



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Mayor

Roger Snyder

Where did Winter Go?

Flowers are blooming and some of the smaller trees have buds on them. I normally measure the arrival of Spring with yellow jackets and snakes - I have seen both and it's still March!

Sierra Nevada

We want to welcome Sierra Nevada to Mills River. I think that they are a first class operation, very community minded and a good fit for Mills River.

HC PED (Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development) is the first organization that handles "leads" for companies looking to locate in Henderson County. They have three employees, Andrew, Josh and Brittany and their office is located on King Street in Hendersonville almost across from Miller's Cleaners. The Partnership is a non-profit organization.

The Partnership first got contacted around June of last year about this project and approached Mills River and Henderson County toward the end of July. This project had been in the works for almost 7 months before an announcement was made in January.

On behalf of the Town, I want to thank Sierra Nevada (Ken, Brian, Stan, Don and the others), HCPED (Andrew, Josh and Brittany), Bill, Vaughan, Scott and the many others that worked hard on this project.

Town Hall Property

We continue to develop the Park and with this nice weather, people are using the walking trail, the playground and the dog parks – different sections for large and small dogs. While at the Park, visit the Library, Town Hall and the Mills River History Room.

Did You Know?

- When washing clothes, bleach doesn't mix well with blue jeans, socks and hats – enough said? (We were out of soap)
- When washing clothes, if the directions said to add ½

cup of soap...2 cups doesn't get them any cleaner, but makes a mess.

Seriously – Take precautions this Spring while working in the yard, mowing or disposing of that yard waste. Please Be Safe



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HISTORY CORNER

by Jim Brittain

Older long-time residents of Mills River will remember when it was a common experience to cross the river or its tributaries at a ford or by walking over a footlog. One of my earliest memories was riding in a horse-drawn wagon as it crossed the shallow ford with some of our possessions when we moved into a newly completed house on North Mills River. For the next several years this ford, located just below a deep pool where we could swim or fish, provided the only access to our house for wagons or cars.

There were a number of other fords on upper Mills River that provided convenient crossings. One was located not far below the confluence of North and South Mills River on land that had once been owned by Leander Brittain, a brother of my great-grandfather, F.M. Brittain. That crossing was at one time used by horse-drawn vehicles to facilitate trips to the Presbyterian or Methodist churches, to visit Dr. Greenwood's office, or to shop at Davenport's store. Another river ford was on South Mills River near the Mills River Baptist Church and was used to get to the farm of the Field family. There were other fords further up South Mills River including one named "Wolf Ford" just downstream from the Pink Beds. No doubt many of them are still used by hikers, fishermen, or horseback riders in the National Forest.

Another way to cross the river, without having to remove shoes and wade, was to use a footlog. One early footlog enabled my father and other members of his family to cross North Mills River to attend to sheep, cattle, or crop land when the Brittain farm included land on both sides of North Mills River. I was told of one occasion when my father was trotting across the footlog when it collapsed, sending him into the icy water on a winter day. The early Brittain footlog was located just above the shallow ford where there was a large rock and deep pool, the one where my father took his unexpected bath.

Later we had a footlog just downstream from the ford which I used on my way to North Mills River Road to catch the school bus or pick up mail. I recall one year when we had a sudden flood that took out the footlog. Subsequently, I had to wade the river at the ford until the log was replaced.

Building a footlog that was safe to use was not such an easy task. In our case, we had to locate a suitable log and use a horse to pull it to the site where it would span the river. Once the log was placed, the top side was generally flattened and covered with one or more wood planks. A handrail was added on one, or in some cases, both sides of the log. This particular site also needed a ramp up from the ground to the end of the log on the north side of the river. One problem with footlogs in those days was that the log and planking were untreated and would eventually fail due to biodegrading.

Another footlog I remember quite well crossed South Mills River between the church property of the Mills River Baptist Church and the home of my Uncle Clifford Field. It was a fairly long span with two parallel logs and was well floored with hand rails on both sides. It not only served as a crossing for the Field family and visitors, but also provided a good site to catch redhorse fish using a cane pole and grab hook. Another of our neighbors, George Mullinax, maintained a footlog across South Mills River to give him access to his corn field on the south side of the river.

I believe there are still at least a few foot bridges on the headwaters of Mills River in the National Forest including one near the confluence of Fletcher Creek and Big Creek. I have used another one on South Mills River which is located on a trail from Turkey Pen Gap, but these are largely for the convenience of recreational hikers and are not as essential to farm families as were the shallow fords and footlogs of a few decades ago.



OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM NC FOREST SERVICE AND MILLS RIVER FIRE AND RESCUE

Anyone who has felt the warmth of a fire and enjoyed the friendly light knows that fire is not always a devastating blaze. Our ancestors considered fire, along with air, water and earth, a basic element. Long ago, they learned to use and control fire. It was, perhaps, their first tool.

Most people are careful with fire. They build fires in the right places and at the right time. They keep them the proper size and put them out before leaving them. But some people don't, and the result can be catastrophic wildfire. The damage a wildfire can do is appalling, and with more people occupying the Wildland/Urban Interface, the problem may only get worse unless action is taken. The best way you can act to keep wildfire damage from occurring is to prevent them from starting in the first place. The following practices can help.

Debris Burning

Check local laws on burning. Some communities allow burning only during specified hours while others forbid it entirely and make sure to obtain a burning permit. Contact your county ranger for the names and locations of the nearest burning permit agent, or use NCFS online burning permit application. Permits are free.

Check the weather; don't burn on dry, windy days and consider alternatives to burning. Some types of debris - such as leaves, grass and stubble - may be of more value if used for compost. It is always illegal to burn household trash or any other non-vegetative matter.

Burning Agriculture Residue and Forestland Litter

Be sure you are fully prepared before burning off your field or garden spot. To control the fire, you will need a source of water, a bucket and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire. If possible, a fire line should be plowed around the area to be burned. Large fields should be separated into small plots for burning one at a time. Be sure to stay with your fire until it is out. Before doing any burning in a wooded area, contact your county ranger. The ranger will weigh all factors, explain them to you, and offer technical advice.

Using Lanterns, Stoves and Heaters

Cool all lanterns, stoves or heaters before refueling. Place it on the ground in a cleared area before filling. If fuel spills, move the appliance to a new clearing before lighting it. Recap and store flammable liquid containers in a safe place. Never light lanterns and stoves inside a tent, trailer or camper. If you use a lantern or stove inside a tent or trailer, be sure to have adequate ventilation and always read and follow instructions provided by the manufacturer.

Spark Arrester

Several types of equipment and vehicles are required to have spark arresters. Chain saws, portable generators, cross country vehicles and trail bikes - to name a few - require spark arresters if used in or near grass, brush or a wooded area. To make certain that a spark arrester is functioning properly, check with the dealer or contact your county ranger's office.

Smoking

When smoking outdoors, grind out your cigarette, cigar or pipe tobacco in the dirt. Never grind it on a stump or log. It is unsafe to smoke while walking or riding a horse or trail bike. Use your ashtray while in your car and never dump used cigarettes out the window.

Charcoal Briquettes

After using burning charcoal briquettes, douse them thoroughly with water. Don't just sprinkle a bit over the coals. When soaked; stir the coals and soak them again. Be sure they are out - cold! Then carefully feel the coals with your bare hands to be sure they are extinguished.

Building and Putting Out Campfires

Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass and leaves. Pull any extra wood away from the fire. Keep plenty of water handy and have a shovel for throwing dirt on the fire if it gets out of control. Start with dry twigs and small sticks. Then add larger sticks as the fire builds up. Put the largest pieces of wood on last, pointing them toward the center of the fire and gradually push them into the flames. Keep the campfire small. A good bed of coals or a small fire surrounded by rocks gives plenty of heat. Scrape away litter and any burnable material within a 10-foot (3 meter) diameter circle around the fire. This will keep a small campfire from spreading.

After lighting a campfire, be sure your match is out. Hold it until it is cold and then break it so you can feel the charred portion before discarding. Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could quickly cause the fire to spread. After use, drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet. Move rocks - there may be more burning embers underneath. Stir the remains, add more water, and stir again. Be sure all burned material has been extinguished and cooled. If you do not have water, use dirt. Mix enough soil or sand with the embers. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cooled then feel all materials with your bare hand. Make sure that no roots are burning and do not bury your coals - they can smolder and ignite.

Burn Bans

Monitor for local and current state burn bans that may restrict outdoor burning. Contact your fire department or the county ranger to make sure you are not violating any open burning regulations.

Since people cause most wildfires, we all have a part in preventing them. We can be more careful ourselves, and wherever we are, we can influence others to use more care with fires. Remember, a little extra care takes only a few minutes of your time and it could prevent a wildfire.



