



## NEWSLETTER

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### News from the Mayor

Larry Freeman

With signs of spring popping up everywhere, there comes an urge, especially in our agricultural community, to get things planted and in the ground growing! Be careful not to plant some things too early. Growers know there is always the full moon around Easter that can bring a damaging cold snap. And the long-term average date for the last killing frost of the season here in Henderson County is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

In spite of what some published reports indicate, Town Council is working over-time and doing everything possible to keep your tax rate one of the lowest in Henderson County, while providing the essential "core" services required by NC state law. Council is talking to every local government, carefully considering every option, and has eliminated no possibilities or closed any doors. We are always willing to listen, to talk, and to negotiate in the best interests of the taxpayers and citizens of Mills River.

Since Henderson County will be ending our contract for enhanced police patrols in the Town, our goal has been to have a solution sooner than later that will provide the services the people of Mills River want and deserve, while keeping our historically low tax rate as low as possible.

We are grateful to well over 300 Mills River citizens for participating in our online survey on the Town's website and helping us sort through the choices that our citizens prefer. The whole process of listening, negotiating, and moving forward in the best interests of our citizens will continue until the issue is successfully resolved. The thoughts, comments and suggestions...as well as the prayers...of our citizens are always helpful and welcome.

The contractor is making good progress on our new parking lot, with over 130 additional spaces and there is every reason to believe it will be complete and in use by May.

High water damage has been repaired at our fishing pier and kayak & canoe launch. Our walking trails, playground, tennis court, dog park and picnic shelter are busy on every warm spring day.

So...come and enjoy the spring with us as we prepare for and look forward to many GOOD THINGS happening in Mills River!

Sincerely and respectfully,  
Larry Freeman  
Mayor  
Town of Mills River

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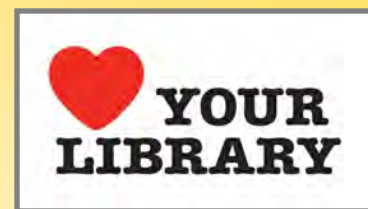
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### Regular Programs

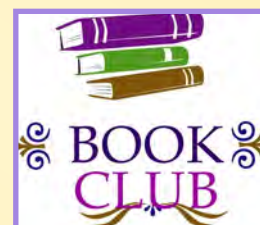
- Mondays: 10:00 am Storytime (specials in May)  
Tuesdays: 9:00 am - Yoga \*  
1:30 pm - Knitting Club  
4:00 pm - LEGO Club (1st Tuesday of the month)  
10:00 am - Book Club (2nd Thursday)



### Specials

- April 23: 10:00 am - Dog Behavior 101 with Debby Dobson  
May 2: 10:00 am - Llamas at the Library, meet at the picnic shelter  
May 4: 4:00 pm - How Does Your Garden Grow? presented by Hands On for K-2 graders \*  
May 9: 10:00 am - Chimney Rock Park Rangers  
May 16: 10:00 am - Linda Charing from Head Start will be here to promote early literacy  
May 23: 10:00 am - Sonia Brooks Tap and Shake program

Big thank you to Carlton Burke from Carolina Mountain Naturalist for coming and presenting Hunters in the Sky. We had a large audience that enjoyed getting up close with different birds of prey. Carolina Mountain Naturalists is located right here in Mills River and we love supporting the wonderful work they do. We will be excited to have Carlton back in the future.



## HISTORY CORNER

by  
Jim Brittain



Refugees tend to be one of the by-products of civil wars and often end up living in a community far from their native land. An exceptional example of this phenomenon is provided by Elise Eubeau (Lee) (1821-1886). She became a refugee from two wars and eventually became a teacher in Mills River. She was born into a well-to-do family in Neuchatel, Switzerland. She enjoyed a good education and became fluent in several languages, including English. During the 1840s, she lived in Rome, Italy, where her father served as a diplomat. This was during the period when a nationalistic movement led by Guiseppe Garibaldi

(1801-1882) engulfed the country and included an effort to expel all foreigners. In 1849, Elise escaped to America where she began a new phase of her life in Charleston, S.C.

