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## Noise ordinance is put to bed for now

By Kim Lewicki

Amendments to the noise ordinance has been a hot topic at worksessions and Town Board meetings for a few months now. People against music piped

outside commercial establishments, live music, even leaf blowers have attended meetings to make their complaints clear. Complaints sent the standing ordinance to Town Attorney

Nick Tosco for revisions, but the revisions did little to quell complaints. Commissioner Amy Patterson questioned the amendments

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## Resolution pointing to HCA's Mission Hospital's deficiencies dies

By Kim Lewicki

A resolution encouraging collaborative engagement regarding healthcare services in Western North Carolina presented at the June Town Board meeting failed for lack of a second. Mayor Pat Taylor had submitted the resolution which has been adopted by ten municipalities in WNC including the town of Franklin as well as the Southwest Commission.

The purpose of the resolution is to encourages leadership of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA Healthcare) and Mission Health, including Sam Hazen, CEO of HCA Healthcare, to engage directly with local governments, healthcare professionals, community organizations, and regional stakeholders to discuss how to address and correct deficiencies, and make

improvements – specifically at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

“In the past two years that critical center has been placed on immediate jeopardy four times by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services,” read the mayor from a prepared statement. “This designation reveals serious, life-threatening problems that needed immediate corrective action. With an immediate jeopardy designation, if corrective action is not taken Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements will not be accepted by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. Such a situation would have disastrous consequences for the people of the entire region.”

However, during the public comment period at June’s meeting, Brian Stiehler who sits on

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Photo by Jim Lewicki

## New playground breaks ground

By Kim Lewicki

Mid-afternoon, Fri., June 19, at the guidance of Ryan Bryson of Bryson Grading & Paving, Mayor Pat Taylor broke ground for the new Rec Park Playground.

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From left: Brian Stiehler, Rec Director Lester Norris, Highlands Commissioners Bill Grubb, Jeff Weller, and Jim Tate, MC Commissioner John Shearl, Mayor Pat Taylor and Town Manager Josh Ward.



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## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Searching for 'The Sound of Silence'

The Town Board passed amendments to the noise ordinance Thursday night after two workshop sessions where several residents expressed their concerns. At the community coffee on Friday morning, the police chief and I heard more concerns about the noise ordinance and where the amended version might proliferate, with store owners placing amplified speakers in front of their stores and playing music to attract customers.



Highlands Mayor Patrick Taylor

"Highlands Mayor On Duty." Or maybe they said, "Highlands Mayor on Patrol." At any rate, I couldn't find them! I then realized that I had the idea of making the signs back when I was first elected 13 years ago but forgot to follow through on the idea. The only thing I did find in my search was an old cap with the town logo. I decided that would be official enough, so I got in my truck, rolled down my windows, and commenced to

cruise downtown.

My first street was Carolina Way. I went by Highlands Brewery, where some folks were inside while a few were outside. I did hear a faint level of music and some people talking, but nothing that would cause me to stop and tell them to turn it down. Next, I went by the High Dive. Didn't hear any music or much talking there either.

I made a right turn and cruised down 5th Street. There, I saw the next potential noise violator: a person playing a guitar and singing into a microphone on the patio at the Secret Garden. But I could just barely hear the guy's voice and could not discern the tune he was singing. Besides, the people there at the tables were eating their lunch and having such an enjoyable time, I just could not bring myself to stop and take control of the situation.

Next, I turned my truck onto Main Street and quickly approached the newly opened Town Hall. The only noise I heard was children laughing and occasionally letting out a joyful scream of delight. I left that one alone, as well.

Next, I came upon the outdoor café at Old Edwards. I had to stop in front of it due to the stoplight at 4th and Main. I did hear faint background music that was almost drowned out by diners laughing and talking. It was hard to make a complete evaluation because of the old BMW in front of me emitting a throaty engine noise.

Next, I proceeded down Main Street, looking and listening for merchants using radios or amplifiers to blast music

## • MILESTONE •

### McDowell beats 8,510 runners at 'Nationals'



On Wed., June 17, Highlander Timmy McDowell, a rising senior at Christ School in Asheville, ran for the 4-member Royal Pines Team placing 7th out of 8,517 runners at the 2026 adidas Track Nationals in Greensboro, NC.





McDowell ran the 2-mile course in 9:49. The first-place winner ran 9:23.

"My PR (Personal Record) for the course is 9:23, so I didn't make that, but it was 86 degrees and no one ran their PR. But I am proud of making 7th place," he said.

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while voicing concerns about leaf blowers and piped music.

"I don't mind dogs barking but I hate the constant droning of leaf blowers," she said. "And piped music being used as a "sign" to attract people."

She said music is OK if people are sitting outside a venue but not if no one is there.

At the June Town Board meeting, Tom Kirkland, whose letter is in this week's edition, said he would like gas-powered leaf blowers banned.

"The relentless ear-splitting noise, dirty emissions, and hazardous dust threaten our environment and the welfare of our community – our neighbors, children, pets, and especially the low-wage workers who operate these machines," he read from a prepared statement.

Commissioner Jim Tate (formerly of Tate Landscaping) took offense to the leaf blower references saying "they helped put my kids through college."

Commissioner Jeff Weller conceded that perhaps the town could look at using electric (battery-operated) leaf blowers while working on Main Street early in the morning, but he along with

three other commissioners voted 4-1 to accept the amendments to the noise ordinance which define "noises" and adjusts decibel levels.