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 25th 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. 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON MILLS RIVER RESIDENT...LYNNETTE FULLAM RAINES

by Kathryn Finotti

- ◇ How long have you lived in Mills River?
My whole life with the exception of college and two years in Charlotte.
- ◇ What is your occupation?
I own my own business...I'm an Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics.
- ◇ What do you enjoy about your occupation?
Meeting new people, helping others and the flexibility.
- ◇ What is your favorite hobby or pastime?
Spending time with family
- ◇ Do you have a favorite quote?
"Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion." Prov 11:22
- ◇ Is there a food that you simply could not live without?
Chocolate, of course
- ◇ If you were stranded on a desert island what one personal grooming item would you want to have with you?
Toothbrush
- ◇ Do you have children?
Two sons, Robert, 17 and Jeffrey, 13. They are such blessings and joy in my life.
- ◇ How about pets?
Our family has a dog and 2 cats.
- ◇ What's your favorite song?
Hard to say, there are so many.
- ◇ Is there a color that you think describes your personality?
My favorite color is purple. The red in it represents my passion for causes dear to my heart and the blue represents faithfulness.
- ◇ What do you find rewarding about living in Mills River?
The beauty around us and obviously the people.

PARKS COMMITTEE UPDATE SPRING 2012

This spring promises to be exciting here at the Park. The last of the construction is done and clean up is still taking place around the park grounds. The first three months of this year have been mainly devoted to the subject of amenities. We all know we need trash cans and benches and picnic tables, but where do we want them to be placed and how many do we need? By developing an amenities plan we are able to purchase and install these necessary items in a coordinated fashion.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the Etowah Lions Club for donating dogwoods to be planted throughout the park. We also want to thank Mr. Taylor's horticulture class and the freshman class from West Henderson High School for planting and mulching the dogwoods.

We are planning to have a grand opening for the Park on June 22nd. Please check our website at www.millsriver.org or in Town Hall for further information.

WARM WEATHER MEANS TICKS COULD BE OUT EARLY

Ticks are usually active in the spring, summer, and fall; however, the adults of some species are active in the winter. When seeking a blood meal, ticks move from leaf litter, from a crack or crevice along a building foundation or from another secluded place to grass or shrubs where they attach themselves to an animal as it passes. If a host is not found by fall, most species of ticks move into sheltered sites where they become inactive until spring. Once it is on a host, a tick crawls upward in search of a place on the skin where it can attach to take a blood meal. The tick's mouth parts are barbed, making it difficult to remove the tick from the skin. The female mates while attached to a host and usually feeds for 8 to 12 days until it is full. A male tick may attach, but it does not feed as long as the female. The male tick may mate several times before dying. The female, after mating and feeding, drops to the ground where it lays a mass of eggs in a secluded place such as in a crevice or under leaf litter. Shortly after laying an egg mass, which may contain thousands of eggs, the female dies. The eggs hatch in about two weeks, and the life cycle begins again. Depending upon the species of tick, the life cycle may take as little as a few months or as much as two years.

To avoid ticks that may be on grass and shrubs, stay on wide paths and roads when possible. When practical, layer your clothing. Tuck your pant legs into your socks and your shirttail into your pants. Wearing light-colored clothing makes ticks easier to see.

Most commercial insect repellents are effective against ticks. Liberally apply one of these to exposed areas of your body and to your clothing. When you have been in a tick-infested area, examine your clothing and body at least twice each day. Frequent self-inspection lessens the chance of a tick having enough time to attach. A tick must be attached at least six hours in order to transmit disease organisms causing Rocky Mountain spotted fever; therefore, the longer a tick is attached, the greater the chances are that germs will be transmitted. The minimum attachment time required for transmission of Lyme disease spirochetes is not yet known.

The risk of infection with tick-transmitted disease organisms can be greatly reduced by inspecting yourself frequently for ticks and promptly removing any that have attached. Applying petroleum jelly or cleaning fluid or holding a burning cigarette near an attached tick will not cause it to dislodge. Such "home remedies" irritate the skin and kill the tick, making it difficult to remove intact. Here is the best way to remove an attached tick:

- Shield your fingers with a piece of folded tissue paper or use tweezers. Disease organisms carried by an engorged tick may penetrate even microscopic breaks in the skin. Grasp the body of the attached tick firmly and, without twisting or jerking, pull directly away from the point of attachment, increasing the force gradually until the tick is pulled free.
- If the tick's mouth parts break off in the skin, use a sterilized needle to remove them as you would a splinter.
- Wash the bite area with soap and water and apply an antiseptic such as alcohol.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after removing the tick.
- Mark the date of the tick bite on a calendar. If symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever or Lyme disease develop, you will be able to tell your physician when you were bitten.

