNER, SHOULD ALSO HAVE AN APPROVED APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION ON FILE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO SEE THAT THE APPLICATION IS ON FILE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN THE PROPERTY BEING ASSESSED ALONG WITH ALL APPLICABLE PENALTIES.**

**DEFERRED TAX PROGRAM FOR LICENSED NORTH CAROLINA BUILDERS – FOR 2012, IF YOU ARE A LICENSED NORTH CAROLINA BUILDER AND OWN AN UNOCCUPIED, UNSOLD, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY HAS BEEN ISSUED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2012, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A DEFERRAL OF THE TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE INCREASE IN VALUE**

REPRESENTED BY THE RESIDENCE. THIS BENEFIT IS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF AN ANNUAL APPLICATION.

**TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED – THREE TYPES OF TAX RELIEF ARE AVAILABLE:**

PERSONS WHO BECAME 65 YEARS OF AGE OR TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED IN 2011 OR EARLIER, AND WHOSE TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES DOES NOT EXCEED \$27,100.00 MAY QUALIFY FOR AN EXCLUSION UP TO \$25,000 OR 50% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THEIR PERMANENT RESIDENCE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

2. PERSONS WHO BECAME 65 YEARS OF AGE OR TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED IN 2011 OR EARLIER, AND WHOSE TOTAL INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES DOES NOT EXCEED \$27,100.00 OR IF MORE THAN \$27,100.00 BUT NOT EXCEEDING \$40,650.00 MAY ELECT TO DEFER ANY TAX GREATER THAN 4% OR 5% OF THEIR TOTAL INCOME AS ALLOWED BY STATUTE. NOTE: DEFERRED TAXES ARE A LIEN ON THE REAL PROPERTY.

3. HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS WITH A 100% SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, OR THEIR UNMARRIED, SURVIVING SPOUSE, MAY QUALIFY FOR AN EXCLUSION OF THE FIRST \$45,000 OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THEIR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.

**APPLICATIONS FOR TAX RELIEF MAY BE TIMELY-FILED THROUGH JUNE 1, 2012.**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTY IN PRESENT-USE VALUE PROGRAM**

N.C.G.S. 105-277.5 REQUIRES THAT NOT LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF THE LISTING PERIOD FOLLOWING A CHANGE WHICH COULD DISQUALIFY ALL OR PART OF A TRACT OF LAND RECEIVING THE BENEFIT OF THE PRESENT-USE VALUE PROGRAM, THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL FURNISH THE ASSESSOR WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING SUCH CHANGE. ANY PROPERTY OWNER WHO FAILS TO NOTIFY THE ASSESSOR OF CHANGES AS REQUIRED BY LAW SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF 10% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE DEFERRED TAXES AND INTEREST THEREON FOR EACH LISTING PERIOD FOR WHICH THE FAILURE TO REPORT CONTINUES.

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**COMPLETED LISTING FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012.** IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, YOU MAY COME BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, 200 NORTH GROVE STREET, SUITE 102, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M., BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012 AND ENDING JANUARY 31, 2012.

**LISTING WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012 AND END TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012.**

**TIMELINESS:** TO AVOID THE 10% LATE LISTING PENALTY, LISTINGS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON AT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, OR SUBMITTED BY MAIL AND AFFIXED WITH A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE APPLIED POSTMARK DATED JANUARY 31, 2012 OR EARLIER. LISTINGS SUBMITTED BY MAIL WITHOUT A U.S. POSTAL SERVICE APPLIED POSTMARK WILL BE RECORDED AS FILED WHEN ACTUALLY RECEIVED IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT.

**LIST BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012 TO AVOID 10% PENALTY FOR LATE LISTING**

HENDERSON COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT—ASSESSOR'S OFFICE  
200 NORTH GROVE STREET, SUITE 102  
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792  
TELEPHONE: (828) 697-4870



**RECIPE CORNER**

**Pineapple-Orange Sweet Potatoes**

- 1 ½ lbs. sweet potatoes
- 1 (15 ¼ oz.) can sliced pineapple, drained
- ½ cup orange juice
- ½ cup orange marmalade
- ¼ cup raisins (optional)

Bake sweet potatoes at 400 degrees for 50 minutes or until done; cool. When cooled, peel and cut into 1/3 inch slices; cut pineapple slices in half. Alternate sweet potato and pineapple slices in a lightly greased 8-inch square baking dish.