Commissioner Patterson voted against adopting the amendments saying she wasn't sure it gave the Police Department what it needed to "police" noise.

Police Chief Andrea Holland said she didn't know what else to do but to stand by the amended ordinance.

She said it's the gray area between what is a nuisance noise and a noise above allowed decibels that causes the department angst.

"If a sound is not too loud per the ordinance, but it's a nuisance to someone, we ask it be turned down and people usually do so," she said.

Noise producing activities which are the frequent sources of complaints are amplified sound from any source – audio system, TVs, musical instruments; playing unamplified musical instruments or people talking.

In the end, the board voted to go with the amended ordinance for now and see how it plays out for the police department

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ing a unique structural shift.

The most striking trend in the local market is the upward trajectory of property values. The most recent data shows that the median sales price in Highlands climbed significantly, rising from

\$1,304,500 this time last year to \$1,445,000 in 2026. This appreciation underscores the sustained demand for luxury mountain retreats. Buyers remain highly motivated to secure a piece of this exclusive market, which is further evidenced by a strong surge in closed sales volume. Closed sales reached an impressive 27.5% increase compared to this same period last year.

However, this capital growth is occurring alongside a dramatic squeeze on available supply. The number of new listings dropped significantly compared to this time last year. This severe lack of fresh inventory is compressing choices for active buyers. Interestingly, the months' supply of inventory decreased slightly from 30 months this time last year, down to 26 months currently. While a 26-month supply still signals a balanced-to-buyer-favorable climate characteristic of specialized secondary luxury markets, the rapid decline in new listings indicates that the inventory pool is tightening.

While prices and total closed volumes are up, homes are taking noticeably longer to sell. The average days on market (DOM) expanded from 126 days this time last year to 181 days in 2026. This increase



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suggests that buyers are adopting a more deliberate, patient approach rather than rushing into transactions, carefully evaluating their options before committing to a purchase.

This patient behavior is directly impacting pricing dynamics, as seen in a steady shift in the list-to-close price ratio over the last year. For instance, the list-to-close price ratio for May dropped to 88.50%, a noticeable decline compared to the

91.30% recorded in May of 2025. This indicates that while luxury properties still fetch premium prices overall, sellers are increasingly adjusting expectations and accepting larger discounts off their initial asking prices to finalize transactions.

For homeowners considering a sale, your built-in equity is stronger than ever, but pricing strategy is paramount. With buyers willing to wait out high prices, setting a realistic list price from day one is essential to avoid extended days on the market. Conversely, for buyers looking to invest, the expanding timeline to close and current list-to-close price ratio trends offer an excellent window of opportunity to negotiate favorable terms on elite mountain properties.

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reasoning that if it needs to be addressed again, it can be.

A "noise disturbance" is defined as any sound or vibration that exceeds the applicable decibel limits by volume, duration, character, or time or place (zone) of occurrence, disturbs or annoys reasonable persons of normal sensitivities; or endangers or injures people; or endangers or injures personal or real property.

Now the allowable decibel levels permitted with the daytime hours of 7a to 10p and overnight hours of 10p to 7a for the Town of Highlands are 60 decibels during the day and 50 decibels at night in residential areas and 70 decibels during the day and 50 decibels a night in commercial areas.

"The mere fact that a sound is audible or that a person finds the sound annoying or disturbing shall not, by itself, constitute a violation of this ordinance unless the sound exceeds the decibel limits," reads

the ordinance.

Noises and sounds exempted are construction activity conducted during weekly working hours – and Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This exemption does not include amplified sound, including radios, speakers or other devices used to play music while working on a construction site; the use of lawnmowers, agricultural equipment, and landscape maintenance equipment operated during working hours and on non-holiday Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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# • LETTERS •

## The town should ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers

Dear Editor,

I recently attended the June meeting of the Highlands Board of Commissioners and talked about the excessive use of gas leaf blowers during and after the noise ordinance discussion. My intent was to start a conversation about the high costs that come with these machines for our health, environment and peaceful enjoyment.

The town's noise ordinance sets strict limits for many activities while exempting others including lawn maintenance equipment and gas leaf blowers - when used "according to manufacturer's specifications and with all standard noise-reducing equipment in place and in proper condition."

These specifications are routinely ignored. The first specification requires operators to keep a 50-foot distance to prevent serious injury to unprotected bystanders, children, and animals. This is impossible, especially in town and most neighborhoods. Other specifications include operator requirements for goggles, respiratory masks, headphones, and earplugs, which do not fully protect. And standard noise-reducing equipment - seriously?

The evidence is alarming. It's extensive, easy to find and confirms what we already know and wish not to admit. The relentless ear-splitting noise, dirty emissions, and hazardous dust threaten our environment and the welfare of our community — our neighbors, children, pets, and

especially the low-wage workers who operate these machines.

In response, hundreds of towns across the US have restricted or banned them. Yet landscapers there continue to thrive, and the work still gets done.

If you look at what these machines do - how loud they are and how much they pollute - it should not be normal to simply tolerate the status quo. It's well past time to find a reasonable balance between necessary yard work and legitimate concerns about noise, pollution, and health.

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the board of trustees for Highlands Cashiers Hospital asked the board not to pass the resolution.

"This resolution is basically an effort on Reclaim Healthcare's behalf to get every community in Western NC to get rid of HCA/Mission Hospital," said Stiehler. "I am not saying there isn't an issue with Mission Hospital in Asheville, but if something were to happen in HCA/Mission, it's going to impact HC Hospital in a negative way."

