



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Mayor

Roger Snyder

As we head into the fall season, make sure that you have had your fireplace or heating and air conditioning checked and serviced if needed. It is the time of year that we finish up the yard work and head into the house for those inside projects. Another thing to remember is to get your vehicles serviced for the winter months.

If you need to burn leaves, contact the Fire Department for any advice or permits that they might require. Always keep safety in mind and be prepared for the unexpected.

Please support Mills River community businesses. Also, don't forget the area non-profit organizations—they need our support as well.

Just some updates:

- Council approved the FY 2007 – 2008 budget which represents a continuing 1 cent property tax.
- Council will review a voluntarily annexation request for a future industry site.

As always, if the Council or Staff can be of any assistance, feel free to contact us.



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History Corner

by Jim Brittain

In June 1916, the Hendersonville newspaper known as the *French Broad Hustler* reported that Edith Vanderbilt, the widow of George W. Vanderbilt, had sold 50,000 acres of Vanderbilt property to the federal government. The land was to be the nucleus of a national forest. According to the newspaper article, more than 30,000 additional acres would be sold by Mrs. Vanderbilt as soon as some details concerning land titles were resolved. The newspaper anticipated that the local national forest would become a "beautiful playground." This huge land transfer included most of the headwaters of North and South Mills River and would, of course, have significant economic and other consequences for the Mills River community.

George W. Vanderbilt (1862-1914) became a beneficiary of assets accumulated by his grandfather, Cornelius "Commodore" Vanderbilt, from investments in railroads and steamship enterprises. The family wealth was further augmented by George's father, William Vanderbilt (1821-1885). As the youngest son in a family of eight children, George enjoyed such privileges as private tutors to accompany him on long European tours. He first visited the mountains around Asheville in the 1880s and soon decided to acquire property suitable for building a grand country chateau. His real estate lawyer from New York, Charles McNamee, began the process of land acquisition just to the South of Asheville and East of the French Broad River during 1888. Vanderbilt retained the services of an architect, Richard Hunt, a landscape designer, Frederick Olmstead, and a sculptor, Karl Bittner to assist in designing the chateau and its immediate surroundings. The mansion was constructed during the years from 1890 to 1895 using both skilled craftsmen from outside the region and some local residents as a labor force. The estate was called Biltmore, derived from Bildt in the Netherlands where Vanderbilts had once lived and an English word "more" for a hilly upland. The carefully chosen location of the magnificent house offered a panoramic view of Pisgah Mountain and the wooded ridges surrounding it. By 1893, Vanderbilt had decided to expand his holdings to include lands he could see to the West of the French Broad.

During the decade between 1893 and 1913, Vanderbilt added more than 100,000 acres to his mountain domain. His lawyer, McNamee, proved

quite successful in acquiring legal titles for much of the land at bargain prices. The strategy was to acquire a few large tracts to be augmented by the purchase of smaller holdings within the boundary on an opportunistic basis. Much of the property being acquired had long been treated as a "common" by local mountaineers who had used it for hunting and foraging by free-ranging livestock. Much of the land had been so-called "speculation land" or bounty grants" from the state. Legal ownership had tended to become uncertain in the aftermath of the Civil War.

The largest single parcel by a considerable margin to be acquired by Vanderbilt was known as the "Candler Speculation Lands" once owned by Zachariah Candler, a Revolutionary War veteran and surveyor. Reportedly, he had been the owner of almost 200,000 acres in Western North Carolina at the time of his death in 1845. Henderson County land records indicate that Vanderbilt purchased a half interest in a tract of 57,000 acres from Mary Lusk and her husband for \$35,110 in August 1894. She was a granddaughter of Zachariah Candler. Other heirs to the Candler property were located and their rights to the land were purchased so that Vanderbilt could claim ownership of more than 80,000 acres by the end of 1894.