Soon after arriving in Charleston, Elise married Joseph Lee (1811-1898), a professor at the College of Charleston. Subsequently, they established a private school in Charleston. They became the parents of Josephine T. Lee (1859-1927) and Elise V. Lee (1858-1938). The outbreak of the American Civil War disrupted their life in Charleston. Joseph Lee, his wife, and children decided to leave the city. They came to Mills River where they soon purchased a farm with an existing colonial style house which they named "The Hermitage". It was located on what is now known as School House Road. They became teachers at the nearby Mills River Academy and later established a private school in their home.

The Lees became active participants in community life and were known for the elegant dinners served in their home. They joined the Mills River Presbyterian Church. They became closely linked to the Burgin family. Elise Eubeau Lee died in 1886 and was buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery. In 1887, Josephine Lee married Joseph H. Burgin (1861-1943). The other daughter, Elise Lee became a long time missionary in Mexico. Joseph and Josephine were the parents of Lawrence Lee Burgin (1893-1963). He served in the first World War. He became a community leader in Mills River and served in the state legislature. The historic Hermitage house near the intersection of School House Road and Banner Farm Road has survived to the present.

## ADVERTISEMENT OF TAX LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 2015

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in the Tax Collector by § 105-369 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and pursuant to an Order by the Mills River Town Council, the Tax Collector is hereby advertising liens for the year 2015 on the real estate described below. The amount advertised will be increased by interest and advertisement costs, and the omission of interest and advertisement costs from the amount advertised will not constitute a waiver of the taxing unit's claim for those items.

North Carolina General Statute § 105-369 requires that tax liens be advertised in the name of the owner as of the date of delinquency. The date of delinquency for the 2015 tax year was January 6, 2016.

If these taxes remain unpaid, the Town of Mills River may foreclose and sell the property to satisfy all claims of unpaid taxes.

**Do not mail** the principal amount of taxes due. Please contact the Mills River Tax Collector for the correct amount owed including interest and penalties.

This the 16th day of March, 2016.