Stiehler said in many ways Highlands is fortunate to have HCA.

"They are putting millions of dollars into this hospital and our community all for a hospital that doesn't even break even. That's incredible," he said.

He said though HC Hospital isn't referred to in the resolution, some people fail to differentiate the mayor's criticism when it comes to Mission Hospital and HC Hospital.

"I respectfully ask that you understand the weight your words - they resonate with people. And sometimes they think the criticism of HCA and Mission is criticism of HC Hospital," he said. "Healthcare regionally is HC Hospital and then there is Mission Hospital in Asheville. They are both HCA properties. HC Hospital provides excellent care in this community and receives the highest quality of standards of any HCA property. We are proud of that, proud of the leadership, and proud of the direction our hospital is going."

Stiehler said if the commissioners wanted to support the resolution personally, that was OK.

"Go for it. You have a right to do that, but as elected officials your job is to focus on Highlands and our community and that's where it should stay," he said. "If this resolution passes, it's one more piece of negativity that gets into the newspapers, one more article the doctors and nurses, read and they see a community that doesn't support the hospital."

Mayor Taylor said him speaking out is a matter of conscience for him.

"I know people will think I am speaking against our hospital, but if these issues are addressed, it will benefit not only Mission in Asheville but all the outstanding hospitals and renew confidence in services that are provided," he said. "They have many good services at Mission, but the issues regarding immediate jeopardy need to be addressed."

Commissioner Amy Patterson said the Town Board represents the people who get services at HCA's hospitals and doesn't see the resolution as being accusatory.

"It's just that we recognize there are problems and we want them to recognize that we recognize the problems," she said. "We're not the stockholders who want the prices to stay high. We want to make sure the services our citizens are getting aren't second to anything."

She went on to say whenever someone tells her they didn't like her vote, it makes her go back and reevaluate and rethink things.

"That's negative. That's the ying and yang, the negative and positive and the only way you can assess things and get better is if you have someone who actually looks and says, wait, wait, wait that's not right," she said.

However, the other commissioners, Bill Grubb, Eric Pierson, Jeff Weller and Jim Tate didn't see it that way.

Commissioner Grubb noted that the state just OK'd Mission getting more beds.

"So, someone at the state level believes they are doing a good job. Seems like there is an active dialogue, there is an oversight group through Dogwood. The resolution feels negative," he said.

Commissioner Tate said it concerned him that Stiehler felt the resolution was negative.

"He's afraid it could possibly make the situation worse, rather than help," he said.

Mayor Taylor said the opposite of that is that if you don't say anything it could get worse.

Commissioner Patterson made the motion to adopt the resolution. It died for lack of a second.



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### Chips for Children Fundraiser

Highlands Community Child Development Center celebrated great food, fun and games on Friday, June 12th at their Chips for Children fundraiser. The casino style event held at the Conference Center included favorites such as roulette, craps and blackjack as well as a raffle. Proceeds will go to needed upgrades for HCCDC's main building. Thanks to all who supported this event.



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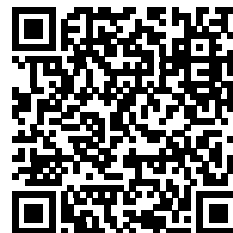
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Scores of people of all ages turned out for the affair, rejoicing for what will be a premier play space in Highlands.

It took about three years and a vigorous fundraising campaign to raise the \$1.7 million required to make the playground a reality.

Funds came through county and town allocations and, 183 private donations.

The project was the brainchild of an anonymous donor who gave \$100,000 to get the project going. With that, then Town Board Commissioner Brian Stiehler took off running and with the help of Commissioner Jeff Weller the county, the town and its citizens, the playground is now a reality.

“About three years ago, this

idea was brought forward by a family in Highlands who wanted to make an anonymous contribution to the town for an exciting fun place for children to play,” said Stiehler. “So, a year from now, you’re going to have the greatest playground that you can possibly imagine right here in our backyard.”

The playground has been designed by Kompan, a company from Austin, TX, that specializes in custom, theme-based designed playgrounds – not “off-the-shelf components – pieces designed and engineered specifically for Highlands, said Stiehler.

Weller said though he helped a bit, he wanted everyone to understand that Stiehler was the captain of the project.

“His drive and passion for this has been unwavering and though we are extremely appreciative of the donors, the county and the town, none of this would have come to this point without this man,” he said.

Mayor Taylor said the big vision was Stiehler’s but his partnership with Weller moved the project forward.

“When we have partnerships, we create a synergy that makes a project go beyond what all of us think is possible. And this is what’s at work here as well as funds from the county and town which were also critical,” he said. “And the citizens who made the commitment to contribute to this project – that really put it over the top, and we’re so appreciative. This is the type of structure that will be giving back dividends for years to come by investing in the creative play and work of our children. This is the best a community can do – to invest in its young people, and we should celebrate that today.”



Above: To top off the event, everyone enjoyed free sno-cones compliments of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands.

Left: Renderings of the playground designed and engineered by Kompan that will be ready for play in a year’s time.

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# • BIZ ORG NEWS •



From left: Ryan Bryson, Board Chair, Gordon Center for Children; Tim Dearth, Chair, Rotary Club of Highlands Bingo Committee; Rev. Christine Murphy, Director, Gordon Center; Carol Shuttleworth, winner of the final Super Bingo game; Highlands Rotary Bingo Caller Tracy Franklin; Randy Foster, Immediate Past President, Rotary Club of Highlands.

