



# Property Owners Association

Dear Member,

There are three reasons for sending this letter at this time: 1) to inform you of a change in the address for the association; 2) to ask you to approve the change of address in the HEPOA Bylaws and; 3) to inform you that nominations for members to serve on the HEPOA Board of Directors for the next term (2017-2019) should be submitted at this time.

When the association was first organized, a private address was used as the official address for HEPOA. This private address is currently part of the HEPOA Bylaws created in June, 2009. At that time there was no address for the association so a personal address needed to be used. Up to now this has not been a real problem. However, the property with the private address has recently been sold to new owners. As a result, the Board of Directors has looked for a way to resolve the situation.

Another concern has been that members who were using the Heritage Estates Common Area would have no address to use should there be an emergency in the area and a 911 call needed to be made. These concerns were taken to the e911 office for Ashe County. The e911 office agreed to assign an address for the Heritage Estates Common Area. To do this, the e911 office required the association to identify the area with signage and to post the address on the property. They also suggested that we post the new address near the river access, in the event there were an emergency on the river and someone needed to exit at our river access. Anyone involved in an emergency would need to know the specific location in order to make a 911 call.

The assignment of the new address has had two positive results. First, it provides the association with an official address that can be used for all association related accounts and correspondence. Second, the e911 office has assigned specific GPS coordinates to the address. This will allow emergency responders to use their more sophisticated equipment for accuracy in case an emergency should occur. (Note: The e911 office did state that phones with GPS will show only a general location and are not adequate for emergencies.)

Amendment of the HEPOA Bylaws requires a vote of the HEPOA membership. The HEPOA Bylaws state:

**Section 1. - These Bylaws may be amended, at a regular or special meeting of the Members, by a vote of a majority of a quorum of Members present in person or by proxy.**

Approval to make the change in address in the Bylaws will take place at the General Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016. The meeting will be held at Smoky Mountain BBQ in West Jefferson. We will begin with a meal at 5:00 PM with the meeting to follow.

In the event you may not be attending the annual membership meeting, you can still vote to approve the change of address either by email response to ***deanjean@skybest.com*** or by mail to:  
Heritage Estates POA, 302 River Sound, West Jefferson, NC 28694.

Finally, it is now time to submit **nominations** for HEPOA members to serve the next three-year term on the **Board of Directors (2017-2019)**. The three-year terms of three members of the current Board of Directors will expire on December 31, 2016. These members are Janice Landen, Dean Moore and Eloise Stewart. The HEPOA Bylaws allow these three to be re-nominated for the 2017-2019 terms. Other members may be nominated as well. Since ballots will need to be prepared for the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the deadline for receiving nominations is **August 6, 2016**.

## *Dean Moore*

Dean Moore, President