Pets may transport ticks into the family living area, so inspect them frequently for ticks. Remove attached ticks from pets using the same procedures described for people. Control ticks on pets using flea-tick collars and powder or liquid formulations of pesticides. In addition, several safe and effective pesticides can control ticks in pet quarters.

Some steps to reduce the chance of picking up disease-bearing ticks:

- Keep grass mowed and leaves raked. Remove brush from walls and woodpiles.
- Restrict the use of groundcover plants that may tempt deer and other wildlife to feed.
- To discourage rodents, keep stone walls clean and sealed and close off small openings around the home. Firewood piles and bird feeders should be kept away from the house.
- Keep pets out of the woods, especially dogs, to cut down on the number of ticks brought back into the house. Tick collars, sprays and topical pesticide treatments can also reduce the risks to you and your pets.
- Move swing sets and sand boxes away from the woods. Placing them on a foundation of wood chips or mulch can cut risk.
- Cut back tree branches and shrubs around the edge of the lawn.
- Place a border made of wood chips, mulch or gravel of three feet or wider between the lawn and woods or stone walls.
- Think about using decks, tile, gravel and container plantings close to the house in frequently traveled areas.
- Make woodland trails wider.
- Consider applying pesticides of low toxicity as a targeted barrier treatment.



RECIPE CORNER

Nutty Brown Rice Salad

- 1 cup uncooked brown rice
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/4 cup bite-size broccoli florets
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped yellow bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped raw almonds
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fat free Italian-style dressing
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Directions

Combine the rice and water in a small saucepan; bring to a boil over high heat. Cover, and reduce the heat to medium-low. Simmer until the rice is tender, and the liquid has been absorbed, 45 to 50 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool.

Place cooled rice in a large bowl. Stir in the kidney beans, red onions, mushrooms, broccoli, bell peppers, and almonds; season with pepper. Toss salad with the Italian dressing and olive oil.

Chill for at least one hour before serving.

ENJOY!

MEETING & OTHER DATES

Apr 3	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Apr 6	Good Friday	Town Hall Closed
Apr 10	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Apr 12	Town Council	7:00 PM
Apr 17	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Apr 20	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
Apr 24	Parks and Recreation	7:00 PM
Apr 26	Town Council	7:00 PM

May 1	Planning Board	7:00 PM
May 10	Town Council	7:00 PM
May 17	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
May 18	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
May 22	Parks and Recreation	7:00 PM
May 24	Town Council	7:00 PM
May 28	Memorial Day Observance	Town Hall Closed

Jun 5	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Jun 12	Board of Adjustment	7:00 PM
Jun 14	Town Council	7:00 PM
Jun 15	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
Jun 21	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Jun 26	Parks and Recreation	7:00 PM
Jun 28	Town Council	7:00 PM

Jul 3	Planning Board	7:00 PM
Jul 4	Independence Day Observation	Town Hall Closed
Jul 12	Town Council	7:00 PM
Jul 19	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Jul 20	Agricultural Advisory	9:00 AM
Jul 24	Parks and Recreation	7:00 PM
Jul 26	Town Council	7:00 PM



Mills River Farmers' Tailgate Market

Locally produced veggies & fruits, eggs, meats, jellies & jams, baked goods, crafts

May 5
through
October 27



Saturdays
8am
to noon

G&B Energy Plaza (near Dollar General on Boylston Hwy.)
millsriverfarm@gmail.com

From the Office of the Tax Collector....

Many people are still in economic hardship in Mills River as well as the rest of region. There are some programs offered by the state of North Carolina as well as a payment plan offered by the Town of Mills River.

Tax Relief

North Carolina offers three property tax relief programs for the permanent residence of qualified homeowners. **The deadline to submit an application is June 1.** Contact the Henderson County Tax Office for an application.

Elderly or Disabled Exclusion – Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. In addition, the previous year's total income for both an applicant and spouse cannot exceed \$27,100. For unmarried joint property owners, each owner must apply separately and benefit limitations may apply based on the percent of ownership.

