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## PB to consider two STR ordinances

Two versions of the amend- Unified Development Ordinance as it pertains to Short-term Rentals were briefly discussed at the Special Meeting Thursday, July 14, prior to them being submitted

to the Planning Board. According to Attorney Bob Hagemann with Poyner Spruill which is now the town's legal counsel, there is plenty of time for both versions to be "revised,

refined and changed." The first version discussed was basically the Town Board's March ordinance with minor refinements, said Hagemann. **• See STR page 13**

## Vaccines are available at Blue Ridge Health

Blue Ridge Health-Highlands Cashiers (BRH-HC) has received approval from the State of North Carolina and is expanding their services to include immunizations to be offered at their local site. Board certified physicians Ann Davis, M.D. and Kristy Fincher, D.O., along with their clinical support team will be administering the clinic.

"Having an approved North Carolina Immunization Clinic is a tremendous boost for our community," said Ann Davis, M.D. "This North Carolina approval guarantees that everyone will be seen, and no one will be turned away. This means that every child in our community now has easy access to these very important vaccinations."

BRH-HC will be offering a full range of vaccinations, immu- **• See VACCINES page 11**



A mama bear and three cubs investigate a construction dumpster at a site on Mirror Lake Road. - Photo by Richard Adams

## Dumpster bears on parade

Richard Adams, a contractor remodeling a house on Mirror Lake Drive, said he and his crew were recently visited by a Mama

Bear and her three cubs. The mama literally opened the door of the plumber's truck checking out **• See BEARS page 19**

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## Yes, recyclables really are recycled in Macon Cty

By Brittney Lofthouse

Trash is big business across the United States and according to the US Recycling Economic Information Study, the recycling and reuse industry consists of approximately 56,000 establishments that employ more than 1.1 million people, generate an annual payroll of nearly \$37 billion, and gross over \$236 billion in annual revenues. This represents a significant force in the US economy and makes a vital contribution to job creation and economic development.

Recycling operations in Macon County is all managed by Shawn Cribbs, Recycling Coordinator, which is part of the Macon County Solid Waste Department. The county's Recycling Processing Center (RPC) is located at the landfill, and the recycling is dropped at the RPC. Trash in the county is taken into the landfill, while recycling is transported to various locations based on the type of recycling it is.

Cardboard collected in Macon

County is sent to Jackson Paper and approximately 2,500 tons were bailed and sold this year, according to Cribbs.

Mix paper collected in Macon County is sent to curbside recycling in Asheville or paper plants in South Carolina or in Georgia. Macon County has recycled about 500 tons of paper this year.

Aluminum Cans are sold to CMC Recycling in Charlotte and about 50 tons were recycled this year. Scrap Metal is recycled by Holland Metals in Franklin. Macon County has collected nearly 1,200 tons this year.

Glass that is recycled in the county is sent to Strategic Materials in Atlanta.

"We currently stockpile the glass at RPC and send loads to Atlanta every so often," said Cribbs. "We have sent out about 80 tons of glass this year, and as of April this year surcharges have

**• See RECYCLED page 16**

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Compromise may still be possible

My call for stakeholders to propose compromises concerning STRs underscores the community stalemate on this combative issue. I asked stakeholders to publicly put forth any proposed compromise. I wanted the community to see if there was any common ground.



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

Some interpreted that call to mean I was going to sit down with opposing groups and negotiate a compromise. With the town facing a current lawsuit over the issue and potential legal actions ahead, for me or any board member to negotiate a compromise settlement is not an option. Our legal representatives might be able to enter negotiations, but only if the board directs them to do so. No such directives have been given, and I don't see that circumstance on the horizon, especially since the planning board will soon be reviewing two draft proposals for amending the town ordinances pertaining to short term rentals.

With that said, let me throw out a hypothetical compromise and then point out its pitfalls.

The compromise would allow STRs in R1 and R2 on limited a basis. Let's say in R1 any home owner could do short term rentals

for 30 or 40 days out of the year, In R2 short terms rentals could be done for 76 or 80 days per year. These limitations would prevent both residential zones from being nothing more than year round "Ghost Hotel" districts, and curtail the commercialization and corporatization of these neighborhoods. Sounds good, or does it?

Now my critique. Those folks who do not want STRs in their R1 neighborhoods would say short term rentals would be allowed ten or fifteen weekends during the high peak of the Highlands season. In R2 even more times, 30 weekends or more could be done. They would point out that the tendency under this compromise formula would be to rent on weekends to folks coming to attend weddings and other party events, exactly activities that cause their concerns.