Subsequently, Vanderbilt relied to a considerable extent on his professional forester, Carl A. Schenck, to arrange the purchase of small tracts contiguous with the larger holdings. Schenck later wrote that he had spent approximately \$20,000 on the acquisition of land for his employer during the years from 1895 to 1909. According to Schenck, the total investment in the Pisgah Forest lands prior to January 1899 was \$224,880 with the total acreage being 81,725. This included not only the purchase price but also the cost of surveys, road construction, taxes, and salaries of rangers hired to protect the property. As one example of smaller acquisitions, Vanderbilt purchased a farm located near the mouth of Rocky Fork, a tributary of North Mills River, from the heirs of John B. Rickman at a price ranging from 2 to 4 dollars per acre.

In October 1912, Vanderbilt signed a logging contract with Louis Carr which promised to pay a much larger sum than had been invested in the acquisition and management of the Pisgah Forest land. Carr agreed to pay Vanderbilt a total of \$831,912 or \$12 per acre to harvest timber on 69,326 acres over the next 20 years. Subsequently, Vanderbilt offered to sell about 65,000 acres of the land to be timbered to the National Forest Reservation Commission at a price of \$373,750 or \$5.75 per acre. The Commission declined the offer but the unexpected death of George Vanderbilt in early March 1914 led to a renewed offer from Edith Vanderbilt, at a price of \$5 per acre which the Commis-

sion accepted. She retained ownership of 12,000 acres surrounding the Biltmore mansion and also about 500 acres at the Buck Springs hunting lodge near Pisgah Mountain.

The story of George Vanderbilt's land acquisition and the eventual creation of the Pisgah National Forest is instructive when viewed from the perspective of more recent examples of land acquisition in the Mills River watershed. It seems the community still attracts land and home entrepreneurs, some of whom are even descendants of the Vanderbilts. This brief review of the earlier Vanderbilt saga may help us to better understand the ongoing debates engendered by projects involving large accumulations of property followed by the enclosure of gated communities of homes with "forever views of Pisgah Mountain" or other wooded ridges in the vicinity.

AUTUMN

Welcome Mills River's Newest Employee!

by Paula DeLorenzo



Mills River's newest employee is Pat Christie – our very own Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Pat hails from Falls Church, a suburb of Washington, DC, in Northern Virginia where she was the youngest of six daughters.

Shortly after attending George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, Pat moved to St. Petersburg, Florida where she worked for five years with Pinellas County's Parks Department as a Park Ranger.

Pat then worked for fifteen years with the Department of Environmental Management – the first ten years with zoning and land development codes and the next five years enforcing mangrove trimming and investigating violations. This came about because Pat became an internationally certified arborist in 1995 – an admirable credential which she continues to maintain.

In 2005 Pat moved to Franklin, NC and then to Hendersonville in 2006 where she lives with her three cats and used to work for Home Depot. Pat answered an ad for the position at Mills River and started work on July 30, 2007.

Zoning Enforcement requires learning the area and all the applicable zoning codes and is largely complaint driven. The majority of complaints so far involve sign violations – either the lack of a permit or temporary signs. Shortly Pat will begin issuing zoning permits. Welcome, Pat, we're glad you're with us!

Meeting/Other Dates

Sep 3	Labor Day	Town Hall Closed
Sep 4	Planning Board	7:30 PM
Sep 12	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Sep 13	Town Council	7:00 PM
Sep 17	Agricultural Advisory	7:30 PM
Sep 18	Planning Board	7:30 PM
Sep 20	Town Council	7:00 PM
Oct 4	Planning Board	7:30 PM
Oct 9	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Oct 10	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Oct 11	Town Council	7:00 PM
Oct 15	Agricultural Advisory	7:30 PM
Oct 16	Planning Board	7:30 PM
Oct 25	Town Council	7:00 PM
Nov 4	Daylight Savings Time	
Nov 6	Municipal Elections	
Nov 6	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Nov 8	Town Council	7:00 PM
Nov 12	Veterans Day	Town Hall Closed
Nov 14	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Nov 19	Agricultural Advisory	7:00 PM
Nov 20	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Nov 22	Town Council	7:00 PM
Nov 22/23	Thanksgiving	Town Hall Closed
Dec 4	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Dec 12	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Dec 13	Town Council	7:00 PM
Dec 17	Agricultural Advisory	7:00 PM
Dec 18	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Dec 20	Town Council	7:00 PM
Dec 23-25	Christmas Holiday	Town Hall Closed