Aurelie Taylor  
Town of Mills River  
Tax Collector

ARWOOD, WILLIAM F, 37 WOODSCAPE DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9761, REID 99-29839, \$66.43  
ARUFFO, SUZANNE ALLOR, 23 NORMAN RD., FLETCHER, NC 28732, REID 99-38129, \$3.15  
ASHEVILLE EQUITY, LLC, 695 PALISADE AVE., CLIFFSIDE PK, NJ 07010-3109, REID 99-71629, \$51.48  
BALDWIN, WILLIAM DAVID, 14 LILLYS LN, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28791-8205, REID 08-00148, \$111.04  
BARNWELL, JOSEPH ALLEN JR, 5318 HAYWOOD RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-41176, \$5.09  
BISHOP, CARL RAY, 110 WARLICK RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9660, REID 08-00249, \$31.25  
BISHOP, LILA H, 110 WARLICK RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9660, REID 08-00248, \$39.39  
BISHOP, LILA H, 110 WARLICK RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9660, REID 08-00255, \$34.96  
BLACKWELL, STEPHEN R, 177 HOLLY SPRINGS DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-6622, REID 08-01157, \$74.18  
BOOHER, STEVEN C, 101 FAIRVIEW HILLS DR., FAIRVIEW, NC 28730-9777, REID 99-61039, \$406.21  
BOYD, GEORGE W, 100 CREASMAN HILL RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2689, REID 99-36003, \$64.63  
BOYD, GEORGE W, 100 CREASMAN HILL RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2689, REID 10-12442, \$94.70  
BOYD, GEORGE W, 100 CREASMAN HILL RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2689, REID 10-12444, \$50.02  
BOYLSTON RIDGE SUBD HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., 1 RANKIN AVE. ASHEVILLE, NC 29901, REID 99-71629, \$51.48  
BRIGHT WATER, LLC, 5 HIGHLAND PL, ASHEVILLE, NC 28804-3846, REID 10-05790, \$43.39  
BRIGHT WATER, LLC, 5 HIGHLAND PL, ASHEVILLE, NC 28804-3846, REID 10-05791, \$58.79  
BROWN, NORMAN J, 120 QUAIL RIDGE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-00390, \$168.15  
BROWN, VIRGINIA M, 200 S MILLS RIVER RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-15252, \$354.85  
BRYSON, CHRISTOPHER, 208 MCDOWELL RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2628, REID 99-72043, \$45.52  
CABE, ROBERT M, 140 BONNIES COVE TRAIL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9507, REID 99-50762, \$293.93  
CASE, GEORGE D, 2654 SPRING CT., DELAND, FL 32720-1444, REID 10-03677, \$149.49  
CONNOLLY, DONNA, P.O. BOX 819, FLETCHER, NC 28732-0819, REID 99-61902, \$166.35  
CONNOLLY, GEORGE, P.O. BOX 2165, FLETCHER, NC 28732-2165, REID 99-61903, \$128.81  
CROMPTON, PATRICIA CORN, 45 LEE ILA TRL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-12665, \$194.90  
DAVIS, HENRY RICHARD, 116 LAUREL TERRACE CT., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-6528, REID 08-00779, \$101.00  
DEVKOTA, JAG, 4010 WASHINGTON ST, STE310, KANSAS CITY, MO, 64111-2614, REID 08-00941, \$122.12  
DICKINSON, ALAN P, 212 BEBINGTON DR, CARY, NC 27513-1748, REID 08-02902, \$17.42  
DICKINSON, ALAN P, 212 BEBINGTON DR, CARY, NC 27513-1748, REID 08-00825, \$18.66  
DICRISTINO, MATTHEW, 88 WAGON WHEEL TRL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-3772, REID 08-00425, \$152.41  
DICRISTINO, MATTHEW, 88 WAGON WHEEL TRL, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-3772, REID 99-68863, \$83.18  
DIXON, KENNETH SR, 497 PENNSYLVANIA RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8818, REID 99-04358, \$39.00  
DONOHO, BETTY BRITAIN, P.O. BOX 15156, ASHEVILLE, NC 28813-1056, REID10-15067, \$112.85  
DORN, ELIZABETH W, 56 E CHIPPENDALE DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8518, REID 99-29986, \$199.06  
DOUGLAS, PATRICIA F, 330 HOLLABROOK PKWY, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-3880, REID 10-05667, \$712.05  
DYKSTRA, SUSAN F, 51 BANNING LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-01832, \$70.70  
EDMONDS, FREDA M, 221 S COUNTRY LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-26066, \$37.99  
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EDWARDS, MALCOLM S, 611 TURNPIKE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9564, REID 10-10249, \$191.87  
ELLIOTT, EARL H TRUSTEE, P.O. BOX 1096, CANDLER, NC 28715-1096, REID 08-00908, \$64.41  
ERWIN, LINDA, 346 RIVER OAK CIRCLE, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-59504, \$53.50  
FISHER, LEWIS M, 278 PENNSYLVANIA RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-10003, \$85.31  
FORD, SHIRLIE W, 111 BELLE VERNON LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9635, REID 99-45283, \$254.25  
FORTUNE, PENNY JO, 15 WOODSCAPE DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9761, REID 08-03305, \$53.17  
FOWLER, LEE BYERS, 275 S MILLS RIVER RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9791, REID 99-00280, \$184.45  
FRANKLIN, D. C., 362 PENNSYLVANIA RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2273, REID 08-01000, \$101.05  
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FREEMAN, MICHAEL CHARLES, 1414 BREVARD RD, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28791-3220, REID 08-02893, \$117.57  
 GAC FOREST INVESTMENT, 86 STERLING DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8523, REID 08-01038, \$94.30  
 GAFFIGAN, MICHAEL T, 250 VIEW ST, MARION, NC 28752, REID 99-56204, \$50.24  
 GALLOWAY, WILLIAM T, P.O. BOX 983, PISGAH FOREST, NC 28768-0983, REID 08-01822, \$37.99  
 GALPIN, KIMBERLY, 109 FARM LANE, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-4643, REID 99-69361, \$204.79  
 GILSDORF, GREGORY, 209 VISTA FALLS RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-7413, REID 99-70759, \$66.77  
 GORDON, TINA MCCRARY, 215 AMYWOOD LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-73577, \$151.07  
 GORE, GREGORY E, P.O. BOX 546, ETOWAH, NC 28729-0546, REID 99-25519, \$67.33  
 GORE, GREGORY E, P.O. BOX 546, ETOWAH, NC 28729-0546, REID 99-33832, \$78.68  