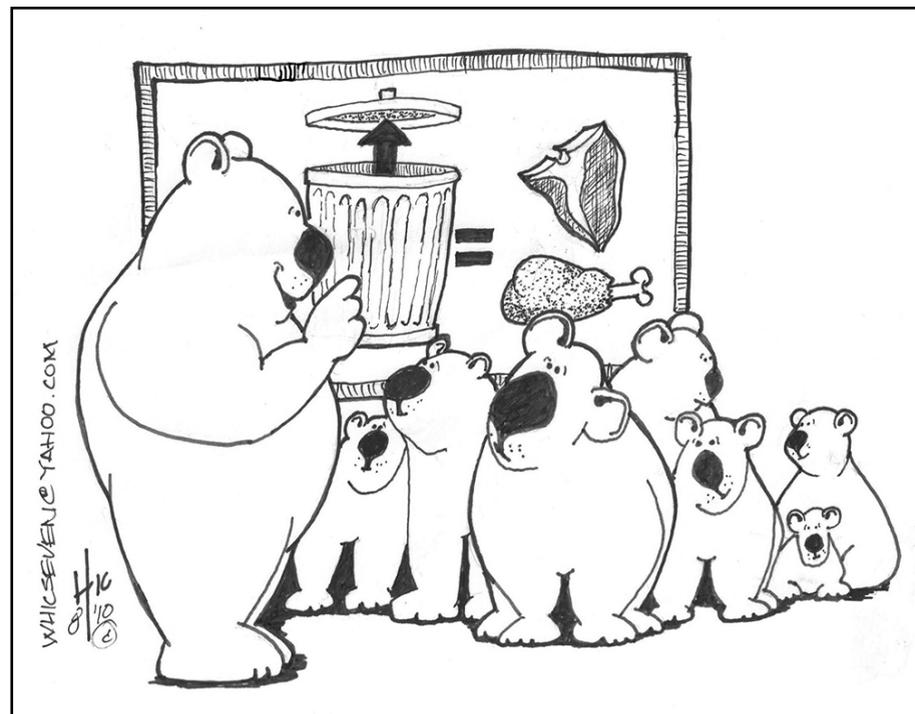
Folks who are for STRs would contend that the town is imposing limitations on there property rights, and that they should be allowed to short term rent their property as they see fit. As one top, outspoken realtor has put it, any restriction on the use of residential property is a violation by the town of property rights, and it is also Communistic! I might add this position seems to question the validity of zoning in the most basic terms. As Commissioner Hehn suggested at the July 14th Special Highlands Board meeting, homeowners on average can make \$40,000 a year doing STR. Why would they be willing to compromise only to see their income levels fall to what can be made doing long term rentals at best?

As I have stated before, we have two opposing sides with not much in between. I routinely receive communications telling me the town should fully allow STRs, or that we should not allow them at all. The compromise described above would probably generate legal actions simultaneously from both sides.

On a side note, some folks say the only fair solution is to grandfather those who have been doing STRs. Others counter that grandfathering creates two property levels within one zoning district and that is not fair either.

The Highlands Planning Board will address these issues as they make their recommendations in the coming weeks. The Highlands Town Board will carefully consider those recommendations and implement amended STR ordinances. Regardless of a final decision, I suspect people in black robes will have their say also. The courts may or may not be where a compromise takes place.

## • HIC'S VIEW •



## • WEATHER •

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# • OBITUARY •

## Ella Mae Nix Wilson

Ella Mae Nix Wilson, 91 of Highlands passed away Thursday July 14, 2022. She was born June 16, 1931 in Rabun County, Ga to the late Frank Nix and Leona Reed Nix.

Ella Mae was a home maker and enjoyed working in her flowers. She was a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church and previously served as a clerk, treasurer, Sunday school teacher, pianist and sang in the choir.

She was a loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She will be missed by many.

Ella Mae is survived by her children; Roger Lee Wilson (Anna), Edwin Wilson (Lisa) and Janice Allmond (Jimmy) all of Highlands; five grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Ella Mae is deceased by her husband, Clarence Wilson;



two sisters, Clara Owens and Louise Owens; four brothers, Claude Nix, Clyde Nix, George Nix and Dewey Nix.

Funeral services were held Monday July 18, 2022 at Clear Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Rusty Wolfrey, Rev. Mike Wilson and Rev. Jim Kinard officiating. Burial followed at the Clear Creek Church cemetery. Pallbearers were Jimmy Allmond, Jason Woods, Paul Bradham, Steve Nix, Charles Reed, Matthew

Wilson and Chris Fisher.

Memorial donations can be made to the Clear Creek Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Joan Hicks or Roger Lee Wilson, 612 Wilson Gap Road, Highlands, NC 28741

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# • LETTERS •

## Thanks for the rescue

Dear Editor,

I am one of the thousands of visitors to Highlands this July.

Recently, I had a blowout in downtown Highlands. I limped to a local gas station/party store and asked where I could get assistance. I was told a place three miles away.

When I returned to my car in tears, two men came up to me and offered to take off the bad tire and put on the donut tire so I could get to the automotive shop. I learned they are Highlands' city employees from the electric dept. They even called for a heavy-duty jack to use!

They were cordial and refused any remuneration. And as they left, I said, "Thank you, Gentlemen." They said they were just men, but I told them that to me, they'll always be gentlemen. Thank you, Highlands! Well done!

**Donna Dennis**  
Clearwater, FL

## Thanks for responding!

Dear Editor,

In the 15 years I have been coming to Highlands, much of it being as a seasonal resident, I have witnessed so many acts of kindness by businesses. The most recent experience was this past week.