Combine orange juice, marmalade, and raisins in a small saucepan; cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes. Pour over sweet potato and pineapple slices.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes Yield: 6 servings

**MEETING & OTHER DATES**

Jan 12	Town Council	7:00 PM
Jan 16	Martin Luther King	Town Hall Closed
Jan 17	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Jan 20	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
Jan 24	Parks and Recreation	7:00 PM
Jan 26	Town Council	7:00 PM
Feb 7	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Feb 9	Town Council	7:00 PM
Feb 14	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Feb 17	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
Feb 21	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Feb 23	Town Council	7:00 PM
Feb 28	Parks and Recreation	7:00 PM
Mar 6	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Mar 8	Town Council	7:00 PM
Mar 16	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
Mar 20	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Mar 22	Town Council	7:00 PM
Mar 27	Parks and Recreation	7:00 PM

## LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ADS

The Mills River Town Newsletter is printed quarterly: at the end of March, June, September, and December. In order to defray the cost of publishing, the newsletter will be taking small business ads. These ads will be business card size and black and white. The business must be located within the town limits. There is a \$50 fee for each quarterly advertisement and since there is a limited amount of space, ads will be taken on a first come, first served basis. The ad must accompany payment and checks should be labeled for the newsletter. The fee collected goes directly for newsletter costs. Site selection within the newsletter is to be determined by the newsletter committee. The committee reserves the right to refuse an ad. Both ad and payment will be returned if this occurs.

Thank you for your support.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The Town of Mills River newsletter is published and distributed quarterly. Articles submitted may be edited for brevity. Deadline for submission of articles is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each of the following months: March, June, September and December. Submit articles in writing to:

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or by email to [aurelie.taylor@millsriver.org](mailto:aurelie.taylor@millsriver.org). Articles can also be dropped off at the Mills River Town Hall. If you need assistance, have questions or need more information, feel free to call Aurelie at (828) 890-2901 or email.

## PARKS COMMITTEE UPDATE WINTER 2011

by Pat Christie

A lot has happened since our last update, so let me bring everyone up to speed regarding the park construction. The summer and fall of 2010 was a time of preparation, looking at engineering and architect plans and starting the process of looking at conceptual landscaping and playground plans in anticipation of the construction of the park. In the spring of 2011, a bid was issued to start work on the park which included all of the grading and drainage work, paving of the trail and parking areas, construction of the dog park, and preparation of the playground area. Over the summer, work also started on the two buildings that are located within the park, these are the picnic shelter and combination restroom/concession building located near the playground area.

A new entrance road to the town property, off of Hwy 191, was put out to bid, constructed and opened to the public in October. So now, the main entrance to the Town's property is no longer off of Hooper Lane but is located off of Haywood Rd (Hwy 191).

Also in October, the committee, after reviewing several playground proposals, recommended to Town Council that Playworld Preferred be chosen to install the playground. You may see the submittal by going to the Town's website [www.millsriver.org](http://www.millsriver.org), and clicking on the link to view the playground. In November, playground construction was completed. Also, at this time, trees were planted in various locations throughout the property.

If you have visited either Town Hall or the library recently, you may have noticed signs saying "Park Under Construction - Do Not Enter" even though it appears that construction is complete for this portion of Phase I. We are working on the final details with the contractors which in some cases still involve digging holes or having equipment on site which continues to makes the property an **active** construction site. We ask that the public not use the site for the safety of all concerned as we wait for all of the work to be completed.

In the meantime, the park committee has reviewed potential rules for the park (such as helmet use by bicyclists, limiting use of roller blades and skateboards, dog park use, etc.), and recommended to the Town Council the types of amenities (trash cans, benches, picnic tables, etc.) that will be needed prior to opening the park. We are working on both of those aspects at this time so that we can be prepared for a potential soft opening in March followed by a grand opening tentatively scheduled for sometime in June.

## SPOTLIGHT ON MILLS RIVER RESIDENT...JIM REED

by Kathryn Finotti

### ***How long have you been a resident of Mills River?***

Phoebe, my son Jamie and I moved here from Asheville 12 years ago.

### ***Where is your hometown?***

I'm a Hoosier by birth. My hometown is La Porte, Indiana.

### ***What kind of work do you do (or have you done)?***

I'm happily retired. My work career was with Local and State Government in North Carolina as a Public Health Dentist. I especially enjoyed helping young children overcome their fear of the dentist. We did a lot of preventive services, and helped keep smiles for a lot of youngsters who might not otherwise have been able to receive dental care.

### ***Tell us about your family.***

I'm blessed with a great family. Daughter Kelly teaches first grade at North Buncombe Elementary School. Daughter Nicole does child care in a Montessori school in Upstate South Carolina. Son Jamie is a Vet Tech in Asheville. We have two grandchildren, Ameron (14) and Joseph (9). Two of my favorite golf partners are my sons-in-law Paul and Jason.