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RECIPE CORNER

Asparagus Al Prosciutto

by Susan Tilly

2 lbs Asparagus
 1 1/2 teaspoon salt for the water
 1/4 lb. prosciutto - thin slices
 4 tablespoons grated parmesan
 8 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Clean asparagus/cut off ends. Put in boiling salted water and bring again to a boil, cover and cook 5 minutes. Lift out with tongs and drain on paper towels. Divide asparagus into bundles, wrap each bundle with 2 strips of prosciutto securing with a toothpick. Place bundles on a greased cookie sheet. Sprinkle bundles with parmesan cheese and put in hot oven for 3 minutes. Pour melted butter over, before serving. (Optional)

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 25th of each of the following months: May, August, November, and February. Submit articles in writing to:

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or by email to p828@bellsouth.net. 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 Paula at (828) 890-8131.

Local Small Business Ads

The Mills River Town Newsletter is printed quarterly: 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 serve 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 and the committee reserves the right to refuse an ad. Both ad and payment will be returned if this occurs.

Annual Mayors' Cup Raft Race

by Paula DeLorenzo



On Sunday, August 19th, the Town of Mills River participated in the Annual Mayors' Cup Raft Race for the first time. "The purpose of the race is to acknowledge the importance of the French Broad River as a cultural, economic, natural and recreational resource." *Asheville Citizen-Times*

The race was sponsored by the Land-of-Sky Regional Council and featured entrants from the four counties that make up the upper French Broad River basin – Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania.

Due to the ongoing drought the river was not very deep, but everyone had a good time attempting to come in first. There can be only one winner, however, and that distinction belongs to Black Mountain for the second year in a row!

The Mills River rafting team was composed of Mayor Roger Snyder, Councilmember Shannon Gonce, Town Manager Jaime Adrignola, Zoning Enforcement Officer Pat Christie, Fire Chief Rick Livingston, and Fireman Brandon Munsey.

In addition to Mills River and Black Mountain, other towns represented in the race were Asheville, Montreat, Biltmore Forest, Flat Rock, Henderson County, Fletcher, City of Hendersonville and Laurel Park. Stay tuned for this event next year!



Get to Know Your Civil Servants

by Paula DeLorenzo



Vice Mayor, Lois Pryor, has graciously answered questions for this issue's Civil Servant probe. Lois is a Mills River native who attended Mills River School from grades one through twelve and then attended business school in Asheville.

Lois worked for the Ecusta Division of the Olin Corporation and retired as Purchasing Manager after thirty-eight years with the company. Lois married Benny when she was twenty-two and was married for forty-eight years until Benny's untimely death.

Lois and Benny were blessed with one son, currently fifty years old, who is an attorney in Charlotte. His wife teaches at a private school there. Lois's granddaughter is a senior at Clemson and her grandson is a sophomore at Auburn.

Lois volunteers at the Calvary Episcopal Church and she is currently President of the Friends of Mills River Library. Lois also worked with Meals on Wheels for eight years.

As part of the original incorporation committee, Lois wanted to see Mills River keep its identity and to maintain and preserve its farmland, as well as its natural and historic beauty.

Lois is serving the second year of her second term on the Mills River Council and considers it a privilege to have been elected to serve on the first council as well as to have been re-elected.

Heath Shuler & the Elusive Post Office

by Paula DeLorenzo



Mills River Town Hall was filled to bursting on Monday night, July 2nd, when U.S. Representative Heath Shuler arrived with his regional field representative, Randy Flack, to discuss the lack of a Mills River Post Office. Representative Shuler told the crowd that his father had been a rural mail carrier for thirty-five years and, therefore, he was aware of the bureaucracy involved.