I was walking past Harris Lake and noticed a steep drop in part of the driveway to the small parking area on Leonard Road. It looked like a car could get stuck in this area and be in for a bad day getting towed out.

I went to the town website to report the problem. Not knowing the exact contact, I sent my email to Josh Ward. Within the hour, he contacted me for further details and said his road crew would look into it.

Then, by the very next morning a repair had taken place! It could not have been done more efficiently!

I am sure this would not be the case in the large city I come from. Thank you, City of Highlands for being responsive to your residents.

**Marleen Salo**  
Highlands

## Community made K-H Shrimp Boil a success

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Friends of Founders Park Board of Directors, I want to thank all involved in our Low Country Shrimp Boil at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Low County Shrimp Boil could not happen without the generous support the 280 patrons who attended. Also because of generous contributions from our donors and sponsors, we had another successful event to benefit the park.

Special thanks go out to our event chair Bill Edwards, our dedicated board members and excellent volunteers. The food was masterfully prepared by Chef Marty Rosenfield assisted by Doc Wilson and the excellent staff. Board member Kay Craig and Thomas Craig of the Ugly Dog Pub served up excellent brews and provided first-rate wines.

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## Old Realtors never die, they just ...

Well, what does happen to them? Do they just slide into oblivion? Do they move to Arizona or Florida where there's lots of sunshine in the winter? Do they grieve and pine over not being able to tote people around in their cars all day long? As the saying goes, "Old Realtors never die, they just become listless!" But perhaps they become other things as well. While I imagine some could become tired, bored, or exceedingly happy without a job to report to every day, I decided to just talk to a few folks who have turned the corner into a different part of their lives to see what they do now. Their names have been changed to protect the innocent!

Cindy began her real estate and construction career in the mid-70s and worked in different aspects of real estate both here and in a large city market. What she found easy about working in Highlands is that 9 out of 10 people in her clientele were not concerned about interest rates or getting a mortgage. She learned to listen intently to her clients and to hold everything they told her in the highest confidence. They respected her honesty, which sometimes cut her out of a deal. What she found challenging here were the sheer numbers of Realtors involved in the business! Many of her former clients have become friends and she still has the pleasure of seeing and interacting with them in a social setting. Though she didn't say this to me, I notice how retirement seems to agree with her. She looks relaxed and happy. She recounts what a blessing it is for us all to live in such a beautiful place as Highlands.

Helen worked at real estate for 23 years in this market, and during that time worked with several different companies. Her favorite things were meeting interesting people, seeing a lot of houses, and interacting with the other agents in her company. She thought well of her broker and other co-workers and found it was easier to solve problems when her co-workers weighed in with their thoughts and experiences. She learned about contracts and dues and how to live on commissions rather than the regular salary she was used to in her previous life.

Being a night owl, she doesn't miss the structure of having to get up early and go to work. She also doesn't miss driving around "tire kickers," those who were not sincerely interested in real estate and just wanted to waste her time. Real estate is pretty all-



Betty Holt  
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consuming, she found. "My hobbies suffered," she says. "There just wasn't time to do both." Though she found herself playing the role of caretaker to family members in retirement, she has worked out time for gardening, playing games with friends, and attending musical concerts. In the future she hopes to travel more. Her advice to people considering retirement would be to make sure you have enough

hobbies to fill your time.

Melissa was active in real estate for 35 years before she and her husband went into semi-retirement. Although they are enjoying their free time, they still keep up with what's going on in real estate world and MLS. They no longer have a home phone or an office to go to every day. They don't advertise or have a website, but work strictly with previous clients and referrals and find it a lot less stressful than the full-time life they had before.

She misses the good times, meeting new people and introducing them to Highlands. The tradeoff is there is more time to spend with grandchildren, friends, or traveling in the winter. She doesn't miss dealing with people's unrealistic expectations of what they might find her for what amount of money, but enjoys still being emotionally involved with former clients who continue to be friends.

Bill, her husband, started his real estate and construction career in 1979. He talked about how both Highlands and the real estate industry itself has changed over time. He's enjoying stepping back from full-time employment and the ability to spend more times with friends and family and get away in the winter. While he doesn't miss how very time-consuming his real estate career was and how it takes over your life, he did enjoy meeting so many different kinds of people. "It was challenging," he says, "because your approach to people had to be so varied to take them from Point A to Point B. I liked that aspect of it, though."

In talking with these folks, I did find that there is, in fact, life after real estate. In fact, there are pleasurable things to do, on your own time. Some people stop working abruptly and others segue into retirement. In each instance, there's always some letting go of the old and some learning to embrace the new, things you miss and things you're glad to give up. It's a very individual thing, just how people handle it. But I came across no one who appeared "listless."