 GORE, TERESA F, P.O. BOX 546, ETOWAH, NC 28729-0546, REID 99-59342, \$29.90  
 GREENLEE, LOIS L, 40 MILL KNOB DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9778, REID 99-26059, \$43.39  
 GRIFFIN, KENNETH, 66 BREEZY MOUNTAIN LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-50388, \$29.67  
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 HAMILTON, JOSEPH B, 1470 ANGLER ST, MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32952-5708, REID 08-01244, \$52.30  
 HART, JEFFREY SCOTT, 50 OLD HOMESTEAD RD, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28739-9733, REID 99-35685, \$131.51  
 HAWXHURST, PATRICIA, 107 CREEKS END CIRCLE, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-69393, \$116.90  
 HAYNES, ADGER G, 355 TURNPIKE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9547, REID 08-01294, \$74.63  
 HODGE, MARY ANN, 89 GLADE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8513, REID 99-33415, \$121.50  
 HOOVER, EILEEN, 3016 BROOKS TRL, MONROE, GA 30656-8666, REID 99-38804, \$70.70  
 HUNT, JAMES E, 816 VALLEY VIEW RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-01426, \$37.99  
 HUSKE, ANDREW KIRKPATRICK, 290 CASHDON DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-7666, REID 08-01136, \$147.02  
 INRA HOLDINGS, LLC, 120 DOGWOOD RD, CANDLER, NC, 28715, REID 99-68608, \$600.55  
 IRLAND, RICHARD CHARLES, 76 FALCON RIDGE RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9531, REID 99-61454, \$171.86  
 JOHNSON, KURT, 55 PINEY MOUNTAIN DR, UNIT 507, ASHEVILLE, NC 28805-1478, REID 99-56817, \$81.04  
 JONES, DEBORAH LYNN, 32 WOODSCAPE DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9761, REID 99-00161, \$61.71  
 JONES, IRENE DOROTHY, 6 HEATH LAND, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8731, REID 99-37699, \$73.17  
 KATTERMAN, ROBERT EMIL, 110 BALER DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8769, REID 99-50742, \$560.76  
 KATZ, JAMES, 386 KIMZEY RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8769, REID 08-01547, \$116.45  
 KING, CHRISTINE A, 80 FORGE VALLEY DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8600, REID 10-06449, \$61.26  
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 L&S PROPERTIES OF NC, INC, 80 EMMA SHARP RD, STE3, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-61882, \$643.15  
 LAND GROUP OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, 4819 NW 53<sup>RD</sup> CIR, COCONUT CREEK, FL 33073, REID 08-01064, \$42.04  
 LEMMONS, STEPHEN DERRICK, 270 S MILLS RIVER RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9791, REID 99-01562, \$227.83  
 LUCAS, TERRY L, 404 DREAM VIEW DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-63922, \$202.99  
 MARFIONE, ANTHONY, 413 BARRINGTON DR, ASHEVILLE, NC 28803, REID 99-69550, \$527.61  
 MARTIN, SHARON, 146 AMYWOOD LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-72523, \$99.78  
 MASKELL, RHONDA, 140 PARKER HOLLOW RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-15601, \$38.78  
 MCCALL, HERMAN EUGENE, 164 SPIREA DR, WAYNESVILLE, NC 28785-8237, REID 10-14882, \$123.64  
 MCCOY, IRENE, HEIRS, 505 MORRIS RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9604, REID 99-33372, \$37.54  
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 MCCURRY, THOMAS E, 281 LEDBETTER RD, ARDEN, NC 28704-8431, REID 99-72770, \$157.36  
 MCWHORTER, MARILYN E, 212 SPRING ST, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28739-5112, REID 08-03397, \$69.13  
 MLI LOT HOLDINGS, INC, 1808 RINGTAIL DR, LITTLE ELM, TX, 75068, REID 99-70767, \$69.91  
 MOELLER, JOHN, 3600 75<sup>TH</sup> ST. N, ST. PETERSBURG, FL, 33710-1256, REID 08-00260, \$70.25  
 MONTEITH, ERIC EUGENE, PO BOX 807, HORSE SHOE, NC 28742, REID 08-02030, \$90.37  
 MONTENEGRO, EMMANUEL HERRERA, 33 WOODSCAPE DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-03307, \$78.46  
 MORRIS, STEPHANIE LYNN COOK, 110 COOK LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-55032, \$38.44  
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 MORRIS, STEPHEN O, 1401 LAND HBR, NEWLAND, NC 28657-7910, REID 99-40210, \$60.70  
 MOUNTAIN VIEW VILLAGE, 4144 HAYWOOD RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-5811, REID 99-26454, \$508.05  
 MURDOCK, RICHARD C, 61 WOODSCAPE DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-00159, \$1.55  
 NANNEY, DARYL, 62 HUGHEY DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-01417, \$60.70  
 NARDOZZI, ROBIN, 4371 NORTHLAKE BLVD#131, PALM BEACH GDNS, FL, 33410-6253, REID 99-30364, \$18.88  
 NCIG, LLC, 12845 SW 82<sup>ND</sup> PL, MIAMI, FL 33156, REID 99-75187, \$1.08  
 NORMAN, DANIEL J, 208 WILD AZALEA CT, LEXINGTON, SC 29072, REID 99-59443, \$430.38  
 ODOM, JERE, F, 142 VANCON DR, KINGSTON, TN, 37763-4857, REID 08-03389, \$68.47  
 O'DONNELL, J SCOTT, 2930 NW 26<sup>TH</sup> AVE, BOCA RATON, FL 33434-3664, REID 08-02707, \$59.23  
 OWEN, GREG MARTIN, 177 OLD TIMER RUTHERFORDTON, NC 28139-6706, REID 99-63330, \$22.11  
 PITTILLO, MICHAEL K, 23 B & D DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9784, REID 99-47923, \$264.70  
 PITTILLO, SHERYL RAWLINGS, 23 B AND D DR., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9784, REID 08-02435, \$143.98  
 PRAYTOR, CHARLES E JR., 290 MT GILEAD CHURCH RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-02383, \$93.18  
 PSSJ, INC, A NC CORPORATION, 404 POCONO CT, ARDEN, NC 28704-8475, REID 10-04644, \$11.58  
 RAINES, JAMES SCOTT, 1433 PRESSMENS HOME RD, ROGERSVILLE, TN 37857-7377, REID 99-55036, \$22.48  
 REESE, WILLIAM V, 56201 E 300RD, AFTON, OK 74331-2795, REID 99-56174, \$43.27  
 REESE, WILLIAM V, 56201 E 300RD, AFTON, OK 74331-2795, REID 99-56175, \$4.83  
 RHODES, CASKELL K, 109 CLEAR SPRINGS RD, MOORESVILLE, NC 28115, REID 99-32474, \$23.78