## Rotary bingo benefits the Gordon Center for children

On Thursday, June 11, the Rotary Club of Highlands partnered with the Gordon Center for Children to sponsor monthly Bingo, with a packed house in the Highlands Community Center. Net proceeds from the evening benefited the center's work providing early childhood education opportunities to families of Highlands and the surrounding areas.



Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival  
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*The Pinchas Zukerman Trio*  
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# Community Day!

## July 3 | 11 AM - 2 PM

### Free & Open to All

Join us at The Bascom for a day of free and abundant art experiences for the entire community.

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and attract customers. I thought my mission was about to fail, but about halfway between 4th and 3rd, I heard it, music coming from on high. Initially, I was perplexed because I thought the music would be at the store level, but it wasn't. I looked up to hear some music, but also people laughing and talking on the outdoor dining roof at the Stubborn Buddha. Again, it was faint, certainly not loud enough for me to take an act like calling in police reinforcements!

But just a hundred feet down the street, I saw a situation where action might be required. There was a group of people, several couples standing on the sidewalk, jabbering away. I just knew in my gut that the men talking to each other were at least at the 45 to 50 decibel level. And the women, while not at that level, were emitting a high, shrill voice level that might be deemed offensive. I was ready to spring into action with a parking space opening up right near the site of the offense, but a group of mo-

torcyclists with loud pipes came up on the other side of the street and diverted my attention for a second. The group dispersed and went into several shops; the men went into the Southern Way, while the ladies found their way to Elevations. I decided the store owners could mediate the problem by engaging the offenders and selling them some merchandise.

Finally, I drove by the Highlander Mountain House only to find a compara-

ble situation as was at the Secret Garden. There was another guy with an acoustic guitar and a microphone singing away. Like at the other venue, he was facing diners on the patio, and everyone seemed to be having a good time. The same went for the people next door at the Highlands Wine Shop. They, too, were at outdoor tables, enjoying their glasses of wine and having loud but happy conversations. Again, I just could not find a justification to spring into action against those noise and music makers.

I then decided to drive back home and evaluate what I had heard and seen. My take is that a little bit of music and talking, aka "mutalk," adds energy to a downtown business area. It is best for I or others to not try to micromanage this kind of music and conversation.

As for the concerns voiced by some people at the board meeting and coffee, I think Chief Holland has it right. Our police will continue to monitor and enforce flagrant violations of the noise ordinance. If a proliferation of radio and amplified music occurs in the downtown area, the chief can come back to the board to review the noise ordinance again. But for now, let us see how the new amended ordinance works out. With that said, I suspect we will never get to a place in the business area where the old Simon and Garfunkel song, The Sounds of Silence, is the norm.



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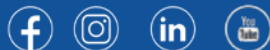
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# • UPCOMING EVENTS •



## The Bascom hosts annual Community Day on Sat., July 3

*Free, all-ages celebration on the six-acre campus brings together artists, neighbors, and visitors*

The Bascom: A Center for the Visual Arts will host its annual Community Day on Friday, July 3, from 11 a.m. to 2p.m. on the six-acre campus at 323 Franklin Road. The event is free and open to all.

Now more than a decade strong, Community Day is The Bascom's annual celebration and thank-you to the community, a gathering that brings together artists, craftspeople, families, and neighbors for a morning of hands-on making, live demonstrations, and open galleries. This year's lineup includes returning favorites and several new additions.

Live craft demonstrations run throughout the morning. Dillsboro Creative Arts Center's Annie Jacobsen shapes glass using repurposed energy. New to this year's line up, Jesse Bolding will demonstrate the art of metalsmithing. WNC Woodturners John Tagliarini and Tony Sutton demonstrate their craft on the Terrace. Frank Vickery and Ester Lipscomb lead an Empty Bowls project at the Dave Drake Studio breezeway.

Other art activities include: Caryn Raming hosts a make-and-take art table, Richard Tichich guides a collaborative quilt project, and storyteller Cory Howard shares tales for listeners of all ages. Mary Bennett returns with face painting, Elder Jones with crayon rubbings, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cashiers with

an activity for families. Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will host its Teddy Bear Clinic, where children bring stuffed animals for a check-up with hospital staff. Free popcorn will be available throughout the event.

Three summer exhibitions will be open in the galleries. Joel Gallery presents 2026 Photography Resident Dean Kesmann's realism succumbing to abstraction or is it the other way around. Bunzl Gallery features I Sing Behind the Plow, a partnership with the John C. Campbell Folk School. Thompson Gallery hosts Connecting to Place: Blue Ridge Craft Trails Invitational 2026. The Bascom Shop will be open throughout the day, with a trunk show featuring Annie Jacobsen's glass alongside the current Atrium Series installment.

"Community Day is our annual thank-you to the Plateau. It's a free, open celebration of the creative community that makes The Bascom so special."

*— Priscilla Galloway, Community Engagement Manager, The Bascom*

Community Day admission is free. No registration is required.

• *Community Day is made possible with generous support from Wayah Insurance, Macon Furniture Mart, MHK Architecture, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and the North Carolina Arts Council.*

## Independence Day Celebration

**SATURDAY, JULY 4**

9 – 11am

**Water Rockets**  
Town Ball Field

11am

**Free Hotdog Lunch**  
Town Ball Field

11am – 12pm

**Field Games**  
Town Ball Field

12pm

**Visit MAMA**  
**(Mtn. Area Medical Airlift)**  
Town Ball Field

1pm

**Ladder Truck Spraydown**  
Town Ball Field

2pm

**Duck Derby**  
Bridge at Mill Creek

6 – 8:30pm

**Outdoor Concert Series**  
**Southside Station**  
Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park

9:20pm

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*All events and times subject to change*



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## Outdoor Concert Series

Each Friday and Saturday night from May through September, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/  
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*Join us for our June concerts!*  
All shows take place from 6 – 8:30 p.m.