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# ...LETTERS continued from page 7

## Attempted compromise has gone unheeded

Dear Editor,

Last week's community discussions seemed to be dominated by the mayor's comment that both sides should come to a compromise. The mayor went on to claim that he and the Town had not received any word from Save Highlands. This, of course,

is factually incorrect. Moreover, it ignores members of Save Highlands publicly saying at least five times since this has started that we are willing to meet, including clear statements even last week preceding the town council meeting to this effect. In response to these repeated overtures of compromise

and pleas for discussion from Save Highlands, the Town suggested and presented the most stringent proposed ordinance to-date which include a rapid fire amortization provision. This proposal simply postpones the Town's outright ban and its attempt to cancel valid, non-conforming use rights by two years. It seeks to eliminate vacation rentals altogether – regardless of grandfathered rights – as we've always assumed was their ultimate goal.

We've now learned that even though our attorneys sent a registered letter to the town's attorneys in March 2022 with a detailed redline of the then-proposed ordinance along with an annotated letter explaining the suggested changes, some on council

are claiming they didn't receive it. In the registered correspondence, we attached the Town's proposed ordinance amendment (with the Planning Board's redlined edits), and we highlighted portions of the proposed ordinance that we believed were either problematic or unlawful. Each highlighted ordinance provision had a corresponding elaboration in the body of the letter. Taken together, we designed the letter and the redlined, highlighted ordinance to reflect our position on the short-term rental amendment.

Finally, before last week's town council meeting, I wrote a letter to the mayor and copied several others to make clear yet again that Save Highlands would meet to discuss this issue and potential solutions. It concluded, "So, in case there is still some doubt about our willingness to work with others towards a compromised resolution, please take this email as evidence that Save Highlands would accept any invitation to participate with other interest groups, elected officials, appointed officials, and/or staff on this issue."

We've yet to receive any response.

**Jennifer Huff**  
SAVE Highlands

## We are Dog Mountain residents for STRs

Dear Editor,

As a retiree, full-time resident of Highlands for six years, and a Dog Mountain resident, we support short term rentals and Save Highlands.

We host renters in our carriage house, which is 10 yards from our main home, yet we have never heard so much as a peep from our guests, who are also largely retirees.

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Enforcement of existing ordinances for noise, trash, and garbage is a fair way to keep problem homeowners responsible – both live-in residents and those who rent their properties.

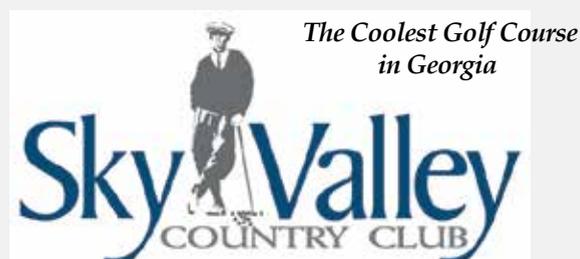
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Dear Editor,

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• See LETTERS page 11



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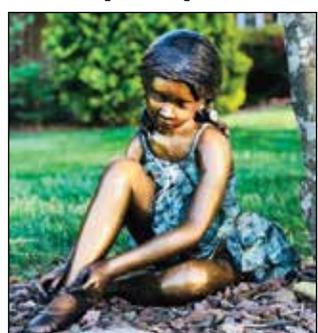
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## ...VACCINES continued from page 1



nizations and services by appointment. These services include "Well Child" appointments for established and new patients, as well as vaccination only appointments. Most of these appointments can be completed within an hour, with some completed in as quickly as 15 minutes.

"It is very exciting to be able to offer a full range of immunizations at the clinic," said Kristy Fincher, D.O. "Children will now have local access to the vaccinations they will need not only to be able to attend school, but to have the proper foundation for good health as they continue to grow."

In North Carolina, children are not allowed to attend school (whether public, private, or religious) or a childcare facility, unless they have received all immunizations appropriate for their age. Vaccination records are checked when they enter a childcare facility, when they enter kindergarten, seventh and twelfth grade, as well as when they enter a college or university.

"Providing local access to high quality primary care for everyone is the key reason why our Foundation is funding BRH-HC," said Robin Tindall, CEO &

Executive Director of the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation. "With the news of this recent state certification, we are especially pleased that parents will no longer have to travel off the plateau to obtain essential immunizations for their children."

As part of the North Carolina children's immunization approval, all patients requesting a vaccination will be accepted regardless of insurance type or status.

Appointments will be scheduled on Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. Most appointments can be scheduled within the same week, and walk-in appointments are available. If a patient is from out of state, additional information from their home county health department may be necessary.

Many parents have questions about the vaccines their children need and whether they are up to date with their immunizations.

For more information, or to make an appointment with BRH-HC please call 828-482-6160.

Diseases for which children vaccinations are offered are: Hep B, HIB, DTap, Polio, HPV, Hep A, MMR and Varicella and Menactra, Rotateq, Bostrix, and COVID for adults.

## ...LETTERS continued from page 10

The mayor is hyper-focused on mostly genteel short-term renters who are mostly in their 70s and not causing a problem other than to frequent shops and restaurants at this sweet town.

Please do not make them feel unwelcome! this is a bit like a kindergarten teacher punishing the whole class for one kid chewing

gum.

