



E-Newsletter

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Neighborhood Updates

Dates to Note

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021
Community Work Day
9am
Corner of Drovers &
Nancy Ashworth

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022
Community Work Day
9am
Corner of Drovers &
Nancy Ashworth

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022
Community Work Day
9am
Corner of Drovers &
Nancy Ashworth

Busy Fall Season in DRP

The Drovers Road community took advantage of our gorgeous western North Carolina fall weather to tackle several projects.



The September trail maintenance day saw a good crowd working the trails. Allan and Mick used chainsaws to clear a downed tree near the cell tower while Rusty provided excellent supervision.

Mick, Chuck, and Tim teamed up to save the bridge near the entrance of the community. Although slated for removal, this trio decided the bridge adds a nice touch and worked for several days to fix it up.



They cleared overgrown rhododendron and replaced boards to make the bridge sturdier. Chuck used downed wood from his property to create new railings. It looks terrific and is much safer to traverse!

Mick and Allan manned the streetsweeper to clear the moss from our roadways. This task, coupled with the application of Moss Out, helps prevent further damage to the roads.



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Garbage/Recycle
Dates to Note

Clip & Save!

Recycle Days

Dec. 2 & 16 & 30

Jan. 13 & 27

Feb. 10 & 24

Mar. 10 & 24



Lastly, When a storm toppled a tree on the Nancy Ashworth side of the 'hood, Paul, Richard, and Allan got the chainsaws out and made quick work of the mess.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep our neighborhood beautiful!

SAHC Annual Inspection

Mick and Marge spent several hours walking the trails recently with Hanni Meurdter and Stephanie Long of the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. The two were very impressed with the condition of our trails, bridges, and lookout tower. They also noted the careful monitoring of construction and renovation projects. They did not find any areas of concern. Mick also took the duo on a backwoods tour of an area where he proposed building a new trail. They gave a thumbs up to the idea so more to come!

Choosing Trees to Plant in DRP



Chris, our resident master gardener, attended a zoom meeting in October on the best trees for our area that provide habitat for birds, provide color, or act as a buffer whether visually or against noise and wind.

Chris shares her key takeaways here:

What I thought was of interest was that conifer are pollinated by wind and not bees! They are tough plants/trees and have long lives and can be deciduous or evergreen.

The best ones needing full sun are:

- Green arborvitae
- Cedars
- Pines (found on every continent)
- Ginko
- Bald cypress
- Junipers
- Cedars

For trees that tolerate shade and sun:

- Cryptomeria
- Wintermint
- Crested Dinger
- Koshi
- Oriental Spruce
- Nana
- Skylands
- Cypress
- Hinoki (Lynn's Golden or Twin Towers)

Deeper Shade tolerate trees include:

- Elkhorn cedar
- Plum yew
- Taxus yew (These are like caviar to deer. I would think twice about planting these in Drovers.)
- Japanese Black Pine

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Chris at 252-312-9009.

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