RICE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, P.O. BOX 861, BREVARD, NC 28712, REID 10-08482, \$901.45  
RICE, ALEXANDER, 150 SPIVEY MOUNTAIN RD, ASHEVILLE, NC 28806, REID 99-26456, \$52.04  
RILEY, JASON W, 2206 HARDIN CIRCLE, HENDERSONVILLE, NC, 28739, REID 99-36001, \$79.47  
SEAY, MICHAEL W, 141 ALLISON RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9562, REID 08-02597, \$36.87  
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SHEEHY, PHILIP, 4138 HAYWOOD RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 10-03108, \$193.10  
SMITH, DONALD, 316 LYDA LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-49599, \$46.65  
SMITH, JOHNNIE R, 1710 HOLLOWAY RD, BROOKLET, GA 30415-5827, REID 08-01354, \$60.92  
STILLS, DOUGLAS S, 141 S. RUGBY RD, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28791, REID 08-00597, \$29.34  
STORM, MARY ANNA, 143 MCDOWELL RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2545, REID 08-00604, \$224.35  
SUAREZ, ROSITA J, 6 WEDGEWOOD DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-02822, \$191.42  
STRANG, KAYE FOWLER, 627 LADSON RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-6709, REID 99-42639, \$33.05  
SURRETTE, JO ANN, 4109 HAYWOOD RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-02839, \$182.87  
TAYLOR, DEBORAH BOND, 34 WOODSCAPE DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-00931, \$64.07  
TRUST 100, P.O. BOX 23686, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32241, REID 08-01904, \$40.46  
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TRUST 102, P.O. BOX 23686, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32241, REID 08-03020, \$16.52  
UNKNOWN OWNER, 200 N GROVE ST., STE 102, HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792, REID 99-37373, \$22.14  
VAUGHN, CLARENCE BRUCE, 77 CLEMENT DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-8736, REID 08-01143, \$2.40  
WARREN, KENNETH, 20 WOODSCAPE DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9761, REID 99-25875, \$71.15  
WAYCASTER, ROGER D, 4180 HAYWOOD RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-02303, \$535.25  
WEST, SANDRA MAY, 75 SAWMILL RD, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-9730, REID 99-25648 \$37.65  
WHITAKER, PHILIP, 98 DALTON RD, HORSE SHOE, NC 28742-9759, REID 08-00203, \$26.30  
WILSON, ERIC D, 53 CEDAR DR, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759-2664, REID 99-37957, \$7.87  
WILSON, MICHAEL DOUGLAS, 75 WINDY LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-00183, \$148.93  
WILSON, WAYNE W SR., 70 LOFTY PINE LN, MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 08-01801, \$188.72  
WOODY, GLENN JR, PO BOX 939, PISGAH FOREST, NC 28768-0939, REID 99-33960, \$156.12  
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YORK, WILLIAM, 550 GILREATH LOOP RD., MILLS RIVER, NC 28759, REID 99-30298, \$117.12  
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## PARK UPDATE - SPRING 2016