Have a designated line that people can phone if there's a problem. Send the police to ticket them and make it a steep fine for the owner and the renter but leave the rest of us alone please. This is an egregious overreach.

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## Sundays

• Church in the Wildwood's hymn sing is at the Highlands United Methodist Church

on Main Street in the Old Fellowship Hall instead of the Horsecove location. Come sing your favorite hymns from 7-8 pm. Enter from Main Street. Questions? Call Les Scott at 828-200-9532.

## Mondays

• ESL classes are held at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands from 5:30-6:30pm. No registration required – just show up and participate. Questions? Visit [www.maconncliteracy.org](http://www.maconncliteracy.org), call 828-526 – 0863 or email [info@maconncliteracy.org](mailto:info@maconncliteracy.org)

## Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to school or further their education meets at 10 a.m. More meeting places call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

## Thursdays

• At Hudson Library, Family Storytime at 10:40a. For more information about any of these summer activities, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

• At Hudson Library, Kids Zone at 3:30 pm with a wide variety of STEAM, nature, and craft activities. For more information about any of these summer activities, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

## Mon-Fri

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10:15-11am.

## Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a to 6p,

## Mon. & Wed.

• Cardio Kickboxing with Crystal Corbin 5:30-6:30 p.m. A full body workout for every muscle

• New Mobility Class with Anna Norton It's all about movement. 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesday 6:45-7:45. For more information, call Anna 267-825-0716.

## Mon, Wed, Fri

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30-9:30am. \$25 a month, The class is led by Cathy

Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Aerobics w/Tina Rogers 8-9a.

## 1st Tuesdays

• Indivisible Highlands from 5-6:30 pm at the Hudson Library.

## Tuesdays

• Strength Training 8:15-9:15am. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone.

## Tues. & Thurs.

• Pilates-Strength and Stretch with Autumn Lucas

• New Zumba class with Gay Chalpin from 4:30-5:30p.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with different types of exercise.

## Thursdays

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## Fridays

• Friday Night Live Concerts in Town Square on Main Street. 6-8:30 p.m. Bring chairs.

## Saturdays

• Saturdays on Pine in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8:30 p.m. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic.

## 2nd Saturdays

• The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club meets in Highlands at The Bascom at 10 a.m. March thru November.

## 3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main Street in their Community Room/ 909 Chapel. We serve breakfast at 9AM and hold our monthly meeting at 10AM We invite ALL Veterans to attend. Contact Ed McCloskey, Commander for any information @828-787-1660.

## Through July 24

• The Mountain Theatre Company's production of Jersey Boys, the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons at The Playhouse on Oak Street. Wednesday - Saturday @ 7:30p and Saturday & Sunday @ 2p. For tickets go to [www.mountaintheatre.com](http://www.mountaintheatre.com).

## Thurs. July 21

• At First Presbyterian Church a free Family/Children's Concert and performance entitled "Just Jazzin' Around" featuring the Gary Motley Trio at 3p.m. sponsored by the Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival. An ice cream social provided by Kilwins' will follow in Coleman Hall.

• Chapter BJ is sponsoring a luncheon on at Highland Falls Country Club. All local and visiting PEO's are invited to attend. Please contact Paula McDonald 706-372-3004 for more information.

• "Light in the Darkness" with Steverthen Holland at Discover Church in Franklin from 7-9 p.m. Info and registration at [SmokeyPartners.com](http://SmokeyPartners.com) 828-349-3200

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## Fri-Sun, July 22-24

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• **SUMMER COLORS FINE ART SHOW** – A Rain or Shine Fine Art Event indoors at the Sapphire Valley Community Center, 207 Sapphire Valley Rd, Sapphire, NC, 10 am to 5 pm each day. Presented by the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers (ALHC).

## Sat., July 23

• At Acorns, Carringer Farms and Marie's Custom Ornaments Trunk Show 10 am - 5 pm. Meet the creators behind Carringer Farms and Marie's Custom Ornaments.

• At Potpourri Eyewear on Main Street, a GUCCI trunk show from 11a to 5p. 828-526-8886.

## Sun., July 24

• Annual Family Reunion with the Barak Norton Heritage Association invites all descendants and friends of Barak Norton to the annual family reunion that marks the 150th anniversary of the family reunion started in 1872! The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Historic

Whiteside Cove School House located at 4601 Whiteside Cove Road, Highlands. Join us for a day of music, stories, food, and fellowship as we celebrate our mountain heritage.

• La Fete de Champagne. Go to [OldEdwardsHospitality.com/chefdinners](http://OldEdwardsHospitality.com/chefdinners) to reserve a spot.

## Wed., July 27

• Erick Baker at The Farm at Old Edwards on Arnold Road from 6-8 p.m. \$40 ticket includes light bites, and a cash bar is available. book online [visitedoldwardhospitality.com/orchardsessions](http://visitedoldwardhospitality.com/orchardsessions).

## Thurs., July 28

• At CLE, Tony Barnhart, College Football Preview, 2-4 p.m. \$35 members/\$45 non-members. To register visit [www.clehighlands.com](http://www.clehighlands.com) or call 828-526-8811.