### Friday Night Live

Town Square | 343 Main Street

Showcasing traditional mountain music and local talent

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JUNE 6

The American Flyers

JUNE 13 - **6:30 p.m.**  
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JUNE 20

Groove Machine

JUNE 27 - NO CONCERT

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Friends, neighbors and customers gathered with Gary Lewis and Marnie Merrell, owners of Mountain Snow & Souvenir Co., for their ribbon cutting at 411 4th Street at Carolina Way.

## Mountain Snow & Souvenir Co., ribbon cutting

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce celebrated Mountain Snow & Souvenir Co. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, officially welcoming them to the Highlands business community. This charming local shop offers a delightful selection of snow cones, gifts, souvenirs, home décor, games, and unique treasures. Visitors and locals alike are sure to find something special while enjoying a sweet treat and exploring all the shop has to offer.

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## Highlands-Cashiers Sotheby's International Realty celebrates seven brokers recognized among NC's top real estate professionals in 2026 RealTrends verified rankings

Highlands-Cashiers Sotheby's International Realty, the leading luxury real estate brokerage serving the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau of Western North Carolina, is proud to announce that seven of its brokers have been recognized in the 2026 RealTrends Verified rankings, one of the real estate industry's most respected measures of excellence and performance.

Leading the firm's recognition is Jody Lovell, ranked #1 in the State of North Carolina once again, a distinction she has achieved for nearly a decade, and Elizabeth "Liz" Harris, ranked #8 statewide, placing both among the top real estate professionals in North Carolina.

Additional Highlands-Cashiers Sotheby's International Realty brokers recognized in the 2026 rankings include Andrea Gabbard, Brenda Beye, Beth Townsend, Cathy Garren, and Spencer Kirkpatrick, further demonstrating the

firm's depth of experience and consistent leadership across the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau.

The recognition reflects the strength of a brokerage that continues to lead the Highlands-Cashiers market. Highlands-Cashiers Sotheby's International Realty closed more than \$400 million in sales volume in 2025, making it the #1 real estate firm on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau and reinforcing its reputation as the area's premier luxury real estate brokerage.

"We are incredibly proud of these outstanding professionals and the dedication they bring to every client they serve," said Wood Lovell, owner of Highlands-Cashiers Sotheby's International Realty. "Jody's ranking as the #1 real estate professional in North Carolina once again, a distinction she has achieved for nearly a decade, speaks to the consistency and trust that define our firm. Combined with the recognition of seven of our

brokers among the state's top real estate professionals, these honors reflect the market knowledge, integrity, and exceptional service our team delivers every day to buyers and sellers throughout Western North Carolina."

The RealTrends Verified rankings recognize the nation's highest-performing residential real estate professionals based on independently verified sales performance. Inclusion is earned through a rigorous verification process and represents the highest level of achievement among agents and teams across the country.

As the #1 real estate firm on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau, Highlands-Cashiers Sotheby's International Realty continues to set the standard for luxury real estate representation, local market expertise, and global marketing reach. Serving buyers and sellers throughout Highlands, Cashiers, Lake Toxaway, Glenville, Sapphire, and surrounding Western North Carolina communities,

the firm combines unparalleled local knowledge with the worldwide reach of the Sotheby's International Realty network. The firm's recognition in the 2026 RealTrends Verified rankings further reinforces its position as home to many of the region's top-performing real estate professionals.

Highlands-Cashiers Sotheby's International Realty is the #1 real estate firm on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau, closing more than \$400 million in sales volume in 2025. The firm operates three offices serving Highlands, Cashiers, Lake Toxaway, Glenville, Sapphire, and the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountain communities of Western North Carolina. As the exclusive affiliate of Sotheby's International Realty on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau, the brokerage represents luxury homes, mountain estates, private club communities, lakefront properties, and exceptional land offerings while

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- Teddy Bear Hospital from Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (Sat. only)



## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

### The reality of God's kingdom is both judgment and mercy.



Pastor, Emily Wilmarth  
First Presbyterian Church

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus talks a lot about the Kingdom of God. But what is the kingdom of God? Is it a place? Is it a future reality? It doesn't help that the way Jesus talks about the kingdom of God isn't entirely clear. "The kingdom of God has come near," he says in Mark 1:15, for example. So, something we can't exactly define has come to exist in a place we can't actually see in a time frame we can't clearly determine. Clear as mud, right?

When we think of the word kingdom, we think of a realm, likely defined by geographical borders, over which a person, a monarch, holds political power. The Christian tradition, is born in the Hebrew tradition. And the thrust of that tradition, the thrust of the Hebrew Bible - the Old Testament - is that God is the ruling monarch, the king, not just of Israel, but of the entire world. That's the framework for understanding the kingdom of God. God reigns over all. There is no ruler greater, more revered, more powerful than God.

Of course, this means that if God is the ultimate ruling monarch, then any other monarch falls under the reign of God. No other leader's power is greater than God's power. No other human is the ultimate authority.