Spring feels like it has been here for a while and every warm day brings many people to the park to walk on a trail, use the playground, play tennis or bring their furry friends to the dog park. We are all looking forward to spending more time outdoors.

We have been receiving a lot of questions about the construction that is taking place just north of the current Town Hall parking area. This is a new parking lot that when completed, will basically double the amount of parking that we currently have. The park experiences a high number of visitors when it warms up and many afternoons it becomes difficult to find a place to park near the back trail or playground. This additional parking area will alleviate that.

The Town of Mills River has always utilized public input to determine the course of the development of Mills River Park. This spring, the Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting a "Recreation Needs" Survey.

This type of a survey is a way for us to assess how we are doing with our park master plan and to determine if our citizens are happy with our existing facilities. More importantly, this is an opportunity to provide input about future facilities. It is our intent to keep the survey short and concise in the hopes for a better number of responses. We will mail this survey out to Mills River citizens and give everyone an opportunity to respond by either returning the paper survey to us or taking the survey online on our website. So be on the lookout for your survey and please take a few moments to help determine the future of your park.

Upcoming events include the "Mills River Day" event sponsored by the Mills River Partnership that is being held on May 22nd, rain or shine (contact Maria Wise or Katie Hargrove for more information, at 708-7388 or visit [www.millsriverwater.org](http://www.millsriverwater.org)) and Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp to be held the week of July 25th - July 29th (contact Sam Walker at [swalker@challengersports.com](mailto:swalker@challengersports.com)).

We want to remind everyone that no alcohol or tobacco products are allowed in the park. We also want to remind everyone that dogs may only be off leash in the dog park. Please keep your dog leashed in all other areas including going to and from the gates of the dog park itself.

Individuals and groups are starting to reserve the Picnic Shelter for the spring and summer months. Forms, rules, and requirements for making a reservation are on the Town's website, as well as a calendar with currently reserved dates. If you think you may want to reserve a date, check out the calendar and call early as reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Please go to [www.millsriver.org](http://www.millsriver.org) and click on the Park button or call Town Hall at 828-890-2901 for information.