This program excludes from taxation the first \$25,000 or 50% (whichever is greater) of assessed value for the permanent residence. Exclusion means some of the value will not be considered when your tax bill is created. If you do not qualify for the program in future years, the excluded value from prior years does not become taxable. Once approved for the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion, you do not need to reapply unless your permanent residence has changed, your income now exceeds the current annual income eligibility limit, or you are no longer totally and permanently disabled. If the person receiving the exclusion last year was deceased prior to January 1, the person required by law to list the property must notify the county tax office. The surviving spouse or joint property owner is required to reapply for the exclusion if qualified. Failure to make any of these notices before June 1 will result in penalties, interest, and the possible loss of the exclusion.

Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment Program – Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. The previous year's total income for both an applicant and spouse cannot exceed \$40,650. For unmarried joint property owners, each owner must apply and qualify separately. In addition, all owners must have owned and occupied the residence for the previous five years.

Under this program, taxes for each year are limited to a percentage of the owner's income. Taxes above the limitation amount are deferred, which means delayed until a future date. The last three years of deferred taxes become payable with interest if a disqualifying event occurs. Disqualifying events include death of the owner or transfer of the property where the owner's share is not passed to another qualifying owner, and failure to use the property as the owner's permanent residence. For an owner whose income does not exceed \$27,100, the owner's taxes will be limited to 4% of their income. For an owner whose income exceeds \$27,100 but does not exceed \$40,650, the owner's taxes will be limited to 5% of their income. Participation in this program requires all owners to apply and qualify. **You must file an application for the Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment Program each year!**

Disabled Veteran Exclusion – Honorably discharged disabled veterans or their unmarried surviving spouse may be eligible for a reduction in property tax. There is no age or income limitation on this program.

This program excludes up to the first \$45,000 of the appraised value of the permanent residence of an honorably discharged veteran who has a total and permanent disability that is service-connected or who receives benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. Unmarried joint property owners must apply separately and benefit limitations may apply based on the percent of ownership. If eligible, each owner may receive benefits under either the Elderly or Disabled Exclusion or the Disabled Veteran Exclusion. Once approved for the Disabled Veteran Exclusion, you do not need to reapply unless your disability or benefit status has changed.

Town of Mills River Payment Plan

If you think you might be better off spreading your tax payments out over several months, please feel free to take advantage of our payment plan. Started in July, a payment plan can spread your taxes out over 6 months and still keep you from incurring late fees and interest. Let us know if we can be of any assistance with an application.

REMINDER!

Escrowed Taxes

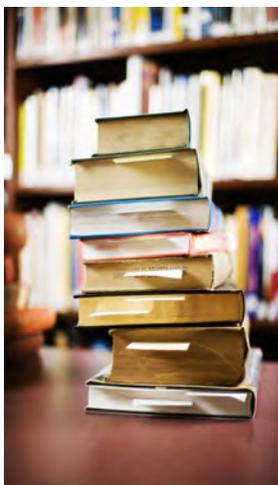
This past year many people paid off their mortgages or refinanced their homes. The Tax Office would like to remind people that if their property taxes are escrowed into their mortgage payment, paying off the mortgage or getting one from a new lender may interrupt having the taxes paid on time. Keeping this in mind may help avoid an ugly surprise in January – interest, penalties, and a delinquent tax letter. We don't send tax bills to homeowners whose mortgage holders request the bills, and sometimes even when a home is refinanced or the mortgage paid off the bill is erroneously requested by the previous lender. If you don't get a tax bill by the end of September, please call us at 828-890-2901 and ask where we sent it. The staff of the Tax Office are always happy to answer questions.

NEWS FROM YOUR MILLS RIVER BRANCH LIBRARY

by Roz Ledford

ONE YEAR CELEBRATION. Your Mills River Branch Library celebrated its first anniversary in our beautiful NEW location in the center of our new Mills River Park. To celebrate the anniversary, the Friends of the Mills River Library purchased red library bags which were given away during the month. In addition, we ran an "adult read" contest. Participants were required to read six books during the month of February and list those along with their name and telephone number on the contest entry form. At the end of the month, a drawing was held and the lucky winner was the recipient of a \$50 gift card provided by the Friends of the Mills River Library.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM. Your Branch library is working hard to finalize all plans for an exciting summer reading program "**DREAM BIG - READ**" for children and teens during June and July 2012. At the present time, work is being completed on several exciting programs scheduled for our Branch. Information will be posted at the Branch once details are finalized. We believe program participants will be excited about the programs taking place this summer.



BIG BOOK SALE

Sponsored by the Friends of the Mills River Library

**April 21, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Picnic Shelter
Mills River Park**

***Story Time each Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Come join in the fun with Miss Kathy***

SHERIFF



**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 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. Obey the traffic laws and buckle up.

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

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