Which means that when determining for ourselves the standards of behavior or belief to help us distinguish right from wrong, when we're thinking about our morals, to whom do we turn? (Not a rhetorical question: we turn to God!)

Thankfully, Jesus offers more explanation. He tells parables comparing the kingdom of God to a mustard seed and a pearl of great price, for example. In Luke's gospel, he references the prophet Isaiah. Jesus declares that he is messenger of God who brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, recovers sight to the blind, and liberates the oppressed. This is what power and authority look like in God's kingdom.

If you're the one oppressing, the one holding people captive, the one ahead of the game in an economic system in which some people have more than they need while others are destitute, then life in God's kingdom will come with judgment. If, on the other hand, you are the person living in poverty, if you are marginalized by societal discrimination and prejudice, then God's rule sounds like mercy.

I would suspect that many of us find ourselves somewhere in the middle. We're not actively oppressing people in our daily lives. And most of us are not destitute, either. At least not by the world's metrics.

• See SPIRITUALLY page 19

## • PLACES TO WORSHIP •

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Sundays: School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 11

### CASHIERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Wonyeong Lee 828-743-5298

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Fellowship 11:45a; Wed: Bible Study/Contemplative Prayer, 5p

### CHRIST CHURCH OF THE VALLEY. CASHIERS

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Sun. 10:45a; Wed Study 5:15p supper and childcare.

### CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Jim Kinard

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Wednesdays - Supper at 6 p.m.

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Wed.: Youth 5:30-7pm; Women's Bible Study: Mon. 4:30pm, Tues.

10am; Men's Bible Study: Wed. & Thurs. 7am @ Zookeeper

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Dr. Mark Ford, Pastor • 220 Main Street, Highlands

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Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 am; Women's 10:30 am

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Wed: Bell Choir 4p. Chancel Choir: 5:30p

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Sunday: School 9:45a. Worship 11a & 7p. Bible Study 6p

Wed. Kidsquest 6p.; Worship 7p.

### HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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### HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sun: 10:30 a.m. at Big Ridge Baptist Church. 4224 Big Ridge  
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Weds: Youth Group 6 p.m.; Bible Study 6:30 p.m.;

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Rev. Marty Kilby

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.

### SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

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Sun.: School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Worship: 6 p.m.

### SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sundays: School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday School: 10 am. Worship Service: 11 am

# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**Highlands Police entries from June 18. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.**

## Accidents responded to:

### June 18

• Vehicle 1 and Vehicle 2 were traveling east on US 64 (Franklin Road). Vehicle 2 slowed due to a vehicle making a left hand turn from US 64 onto Mirror Lake Road. Vehicle 1 hit Vehicle 2 in the rear.

### June 19

• Vehicle 1 was traveling north on NC 28. It drove 145 feet off the roadway to the right and came to rest on its right side in the ditch.

**During the week HPD issued four citations and 16 warning tickets.**

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 16.**

### June 16

• At 12:19 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Main Street.

• At 2:36 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 4:02 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cobb Road.

### June 17

• At 1:06 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Upper Lake Road.

• At 8:51 p.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on SpringView Lane.

• At 9:04 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence at the Highlands Mountain Club.

### June 18

• At 7:15 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible gas leak at a residence on BlueValley Road.

• At 7:54 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west (Franklin Road).

• At 1:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible motor vehicle accident on US 64 west (Franklin Road).

### June 19

• At 4:28 a.m., the dept. was first-respond-

ers to a residence on Laurelwood Ridge.

• At 12:12 p.m., the dept. assisted on a rescue at the Cullasaja Falls trail on US 64 west (Franklin Road).

• At 2:01 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

• At 8:56 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on S. 4th Street.

### June 20

• At 12:09 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Whiteside Mountain Road.

• At 3:16 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Chestnut Street.

• At 5:21 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Chestnut Street.

• At 10:37 p.m., the dept. provided public

assistance at a residence on Ridge Trail.

### June 21

• At 3:46 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Mountain Ashe Lane.

• At 7:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on 4 1/2 Street.

### June 22

• At 9:15 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible motor vehicle accident on NC 106 (Dillard Road).

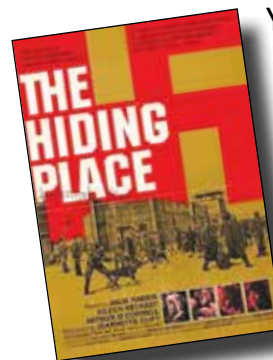
• At 5:16 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on River Court.

### June 23

• At 1:40 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Rolling Woods Drive.

• At 3:39 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence Turtle Pond Road.

## Sunday, June 28 at 6pm



You are invited to view this inspirational film being shown at the Highlands Central Baptist Church in the downstairs Fellowship Hall of the Shortoff Baptist Church – 11339 Buck Creek Road.

***It is the true story of the Ten Boom Family who in WW2 hid and rescued persecuted Jews from the Nazis.***

*Produced by World-Wide Pictures (Billy Graham Organization) in 1975*

## HF&R assists with rescue on Cullasaja Falls trail



At approximately 12:45 p.m., Friday, June 19, Highlands Fire and Rescue was dispatched to Cullasaja Falls to assist Cullasaja Fire and Rescue with a rescue operation involving a hiker who injured an ankle on the trail down to the falls. Crews responded and worked alongside personnel from Cullasaja Fire Rescue, Macon County Squad 4, NC Highway patrol, and Macon EMS to provide patient care and facilitate the rescue. Motorists traveling to Highlands or to Franklin were detoured to Buck Creek Road.