# SPRING SAFETY TIPS FOR THE MILLS RIVER COMMUNITY

Contact: Jeannie Moore-Payne, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator  
Mills River Fire and Rescue (828) 891-7959

With warmer weather and longer days approaching, people are emerging from their winter cocoons to focus on long-neglected projects like spring cleaning, home repairs and yard work. Many are also lacing up their shoes for their first outdoor walk or jog of the season. These activities can be extremely beneficial, but they also involve a variety of health and safety hazards that can be avoided with the proper precautions. To help ensure everyone in our community stays safe this season, Mills River Fire & Rescue and VFIS offers the following tips and suggest you post them where they can be seen by your family members and co-workers.

## CLEANING FOR SAFETY:

*Nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds and garages over the winter.*

- Household and pool chemicals, paints and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired or that look bad.
- When cleaning up hazardous chemicals wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on the packaging. Never mix chemicals in the same container. If you don't know how to dispose of them, seek outside advice. Never put them into the trash or pour them down the drain.
- Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.
- Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts or floors.
- Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches or other work items away from children's reach.
- Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks and be sure to store any propane tanks away from your house and garage.
- Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters and dryer, as well as under the stairs.

## YARDWORK SAFETY:

*Itching to get the yard into shape for the summer? Here are ways to help ensure your spring spruce-up is disaster-free.*

- Limber up. Yard chores may seem easy, but they involve muscles you probably haven't used in a while.
- Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers.
- Read and follow all manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.
- Pick up or rake stones and loose debris before mowing to help prevent them from being launched into the air.
- Wear sturdy shoes while mowing. Do not wear sandals.
- Wear eye and hearing protection.
- Always start and refuel mowers outdoors.
- When refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine — and *don't* smoke while pouring gasoline.
- Lawn trimmers, edgers, pruners and power saws also contribute to injuries and death each year.
- Inspect the tool for damage. Do NOT use it if there are problems.
- Make sure blade guards are in place on all cutting equipment.
- Unplug all tools when not in use.
- Make sure the tool is in the "off" position before you plug it in.
- Store gasoline-powered equipment away from potential ignition sources (i.e. pilot light).
- Make sure you use the right tool for the task at hand.
- When pruning trees, be careful not to let metal ladders or trimmers contact overhead wires.
- Before you do any hands on weed removal, make sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, oak and similar toxic plants.
- Find out ahead of time how to treat the rashes they cause to reduce the irritation.

## READY FOR SOME OUTDOOR EXERCISE AND ADVENTURE? HERE ARE A FEW POINTERS:

- Winter's inactive muscles can take only so much strain. Don't overdo it — build up slowly to help avoid strains that can put you out of commission for some time.
- It may look appealing, but don't wander on frozen rivers and lakes in the spring. The ice is beginning to thaw and you never know just how thin the ice really is.
- Spring's extra rain and thawing snow can cause normally safe rivers, streams and creeks to turn treacherous. Even standing on banks can be risky as they can be undercut by rushing water and give in under your weight.
- Springtime is also severe weather time. If the skies look threatening, check to see if a storm watch or warning has been issued before you initiate outdoor activities. If you're already outside and thunderstorms threaten, go immediately into a building or enclosed vehicle. For tornadoes, go to the nearest safe structure or the basement or an interior first-floor room of your home. If there's no time to follow these precautions, take cover in a ditch or depression in the ground.

## LADDER SAFETY:

*Ready to do some home repairs? More than 90,000 people visit the emergency room each year, because of ladder mishaps. Here are a few safety tips:*

- Read the manufacturer's instructions that come with your ladder. They contain guidelines for weight and height limits as well as for the proper use of their product.
- Inspect the ladder before using it to make sure there are no loose or broken rungs.
- Make sure the ladder is the right height for the job. Many accidents happen when people overextend their reach because their ladders are too short.
- Never stand on a ladder's bucket shelf.
- Make sure the ladder is completely open and that all of its feet are planted on a firm, level surface. Extension ladders should not be placed at an angle that is too extreme.
- Avoid using a metal ladder near electrical sources.
- Face the ladder when climbing and descending.
- Keep weight centered between the two rails.
- Maintain three points of contact with the ladder while climbing. Half of all ladder related accidents were due to individuals carrying items as they climbed.

