



Notes In The Woods

May, 2019

HUNTINGTON WOODS HOA MEETING

TUESDAY, May 7, 6:30 PM

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
547 6TH ST NW

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

YOUR ATTENDANCE SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY

Keeping in Touch

What a wonderful time of the year, lush green foliage, beautiful flowers and near perfect temperatures, a great time to enjoy the refreshing out of doors. Our annual picnic scheduled for early next month is the perfect opportunity to get out and meet new neighbors and renew old acquaintances. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to recognize a person I know very well. Rachel Parnell. Her hard work and dedication to the creation and publication of this news letter has added another dimension to our community. Thank you Rachel. Keep up the good work.

Fred Parnell, HOA President

Out and About

HICKORY FARMERS MARKET

Apr 20 - Nov 30

Apr: Sat 8:00 am - 1:00 pm & Wed 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Nov: Sat 10:00 - 2:00

Union Square Downtown Hickory
Parking Lot for Lowes Food Children's Park

MAMA MIA

Hickory Community Theatre

May 17 - June 2

Thurs 7:30 pm - Fri & Sat 8:00 pm - Sun 2:30 pm

30 Third St NW, Hickory

828-328-2283

DOWNTOWN ART CRAWL

Wed, May 15, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Pick up maps and information at participating downtown businesses.

PICNIC TIME
IN
HUNTINGTON
WOODS



COME JOIN US!

Soon it will be time for our Huntington Woods neighborhood covered dish potluck by the gazebo. Don't miss it!

FUN - FOOD - FRIENDSHIP - PRIZES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Street beside our gazebo

RAIN DATE: Saturday, June 15

BRING: A covered dish and a chair

PLEASE RSVP TO: Anita Norris - 638-0650 - Unit 1759

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Anita Norris 638-0650 Unit 1759

Peggy Byers 327-9552 Unit 1741

Ernie Hall 302-8408 Unit 1719



POOL

GRAB YOUR SUITS
THE POOL OPENS
MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND
SATURDAY, MAY 11

If you need a key, contact
SuSu Watson, Pool Chair
828-302-1263



Our Friend and Neighbor

I enjoyed the opportunity to sit down and become better acquainted with Christine Palmer, our recent HOA president. Christine has lived a life path that most women of my age have not and perhaps couldn't imagine for ourselves.

It was a path of service to her country and as a trail blazer for the women who currently serve in the military. The opportunities that are available now for our young women in the military would not be there without the successes of the Christines who went before.

Christine is from a close family right here in Catawba County. She is from Newton and many of her family live in the N. Olivers X-roads area. But as a young child she lived the life of an Air Force dependent.

As her father was transferred to different areas, she was a student in the schools for military and government employees dependents, which she praised as being excellent schools. When she was in fifth, sixth and seventh grades they were stationed in Tripoli the capitol of Libya. For the first 18 months they lived on the Libya economy among the native people.

She returned home and spent the eighth grade through graduation here. Upon graduation from Bandy High School in 1966, she joined the Air Force. The only female among many males to do so.

For women, the military was a world of difference then than it is today. Even though she was of legal age, her parents had to sign for her to join; not so for her male counterparts. At that time in the military, another one of the differences was her chain of command. Women served under both a female 1st Sergeant and a male 1st Sergeant and answered to both chains of commands. This is no longer true, now there is just one chain of command.

Her basic training was in Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas, her tech training was at Sheppard AFB, Texas after which she received an assignment to Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. There she worked as a legal administrative clerk. At that time the only positions open to women in the Air Force were cooks, administration, supply clerks and medics.

In 1968, she married, left the Air Force and moved to Washington State. Another difference from then to now was that women could not serve if married or if pregnant. Her marriage ended and she moved back home. She spent about three years here as a small business owner, then in 1976 signed up as an Army Reserve Recruiter. During this time she did one active duty tour in Ft Meade, Maryland.

She went on full time active duty in 1980 as a member of the Army, serving as an Automatic Data Processing Operation Officer overseeing and running computer systems.

In 1991, she took an IBM 41 CTAS-1 computer on wheels to the Saudi desert. While in Saudi Arabia, she ran the supply system for the theater through four phases of action: Desert Shield, Deseret Storm, Desert Calm, and Desert Farewell. After that tour, she was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. In 1992 Christine went into the Reserves.

From that time on she worked as a contractor in several capacities. In Washington D.C., she was a system administrator for the Australian Embassy until 1996. After that she moved to San Antonio, Texas to be a systems administrator for the Air Force and the Army.

It was in 2013 that she formally retired and moved back to Catawba County where she stayed with her brother and helped care for his sick wife. When she was well, Christine moved to Wilmington. She loved her time there living at the beach, but came back home so often that she decided to make a permanent move home.

Since coming home, Christine has been busy with her extended family and her recent term as our HOA president. Throughout her life her hobbies have included golf, swimming, travel and reading. She is now looking forward to the future and opportunities to golf and travel.

Thank you Christine for the time that you have given to our community. We appreciate all the good that you have accomplished.

**NEWS WANTED FROM
HUNTINGTON WOOD NEIGHBORS**

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**PROTECT YOUR WALKING
NEIGHBORS
DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT—16 MPH**