Randy Flack told the crowd that he and Representative Shuler were not there to make any promises, but that they would do everything they could to work with the Post Office and the Town. Heath Shuler said that he would make a personal appeal and even meet with the Postmaster General, if necessary.

Mills River resident, Jan Scott, told Representative Shuler that getting a post office was the top goal among 84 percent of the residents polled in a town survey. Last year Jan had collected almost 1,000 signatures of residents who want a post office.

Representative Shuler asked residents to send personal letters about their concerns to his district office at 352 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801. Mr. Shuler said he would work with the state's two Republican Senators to pursue this issue because it is not a political issue.



Pig Picking and Square Dancing Fun

by Ann Collins

Mark your calendar for Saturday, **September 29, 2007**. Those wonderful and industrious ladies of the Mills River Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a Pig Picking and Square Dance. Cake Walks will be held as well as 50/50 drawings. Funds raised will be used to assist less fortunate individuals in the Mills River area.



Location: Mills River Fire Department

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Food will be served

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Carolina Misty Country Bluegrass Band and square dancing

Cost: Adults \$8.00; Children 5-10 years \$4.00;



Bring the family and join the fun to support this very good cause.

Home Fire Escape

by Jeannie Pfeffer and Rick Livingston

The time is now to plan and practice it – home fire escape



Many people and families follow a series of items on a schedule or a to-do list to keep things running smoothly. Sound familiar? There is one item that should get top billing on everyone's list - plan and practice a home fire escape. This item should be marked "must-do now!" Whether the list of tasks is posted on the refrigerator door, is a running tally in your head or takes on the form of a reminder that lives in your latest organizer gadget – the time is now to get this item moved to your "done" list.

Everyone thinks that tragedies like home fires happen in other communities and to other people. That's probably what the people affected by the 381,000 home fires that occurred in the United States in 2005 thought too, before it happened to them. Unlike many things that can get postponed for a day or two with little consequence, planning and practicing your home fire escape simply isn't one of them.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 3,030 were killed in those fires – that's one person every three hours. Does preparing for escape still sound like something that can be put off for another day?

As well as being prepared to escape a fire, it is equally important to be vigilant about preventing one from happening in the first place. Many times there is something that you can do so that a fire doesn't start, like paying attention to what you are cooking, for example. Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and unattended cooking is the leading cause. The next time you have dinner on the stove and think about leaving the room, think again.

If a fire occurs don't you want to be prepared to escape from it? If you and your neighbors of MILLS RIVER have not taken the time to plan and practice your home fire escape plan, unfortunately you are not alone – nationally studies show that only 23% of households have. This is something that can literally mean the difference between surviving a fire or being the victim of one.

It's time for the residents of MILLS RIVER to get ready for the very real possibility that a fire can occur in their home and being prepared to escape from one is extremely important.

Here's what you need to do right now:

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and have one inside each sleeping room and outside of each sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.
- Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.
- Practice using the plan, at least twice a year. If everyone knows that everyone else is ready to exit quickly, no one will lose precious time trying to help someone who doesn't need help.
- Some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of the smoke alarm. They may need help in waking up.

This October 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week, and this year's theme is Practice Your Escape Plan. What better time to remind residents of **MILLS RIVER** that the time is now to make a fire escape plan and practice it? There is also an opportunity for individuals and communities to join together to promote fire safety and be a part of The Great American Fire Drill. For more information visit www.firepreventionweek.org or www.sparky.org.

Don't let another day go by without planning and practicing your home fire escape plan – you never know when you may need to use it. And don't forget once you move it to your "done" list, it is something that should be reviewed and practiced at least twice a year.

Mills River Citizens – Your Help is Needed

by Jaime Adrignola

It's autumn again and a lot of agencies are looking for volunteers and input on a wide area of topics. Here's a few things you may be interested in that have come through the Town Hall requesting Mills River Citizen's participation.