## Fri.-Sat. July 29-30

• At the Bascom, The Three Potters Symposium. Public reception at 5p on Friday, Symposium 10ato4pon Saturday.

## Fri., July 29

• At The Bascom, Three Potters Public Reception FREE Admission; works available for purchase. 5-6:30 pm.

## ...STR continued from page 1

Minor tweaks include limiting the number of unrelated occupants to five instead of three; the septic system capacity must be documented in an improvement plan rather than by a licensed professional; for properties on the town sewer, the number of occupants shall not exceed 12; all existing contracts prior to adoption must be honored by the town; if cited for violations three times, the required STR Zoning Compliance Permit will be revoked for one year but it won't cost the owner the right to continue the

nonconforming use when the year is up.

No new STRs would be allowed in R1 or R2 but for those with current STRs in R1 and R2 a non-conforming use permit must be submitted to the Planning Director by Jan. 1, 2023, satisfying all the STR Rental Zoning Compliance requirements including tax records and proof of intensification.

The second version takes a significantly different approach to the regulation of STRs.

"It does away with permitting completely for STRs including per-

mitted by right subject to certain limitations in R3 and in the business districts," said Hagemann. "In R1 and R2, there is no permit requirement for STRs and no prohibition for two years."

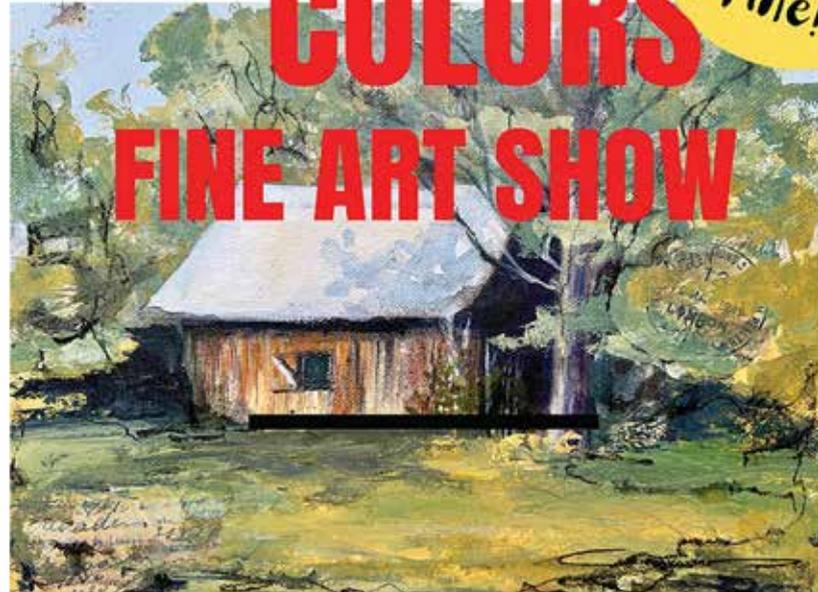
In other words, STRs are allowed in R1 and R2 without a permit, without registration and regardless of previous use as a STR, but after two years – or whatever time limit the Town Board fixes to the ordinance – STRs in R1 and R2 would cease completely.

"The date in the draft is Sept.

• See STR page 14

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1, but that depends on the date of adoption," said Hagemann. "But this establishes a level playing field for all property owners in R1 and R2. They can choose to use their properties for STRs as frequently or as infrequently as they choose. But after two years, or the time the council chooses, the STR use would cease."

Hagemann said version two is based on amortization which amounts to the elimination of a nonconforming use after a determined period of time.

In 1977 the Supreme Court, subjective to the appeal courts' decision, upheld the concept of amortization, agreeing on the issue of pre-emption.

"There is the likelihood that we will end up in litigation over that limitation," said Hagemann. "There is a high amount of interest in this issue and there are obviously two different viewpoints about this and it's not unusual for people who are disappointed or who disagree to consider legal options to challenge it."

Hagemann said the Institute for Justice is constitutionally against amortization regarding STRs and there are those who have a strong philosophical and legal objection to the concept.

Commissioner Hehn was worried the town would be liable for loss of income if

amortization becomes the law, but Hagemann said there is a provision in the law that protects litigants against the enforcement of the ordinance while it is in the court system and it would likely take two years to get a final decision.

"In the event the board goes that route, and in the event of litigation, no one would be forced to shut down their STR so there would be no damages because they can operate while the case is being litigated," he said.

The board voted 4-1 to send the two versions to the Planning Board which will meet Monday, July 25.

Commissioner Hehn voted against sending them because he didn't like aspects of both.

The board then voted to set a public hearing for Thursday, Aug. 25 to hear the Planning Board's recommendations. The board hopes after two Planning Board meetings – July 25 and Aug. 22 – recommendations will be ready.

But if the Planning Board needs more time, the Public Hearing can be re-scheduled for a later date.

The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Hehn voting "no."