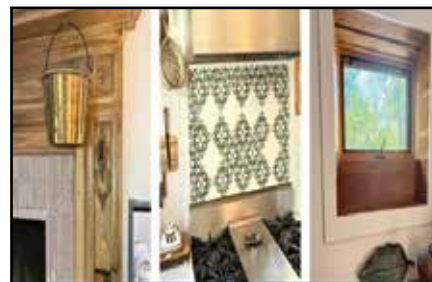
*We appreciate the opportunity to work with our neighboring agencies and value the strong partnership we share in serving our communities.*

– Chief Ryan Gearhart

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This is a teaching for all of us. Because even in our own little lives, we are sometimes the winners and sometimes the losers. Sometimes we hurt people, and sometimes we're hurt by the way people treat us unjustly. We are caught up in systems that we can't control, but that render us complicit. I believe the reality of God's kingdom is both judgment and mercy. Ultimately, it keeps us grounded under God's holy reign.

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• Highlands Pharmacy is closed on Saturdays until May. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 9a to 5:30p.

## POOL SCHEDULE

• Lap Swim: Mon.-Fri. 6am-9:45am, and Saturday 10am-11pm - 6 lanes. Water Aerobics: 18 y+ Mon.-Fri. 10-11am with Karen Chambers. Adult Swim: 18y+ Mon.-Thurs. 11am-3:30pm, Friday 11am-1:30pm. Public Swim: Mon. thru Thurs. 11a-7pm, Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 1-6pm

## PICKLE BALL

• At the Recreation Dept. there are three indoor Pickle Ball courts and six outdoor courts. Pickle Ball can be played every Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs. and Friday 10am-pm outdoors for the summer

## MOUNTAIN FINDINGS

• Open: 10 am - 1 pm. Thurs-Sat. Spruce Street. www.mountainfindings.org

## FIBBER MAGEES

• Fibber Magee's Thrift Store on Laurel Street Hours. Wed. & Fri. - 10a to 4p. Sat. - 10a to 2p.

## FARMERS MARKET

• The "market" is open every Saturday 8a to 12:30p in KH Founders Park on Pine Street.

## ALL WEEK

• Scaly Mountain/Highlands/Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Open meetings are held in Scaly Mountain at Grace Chapel, 9915 Dillard Rd., Scaly Mountain each Tues at 5:30 pm and Highlands at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Mon. at 5:30 p.m. and on Wed. & Fri. at 12 noon. Open in-person meetings are also held in Cashiers @ the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library, 249 Frank Allen Rd. on Sunday at 5pm, on Tuesday @ 7 pm, on Friday at 5 pm and on Saturday at 9 am. For more information please visit our website www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A. 24/7 call our HELP Line 828 349-4357

## SUN. THRU LABOR DAY

• At the Church in the Wildwood, traditional Hymn-Sing 7-8 p.m. Non-denominal. All are welcome. 10 minutes from downtown Highlands in Horse Cove. A family-friendly summer tradition for more than 30 years. Call or text 919-523-7067 for directions or questions.

## Mon. & Thurs.

• At First Presbyterian Church, ArtSpace is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The next exhibit will start in mid-August. For information contact fpchkelley@gmail.com

## Mon-Wed-Fri

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9am at the Rec Park.

• Balance, Stretch & Strengthen Class at the Rec Park 8:30-9:30am. The cost for the class is \$30 a month and is led by Vivian Brewer. Call the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

## Mon., Tues., Thurs.

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

## 2nd 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. For more info call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

## 2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings For more info contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at budandlynn@me.com

## Tuesdays

• Strength Training at the Rec Park 8:15-9:15 am.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Workshop for Writers – from 5-6:30 PM

• ESL classes at The Literacy & Learning Center, 6-7 p.m. 675 S 4th St.

## Tuesdays & Thurs.

• Exercise Class with Mi-

chelle Lane at the Rec Park at 5:30. A combo class with different types of exercise. 828-526-3556

## Wednesdays

• The Literacy & Learning Center offers a FREE weekly Citizenship Class led by Faviola Olvera from 5:30 to 7 pm at 675 S 4th St in Highlands, this program is designed to help students navigate the complexities of the U.S. naturalization exam.

• Digital Navigators will be at the Hudson Library from 1-3 PM, digital navigators will host a Tech Time drop-in time at Hudson Library with the goal to assist attendees with basic smartphone, laptop, iPad and tablet skills. For more information, call the Library at 828-526-3031. This program is free and open to the public.

## Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15a. at the Rec Park. No martial arts background necessary Contact the Rec Dept. at 828-526-3556 for more info.

## 3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main St. in their community room/909 chapel. Breakfast ia at 9a; meeting is at 10a. Email ncpst370@gmail.com or just join us at 9am.

## Through July 25

• At The Bascom, "Connecting to Place: Blue Ridge Craft Trails Invitational 2026" in the Thompson Gallery. The exhibition brings together 20 craft artists from communities across WNC, including Franklin, Waynesville, Dillsboro, Bryson City, Cullowhee, Canton, Cherokee, Maggie Valley, and Brass-town. Admission is free.

## Sat & Sun, June 27-28

• Mountaintop Rotary Club's Art and Craft show in KH-Founders Park.

## Sun., June 28

• At Highlands Central Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall of Shortoff Baptist Church, at 6 p.m., you re invited to a viewing of "The Hiding Place" – The true story of the Ten Boom Famimlly who in WW2 hid and rescued persecuted Jews from

the Nazis.