Litter Sweep Fall 2007

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting volunteers to participate in Litter Sweep September 15-29. If you are interested, check out the website at www.ncdot.org/~beautification or call 1-800-331-5867 for more information.

Public Involvement Session Follow Up

Did you attend one of the five public involvement sessions held in June to talk to town officials about planning and development in Mills River? If you did and even if you were unable to attend, you may be interested in hearing what the overall results were on the land use survey and free for all comments. The staff is planning on presenting the results to the Council at their regular October 25, 2007 meeting at 7:00 PM. We will also make materials available on the website, www.millsriver.org under the Planning Button for you to view in late October. The Town Hall would like to thank everyone who participated and came out to voice your opinion!

United Agenda for Children- Henderson County

Come Speak Out for Kids! The Henderson County United Agenda for Children is having an event to allow community members to voice their opinions on safety, health and education for children in Henderson County. They are recruiting people who are willing to speak out for children to participate in an interactive event that will identify ways to improve the wellbeing of children in our community. The event is Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM at North Henderson High School with lunch and childcare provided. The event is designed to try and get 300 participants that represent all areas of the County and all demographics. The results of the workshop will be used to report back to policymakers on what the community feels are the priorities and goals related to our children's wellbeing. Pre-registration is required to participate and more information and registration materials can be obtained by calling 698-0674 or going online to www.unitedagendaforchildrenhc.org.

Planning and Development Workshops

by Paula DeLorenzo



On June 18th, 19th, 23rd and 26th there were workshops held in several areas of Mills River for the purpose of obtaining input from our Mills River residents about what they think and what they would like to see in revised land use plans.

There were excellent maps, pictures and handouts that made it really simple to look at what Mills River currently has in place and to state what might be preferred. Mills River's new Town Manager, Jaime Adrignola, did an outstanding job preparing the materials and arranging for this excellent opportunity for citizens' to feel like a part of a well oiled machine.

Jaime has compiled the written comments and the results based on the input of everyone who responded.



These results have been presented to the Planning Board. The next step will be to look at each community to see if there are any commonalities within communities. Once complete, these results will be presented to the Town Council for its comments and input.

Great job, Jaime...keep up the good work!



Friends of Mills River Library - Ice Cream Social a Huge Success!

by Friends of Mills River Library

The Friends of the Mills River Library's (FOMRL) recent Ice Cream Social held at the Mills River Community Building was a resounding success. A big thank you to the Mills River Community for their support and active participation in the event as well as their support of the accompanying FOMRL raffle ticket sale. Over \$1,500 was raised for the library!

The lucky Raffle winners were:

Carla Smit - Cuisnart Coffee Maker courtesy of *Linens and Things*, Arden, NC

Julie Kindley - Gift Certificate for two meals courtesy of *Cracker Barrel*, Rockwell Road, Arden, NC

Marie Bruder - \$25 Gift Certificate courtesy of *Target*, Arden, NC

Linda Rice - Hunter Ceiling Fan courtesy of *Lowes*, Hendersonville

Linda Cowan - 5 Disc Audio System courtesy of *Walmart*, Hendersonville

David Schaffer - Teddy Bear Radio courtesy of *Linens and Things*, Arden, NC

Mills River Branch Library

by Roz Ledford

Summer Reading Program. The Mills River Branch volunteers worked with 71 young readers (56 elementary and 15 teen students) during the 2007 Henderson County Public Library Summer Reading Program. The number of participants doubled in our second year of the Branch's involvement with this program. Our volunteer staff held a party the morning of August 10 to celebrate the participants and their achievements during the summer. We congratulate all of our Summer Reading Program participants for their outstanding participation and the effort they put forth.