"They might need more time and I

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don't think we should rush this because when we rush things we get into trouble," he said. "We should let them go; let them take whatever time they need; talk to anyone they want to. When we rush, we make really big mistakes."

He also asked Attorney Jay Coward if the town could ask SAVE Highlands to participate in a mediation "before this gets out of hand."

Coward said North Carolina law requires all cases to be medi-

ated prior to going to court so that would automatically happen.

"We should ask for mediation now," said Hehn.

After the votes were taken Commissioner John Dotson said he had "a number of concerns about both proposals" but he didn't want to discuss them that night.

"I don't know that tonight is the time. Tonight is simply an opportunity to look at this and pass it on to the Planning Board for their

hashing through it, but I would anticipate some changes somewhere along the line on a number of items I have questions on," he said.

Both versions of the UDO as it relates to STRs are posted on the town website at <https://www.highlandsc.org/>

The Planning Board meeting is Monday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

— Kim Lewicki



On July 14, 2022, the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance that would completely ban all short-term rentals in R1 and R2, grandfathered or otherwise. This makes up almost all STRs in Highlands.

**Save Highlands has conducted an impact study and the results are devastating for this community.**

- The study estimates 385 STRs throughout zones R-1, R-2 and R-3.
- STR guests contribute nearly \$3.8M annually in Sales and Occupancy Tax.
- STR guests spend an average of \$575 per day on gas, groceries, restaurants, shopping, and activities while staying at STRs.
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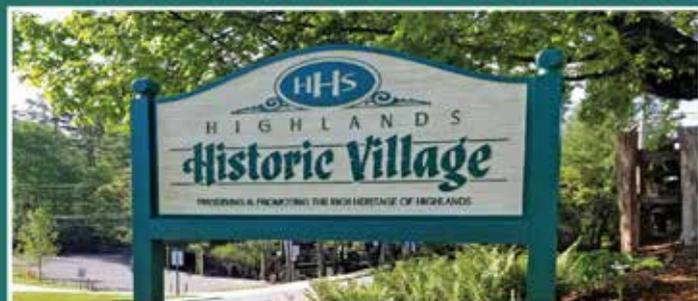
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been put into place by Strategic Materials for fuel because of the rising prices. So, the county is not making any money off of it but we are still recycling it.”

According to Cribbs, all plastic is sent to curbside recycling and so far this year Macon County has recycled about 140 tons. This includes, #1, #2, #3-#7 and bulk ridged plastic.

Investment in local recycling collection and processing, as well as strong government policies, spurs significant private sector investment in recycling manufacturing and promotes economic growth.

Macon County’s recycling operations have consistently ranked among the top in the state of North Carolina.

“We have remained in the top 10 in per capita recycling rates out of the 100 counties in North Carolina for over 20 years,” said Macon County Solid Waste Director Chris Stahl. “This success is more remarkable when you consider that we do not have wide-spread curbside recycling programs; due largely to population density; and that we only accept recycling “source separated,” not “single-stream.” It is the partnership between the facilities we provide and the citizens willingness to participate that keeps our program successful.”

According to Stahl, the benefits of the county’s recycling program are not in the money the actual program generates, in fact, the program doesn’t come close to breaking even.

“The sale of processed recyclables has never completely off-set the cost of our recycling program,” said Stahl. “We just had our highest sales total in history at approximately \$525,000, but the program costs about \$1,000,000 annually. There is additional off-set due to not consuming landfill space with recyclable materials

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that also helps in deferring costs to build additional landfill capacity that helps close this gap over time. Our commitment to recycling, therefore, is not about financial gains. Rather, it is about being good environmental stewards and meeting citizens desire that we provide them access to these services.”

• Accompanying this article are the addresses of the two Transfer Stations in Highlands where trash and recyclables are accepted.

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## God vs. the gods of Misinformation



Rev'd Jim Murphy,  
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Interestingly this week, the PCUSA (Presbyterian Church in the USA) by majority vote declared that Israel is an apartheid state. That is, the PCUSA'ers are accusing them of being a racist, oppressive regime who treat the Palestinians as less than human beings. Huh? This morning Joe Biden, while visiting Eretz HaKodesh (the Holy Land), made a different assessment and declaration: "During an interview with Channel 12 News Israel, President Joe Biden disagreed with those in the Democratic Party who accuse Israel of being an apartheid state. "I think they're wrong," Biden said. "Israel is a democracy. Israel is our ally."

As someone who has travelled extensively in Israel, within both Palestinian communities and Israeli cities, I can testify that Biden is spot on correct. Far from being an apartheid state, Israel is a liberal democracy. Palestinians can and do vote in Israeli elections. They can and do serve in the nation's government, including the Knesset.

Since the liberation of Jerusalem in 1967, the Holy Land was divided into 3 classified areas: A, B, and C. On the one hand, Palestinians have complete autonomy in their areas (A), some of the most beautiful and historic sites in the land. They have the freedom to travel anywhere in Zion, a.k.a., Israel, into the shared areas (B) and Jewish areas (C) and routinely do so for work and pleasure. On the other hand, the truth of the matter is that Israeli's are forbidden to enter into "A" areas and are systematically harassed in the shared "B" areas. If anything, Palestinians practice apartheid over Israelis. The visual and material evidence is apparent, everywhere, every day.