**"These are just a few of the safety precaution to consider during the spring," says Jeannie Moore-Payne of Mills River Fire and Rescue "It's also a great time to replace your smoke detector batteries, make sure your fire extinguishers are placed in proper locations around your home and ensure you have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for spring storms. By taking the right precautions when warmer weather beckons, you and those around you can enjoy a safer, healthier spring."**



## RECIPE CORNER

### Caprese Pasta Salad

A simple Caprese pasta salad with a twist. Cook cherry tomatoes with olive oil for a few minutes and they create their own pasta sauce.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 6 ounces whole grain fusilli or rotini pasta
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 pints cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 8 ounces baby mozzarella balls
- Several sprigs fresh basil (enough for 2 tablespoons chopped)
- 2 to 3 teaspoons white balsamic vinegar, to taste

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Bring a large pot of salted water to boil and cook the pasta until al dente, according to package instructions. Drain and return the pasta to the pot.
- 2) While the pasta is cooking, warm the olive oil in a large, non-reactive, heavy-bottomed pot or pan over medium heat. Add the tomatoes and 1/2 teaspoon sea salt. Cover the pot and cook, stirring occasionally, until most of the tomatoes have started to burst out of their skins and the olive oil has a light red hue (about 5 to 8 minutes). Toss the tomatoes and their sauce with the cooked pasta. Let the mixture cool for a few minutes while you slice the mini mozzarella balls in half and chop the basil into short little strips.
- 3) Toss the mozzarella balls and basil into the pasta. Add the vinegar and salt to taste.

**ENJOY!**

## MEETING & OTHER DATES

Apr 12	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Apr 14	Town Council	7:00 PM
Apr 15	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
Apr 26	Parks and Recreation Advisory	7:00 PM
Apr 28	Town Council	7:00 PM

May 3	Planning Board	7:00 PM
May 5	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
May 12	Town Council	7:00 PM
May 20	Agricultural Advisory Committee	9:00 AM
May 24	Parks and Recreation Advisory	7:00 PM
May 26	Town Council	7:00 PM
May 30	Memorial Day	

Jun 7	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Jun 9	Town Council	7:00 PM
Jun 14	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Jun 17	Agricultural Advisory Committee	9:00 AM
Jun 23	Town Council	7:00 PM
Jun 28	Parks and Recreation Advisory	7:00 PM

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



## 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 accepts small business ads. These ads should be business card size (preferably the card itself) and black and white. There is no guarantee of ad or print quality. The company must do business within the town limits, but not necessarily have its location in the town. 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 payment must accompany the ad and 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 editors. The editors reserve the right to refuse an ad. Both ad and payment will be returned if this occurs. All ads must be emailed in JPEG format and **MUST** be business card size.

Thank you for your support.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The Town of Mills River newsletter is published and distributed quarterly by US mail and e-mail link. A copy can also be found at [www.millsriver.org](http://www.millsriver.org). Articles submitted may be edited for brevity, content, and appropriateness. Inclusion of an article is at the editor's discretion. Deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of each of the following months: March, June, September and December. Submit articles in writing to:

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Town of Mills River  
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or by email to [patty.brown@millsriver.org](mailto:patty.brown@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 Patty at (828) 890-2901 or e-mail her at the above address.

**SHERIFF**



**HENDERSON COUNTY  
NC**

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

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.

**Spring has sprung and summer is fast upon us. I hope you will find the following tips useful as we enter the spring/summer seasons:**

- Lock your car and remove valuables
- Lock your residence (doors, windows, out buildings)
- Maintain outside lighting and alarm systems
- If you are away for an extended time, have a neighbor or friend check your house. (Cancel or have your mail and paper picked up)
- Do not send money to places/people you are not familiar with. Scams and identity theft are on the increase. (If you think it's a scam—you're probably correct!)
- Use caution when using your personal information on the Internet. Make sure it is a secure connection and a legitimate business.

**As the weather warms up and we venture out again, please watch out for children playing.**

**For Emergencies: 911    Non-emergencies: 828-697-4911  
NC Highway Patrol: 828-693-4141**

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