Many of the elementary participants completed the full program and the Branch had five teen **STAR READERS** (read 25 books, including 5 classics) between June 11 and August 10, 2007. Our Star Readers were Diane Gromelski, Katherine Moore, Levi Orr, Alexandria Sikorski, and Drue Stinnett. Each received gift cards to the Barnes & Noble Bookstore. In addition, Mills River had two winners in the Summer Reading Program's Kids Bookmark Contest. Emmalee Sitton was the winner in the 5-8 year old category and Silas Sitton took the prize in the 9-12 year old category. Each bookmark winner received a \$10 gift certificate to the Mountain Lore Bookstore. Our congratulations to these individuals.

Story Time at Mills River. Story Time at Mills River takes place on Tuesday and Thursday each week at 11:00 a.m. We encourage parents to bring their young children to experience great stories, many with puppets and other visuals. While the children are entertained by our excellent staff of story tellers, who periodically include craft time after the story, parents can browse our excellent collection of literary material or just kick back and read the local newspaper or explore the latest magazine of their choice.

Volunteers Still Needed at Mills River Branch Library. Mills River continues to need volunteers as we work our way to extending our hours to full time. Henderson County has indicated that it cannot provide full-time staff until the next fiscal year (July 2008). We are still optimistic that funding may be found for part-time assistance at Mills River this fiscal year; however, none is currently available. In the meantime, if you can donate 4 hours of your personal time each week and would like to help ensure that the Mills River Branch continues to be grow successfully, please contact the Branch at 828-890-1850 or the Branch Volunteer Coordinator, Roz Ledford, at 828-891-5344. You can be assured that your time will be well spent in providing this valuable community service to your neighbors in and around Mills River. We look forward to hearing from you.

MILLS RIVER PIONEERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

by Barbara Barnwell

The MILLS RIVER PIONEERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB is moving!!



Come join us in our new home at the MILLS RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER on School House Road.

The club will offer lessons in Line Dancing, Western

Square Dancing, and Couples Country/Western dance, starting on Monday September 17th at 7:00 p.m. Lessons will be held on a continuous basis each Monday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is only \$5:00 per person for each session. Everyone is invited to join us for FUN, EXERCISE, and A GOOD TIME while learning some of the best dance steps around!

The Club will also have their CLUB DANCES on the second and fourth Saturday nights of the month starting September 22nd at 7:00 pm. All area square dancers are invited for a night of fun and fellowship with The Pioneers!

For more information Call Pat Puckett (828) 606-8200 or Barbara Barnwell (828) 712-8548.



Mills River Life Enrichment Center

What is the Mills River Life Enrichment Center? This is a newly formed organization of the Mills River United Methodist Church whose mission is to minister to the mind, body and spirit of seniors in our church and community by establishing a Christian-based community center. This center will offer to the community at large a place for fellowship, service and enjoyment. Our proposed programs will be varied and will include social opportunities, shared meals, entertainment and activities of many types. Although seniors in our community are a primary focus, our goal is to provide intergenerational programs that will appeal to a range of ages.

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Local Honey from the Hives of Kyle & Drue

These two homeschooled 4-Hers have enjoyed their beekeeping hobby this summer. Their little buzzing buddies have been very busy, so Kyle and Drue have a surplus of honey from this sourwood season!

These kids (with help from Dad) have extracted the honey and bottled it in 1-pound bottles. You may purchase a pound full of this wonderful sweet treat for only \$5.00 from

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Proverbs 24:13

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(please type HONEY in the subject line)

SHERIFF



**Henderson County Sheriffs Department
Mills River Division
by Corporal Ken McCraw**

School has started again! Please be aware of the increased traffic and congestion in and near our school zone areas. Remember school zone speed limits and expect delays in the mornings and afternoons. School buses will be on their routes. Please be aware of children getting on and off the buses at the bus stops.

Have a Safe Fall!

It is a Class I misdemeanor to pass a stopped school bus while the bus is displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red stoplights for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers.



North Carolina General Statute § 20-217 (A)

Remember if you need law enforcement services

For Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergencies: 697-4911

NC Highway Patrol: 693-4141

NC Wildlife Resources Commission

1-800- 662-7137 (to report wildlife violations)

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