Considering the "call" of Israel, to be a special people unto God, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, Arab apartheid doesn't make sense. God is Love. God the Creator, God the giver of every good gift, calls his people to love. To be like unto him. To demonstrate his love, just like he did in sending Jesus to pay the price for our sins, for the times when we (the Chosen People and the Church) failed to "Love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."

The Arab world should welcome with open arms a people so constituted; a people who have for decades welcomed them with open arms.

That is the call upon the Israel of God and the church of Jesus Christ: love. Are they or we perfect in that regard, certainly not. Does the Israeli government and their people (including the enfranchised Palestin-

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## Proverbs 3:5

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## John 3:16

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## • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**Highlands Police entries from July 4. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

### July 4

• At 11 a.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on South 3rd street.

### July 8

• At 6 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident on SR 1603.

### July 9

• At 1:26 a.m., Uriel Nicodemos Rivera Villa, 26, of Franklin was arrested for DUI. He was issued a \$1,000 unsecured bond. His trial date is Oct. 5.

• At 10:40 p.m., officers received a call about a kidnapping when a man told his girlfriend he had been kidnapped.

### July 11

• At 12:22 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident on US 64 west.

### July 12

• At 1 p.m., officers received a report about embezzlement of funds by an employee who charged personal expenses to a business account.

### July 13

• At 10:31 a.m., officers responded

to a 2-vehicle accident on Main and 5th street.

### July 16

At 2:50 p.m., officers received a report of \$15 being stolen from the High Dive.

### July 17

• At 10:50 a.m., officers received a report of larceny from the Highlands Hiker where \$265 in clothing was taken.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from July 14.**

### July 14

• At 6:36 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Sagee Drive.

### July 16

• At 6:51 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Boathouse Lane.

### July 17

• At 9:41 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance to a motorist on US 64 west.

### July 18

• At 3:29 p.m., the dept. provided traffic control at a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

• At 6:12 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Spring Street.

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ians) order themselves in such a way as to “love their neighbors,” yes, on paper and in practice. Their national laws, customs and people declare it as so. Take a trip to Eretz HaKodesh and find out for yourself.

Nevertheless, the people and land of Israel are harassed by Arabs, Palestinians and a great majority of the uneducated,

## ...BEARS CONTINUED from page 1

the inside, but finding nothing of interest moved over to the dumpster where two of her cubs hit the jack pot.

“Rudely she did not close the truck door,” said Adams. “The bears weren’t deterred by the multiple people on the job site who talked, yelled, and took pictures. They are obviously used to interacting with us humans.”

Once satisfied, the bear family, nonchalantly, moved on down the road leaving those at the job site with an interesting encounter to share.

Adams has had a second-home in Mirror Lake for 22 years and said he has had more bear encounters in the last few years

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Were all of us to read the Bible and travel the Eretz HaKodesh with open eyes, minds and spirits, we could have middle-eastern peace once and for all.

than ever before, and they are always with a mama and two or three cubs.

This he contributes to an increasing bear population in town who is without fear or avoidance of human interaction.

Town officials believe more bears in neighborhoods is due to the fact that the bear-proof receptacles in the business district are working which means they frequent residential areas where garbage is available.

Though relocating bears to a more natural habitat would seem logical, NC wildlife officials don’t get involved unless a bear is sick, dangerous, or a cub is orphaned.

– Kim Lewicki

## August Regional Prayer Event

Romans 13:11

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(7/28)

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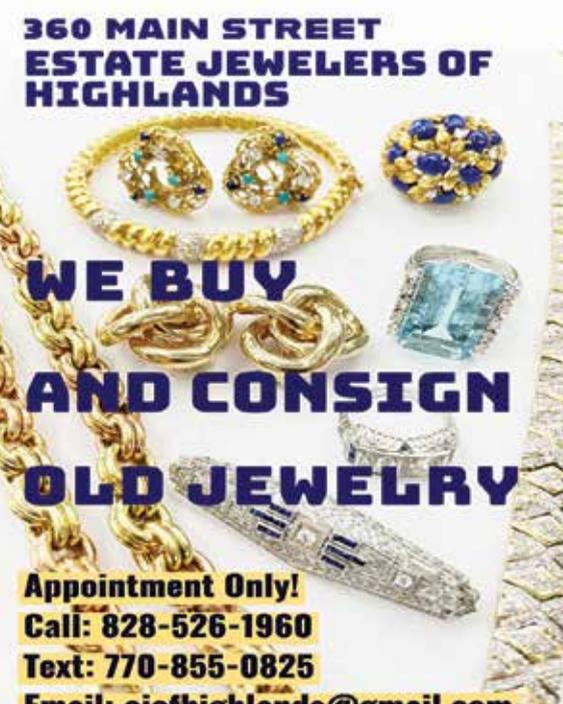
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