### ***Do you have pets?***

Yes, we have Jacque and Trixie, brother and sister Jack Russells. What a handful they are!

### ***What is your favorite pastime or hobby?***

I'm a lifelong golfer, and absolutely love the game. But Maple Glade Farm, our lovely place here in Mills River, keeps me busy. We garden and I grow specialty evergreens for sale. I also spend time as a volunteer and Board member with the Mills River Farmers' Tailgate Market.

### ***What is your favorite meal?***

I'm a seafood lover who's been known to eat some weird stuff. Ha Ha! But my wife's Southern style cooking includes collard greens and chicken 'n dumplings.

### ***If you could have dinner with anyone (historical figure or otherwise) who would it be and why?***

Wow. That's a tough one. I would like to have dinner with any of the world's historic peacemakers, like Jesus or Ghandi or Martin Luther King or the amazing women who just shared the Nobel Prize for Peace. Why? Peace is the goal, not war.

### ***Where do you go for vacation?***

This year the family will spend some time in Michigan on a lake where we kick back and just eat, sleep, swim and fish. It's about as low key as it gets, and that's the way I like it.

### ***What is the most interesting place you've ever been?***

I'm not a big traveler (so far), but I really enjoyed the people and culture of Spain several years ago.

### ***What is the one condiment you couldn't do without?***

I put herb seasoning salt on everything. But don't take away my Texas Pete Hot Sauce!

### ***Do you have a favorite entertainer?***

I don't watch TV much. I like to read instead. One of my favorite authors is Barbara Kingsolver because she writes about the goodness and value of local food.

### ***Do you have a special memory of the holidays when you were a child?***

Two of my junior high school buddies and I got hauled into the Police Station just before Christmas one night for throwing snowballs at cars--we put one through the open window of the town's toughest cop who was out with his family looking at neighborhood Christmas lights. Our parents were not amused!

## NEWS FROM YOUR MILLS RIVER BRANCH LIBRARY

by Roz Ledford

Monday Story Time will begin on January 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. and continue each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. We encourage the children to join Ms. Kathy for songs, stories, crafts and more. She always has something interesting and special to learn and do each week.

**Upcoming Adult Book Read:** In celebration of our one year anniversary in our new facility we will hold an Adult Book Read during the month of February. Participating adults will be required to pick up an entry card and read five (5) titles during the month to be eligible to enter. At the end of the month, participants who have read 5 titles will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Fountainhead Book Store located at 408 N. Main Street, Hendersonville. *Good Luck* and read, read, read in February.

### ***Special Branch Closings / Special Hours***

- \* January 2 – Closed for New Year's Holiday
- \* January 16 – Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
- \* April 5 – We will be open between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- \* April 6 - Closed for Good Friday Holiday
- \* April 7 – Will reopen 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### ***Mills River Branch Library Regular Hours***

- \* Monday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- \* Tuesday – 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- \* Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- \* Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- \* Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- \* Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Stop By for a Visit:** Mills River Staff and volunteers encourage Mills River residents to visit their new library facility at 124 Town Center Drive, Mills River. The Town of Mills River has constructed a very nice library and the Henderson County Public Library has done an outstanding job in furnishing the location with books, public computers, reference materials, etc. There is also a wonderful children's area and an excellent area devoted to young adult materials. Your library is a bright, modern facility and we are sure you will find it an exciting and pleasant place to visit.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

**SHERIFF**



**HENDERSON COUNTY  
NC**

**HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
MILLS RIVER DIVISION**

by Sergeant Ken C. McCraw—Have a Safe and Happy 2012!

Please check the Henderson County Sheriff's Office website at [www.henderson.lib.nc.us/county/sheriff](http://www.henderson.lib.nc.us/county/sheriff) for links and information regarding identity theft, Community Watch programs, and crime prevention.

I hope everyone has a very Happy New Year! I want to remind everyone to drive safely. Below are a few driving reminders:

- Obey all posted speed limits
- Observe speed regulations in school zones
- Slow down and use caution during times of inclement weather
- Wear your seat belt
- Watch out for children around schools and near school buses
- Come to complete stops at all stop signs
- Turn your headlights on when operating your windshield wipers in the rain
- Please properly secure children in the correct child seats for their weight and age
- Increase your following distance in traffic
- Make sure your vehicle is in safe operating condition (tires, lights, signals, wiper blades, brakes, etc.)

For Emergencies—911 Non-Emergencies—697-4911 NC Highway Patrol—693-4141

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