## Thurs., July 2

• Fourth of July Flag Ceremony at Highlands Cemetery. Highlands American Legion Post 370 needs help placing flags on the graves of more than 200 veterans. Please join them at the cemetery flag pole at 5:30 p.m.

## Fri., July 3

• At The Bascom, it's Community Day, their annual way of saying thank you to Highlands creative community from 11a to 2p. Admission is free. Across the campus terrace and galleries, you'll find hands on art activities, live demonstrations from glassblowing to woodturning, face painting, an interactive storyteller and the HC Hospital Teddy Bear Clinic for the youngest visitors. The Bascom Shop will be open and Annie Jacobsen joins us with a trunk show of her kiln-formed glass. Free popcorn, too.



## Sat., July 4

• Independence Day Celebration: 9-11a, water rockets at the Town Ball Field; 11a, free hotdog lunch at the ballfield; 11a

to noon, Field Games at the ballfield; noon, Mtn. Area Medical Airlift helicopter to land at the ballfield; 1p, HF&R Ladder Truck Spraydown at the ballfield; 2p, Duck Derby at the bridge at Mill Creek; 6-8:30 p.m. Concert in KH Founders Park Southside Station; 9:20 p.m., fireworks, downtown.

## Sat., July 11

• Pop Up Pipers.

## July 13-16

• Little Highlander Basketball camp from 1-4p for Rising 1st-5th grade. The cost of the camp is \$75. For any other information call Lester Norris or Janice Mathis at 828-526-3556

## Tues., July 14

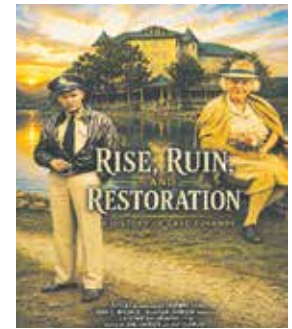
• Chef Dinners at OEI's The Farm. Annual Champagne Dinner featuring Pol Roger. Tickets start at \$234. Includes dinner drinks, shuttle and gratuity. Book online.

## Fri., July 17

• At PAC, Three American Troubadours at 7:30 pm. boxoffice@highlandsp Performingarts.com. 828-526-9047.

## Thurs., July 30

• A FREE viewing of The Return of Lake Toxaway as a prelude to HC Film Festival. 5-7p, viewing, reception, and Q&A at The Village Green of Cashiers.



## Sat., Aug 1

• Pop Up Pipers

## Sat., Aug. 15

• As a prelude to the HC Film Festival, the viewing of "The Gardener + Walk in the Garden Soiree. A powerful cosmetic heiress retreats to a remote mountaintop garden cottage while fighting to protect her family legacy. Viewing is a 4p at PAC. Soiree to follow.

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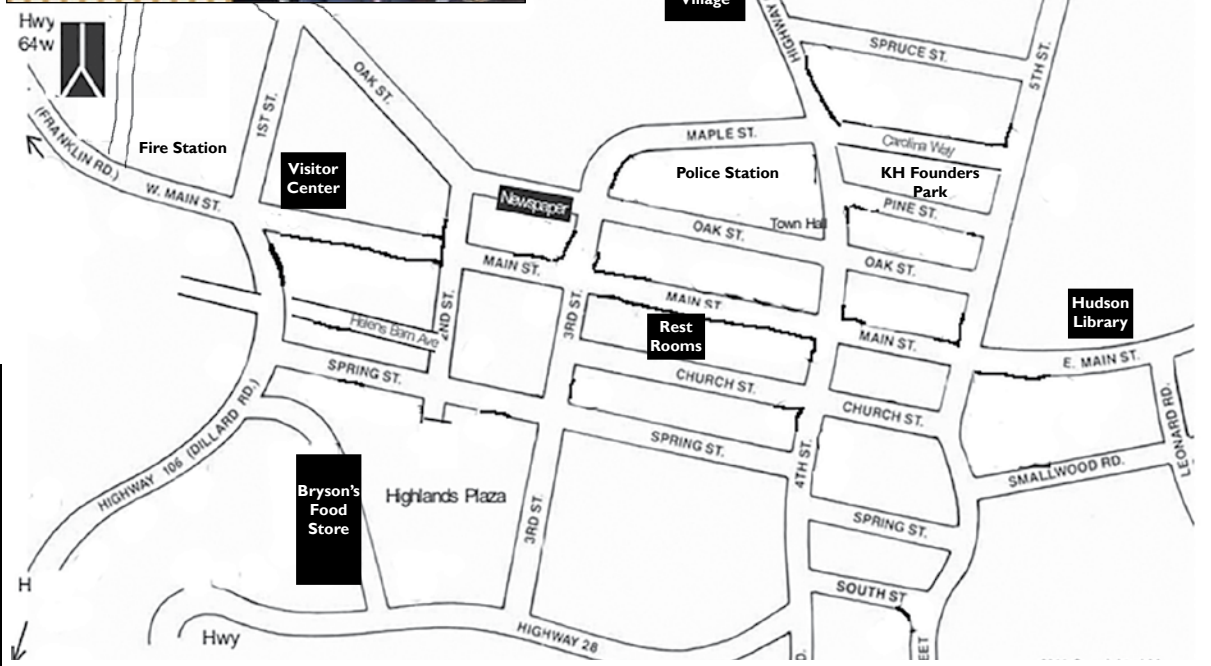
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