

KENMURE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Spring Everyone!

With the beauty in Kenmure exploding as our bare trees are now budding their various shades of green leaves, our lawns soon becoming lush and green as soon as the Spring showers begin and flowers blooming everywhere with renewed landscaping all around. I always stand in awe admiring our deep, almost royal blue sky we have above us on these crystal clear days in WNC. We are indeed fortunate to have such beautiful surroundings to enjoy year round, but Spring is especially stunning to me and I hope you are able to be out experiencing it.

What makes Kenmure special to you? Perhaps you haven't thought about that for a while or haven't given attention to the fabulous environment around us but living in Kenmure and WNC is just such a delight! We always hear comments from visitors or new residents about the majestic, picturesque landscape of the golf course and Club house as they enter into Kenmure and I'm sure you hear (and think) the same as well. But what you know that they don't know yet, is the joy of the incredible friendships we've all developed in our community as well as the camaraderie and fun times associated with those friends. We have much for which to be grateful!

Your KPOA board, chairs and committees are deep into meeting our action plans for 2026. Our financials are solid and we continue to build back our reserves from the costs of Helene. The Security Committee is diligently working with an architect to develop plans for the security gate house remodel. The RMC has presented to the board and received the approval to implement a 10-year repaving plan which will begin this summer. A special Thank YOU to Larry Wesselink for his hours of service and applying his engineering expertise in developing the plan.

You will read all about them elsewhere in this newsletter, but I want to congratulate our KPOA 2025 Volunteers of Year, Bill and Donna Robinson! What a dynamic duo this team has been over the years in developing and maintaining Railpen Gap Park as well as being an integral part of the EMC committee. Their volunteer commitment to making Kenmure a better place to live, day after day, sets an example for all of us! Congratulations also to Dennis O'Connor, selected as the 2025 Kenmure Country Club Volunteer of the Year. Since becoming a member of our community, Dennis has given his time and energy to the Kenmure community and the activities of the KCC. His quite demeanor overshadows that energy, commitment and dedication of servitude to the Club and our community. When you see these volunteers about in our community be sure to congratulate them and thank them too for their service!

I'm excited to welcome Michael Parah who has joined Pinnacle Golf and will be the new General Manager for Kenmure Country Club. Michael comes with an extensive background in both country club and golf management and that experience will serve Kenmure well going forward. After only a few meetings with Michael, his energy and focus on the Club and Kenmure's success is evident and we are delighted to be working with him. With Michael's efforts and those of our new culinary executive, Chef Peter, who is bringing new cuisines and revamping favorite dishes for our dining pleasure, the KCC experience is thriving and becoming more popular with each new day. Without question, the Club's success, including your memberships and participation in Club activities, not only improves our quality of living here, but also enhances our community and even our home values as well.

I want to urge you to bring your passion, experience and energy to becoming a member of the KPOA team and volunteer on a committee of your choosing as well as challenge our current volunteers to step up to a chair or board position! As most everyone knows, we are the largest volunteer organization running a property owners association in the state of NC; but please know, that is never said for bragging rights—we are blessed with a large community and large needs to keep and raise Kenmure's high standards to the level you expect. While there are over 140 volunteers now working diligently for the betterment of our great community, many are spending considerably more time than they should in key positions simply because the need is great.

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President's Message (continued)

There will be three elected board members and two appointed board members whose rotations on the board will end this year. We are fortunate that even though there are four committee chairs ending their terms in 2026, their replacements are ready to step in to those positions that will be vacated. However, that simply means new volunteers are needed to replace those volunteers moving up to chair committees. Volunteering and the leadership of those who volunteer are paramount to our quality lifestyle, being financially savvy, managing our infrastructure and helping Kenmure prosper.

Please note information elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of the committees, where to find more details or who to contact to offer your particular expertise to Kenmure in a volunteer capacity. I firmly believe the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassion of its members and that is so true for Kenmure. I look forward to you joining our volunteer team!

One calendar reminder for all residents is our KPOA Mid-year Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th in KCC's Charleston Room beginning at 5:30 p.m. Along with the entire KPOA Board, I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Respectfully,

Brian

Brian McCormick

WELCOME OUR NEW GENERAL MANAGER – MICHAEL PARAH

If you attended the Open House recently, you probably saw Mike making the rounds and meeting as many of our residents as possible as well as hearing all about the various activities. You can read more about him in the April issue of The View but he is encouraging residents stop by the club to meet and welcome him to Kenmure, tell him a little bit about yourself, why you chose to live in Kenmure and what you love about our community. He may also want some tips on your favorite things to do and places to go in the area.

His impressive and extensive background in club management and hospitality as well as his strong desire to enhance resident's membership in each of his previous clubs will no doubt be of benefit to all of Kenmure. In his message to our community, Mike said, "I am excited to be the General Manager of Kenmure Country Club. I look forward to getting to know everyone and even more to becoming a part of all the numerous activities and events that make KCC the premier club in which to belong in WNC, as well as working with all of our members as we continue to increase our membership."



Carmen Lehtinen explains the Aquabells synchronized swimming program. Did she perhaps recruit a new fan?



All smiles for Nancy Heaslip, Mike, Dennis O'Conner, Dan Rosser and John Scholz as yet another successful KCC Open House ends.



Mike shows his golf grip to avid tennis player Jan Bucci to see if it might work for tennis...looks like that could be a no Mike!

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EXTREME DROUGHT & WILDFIRE CONCERNS

Do not let your guard down because of our recent bit of rain, Kenmure and all of Henderson County is still facing an **extreme drought** that has left the entire region under a significant wildfire threat. The first three months of 2026 were officially declared the driest in 132 years; yes, over a century! The local landscape—now a "tinderbox" of dry brush and debris helped by the devastation of Helene—is extremely vulnerable to ignition.

Given these dangerous conditions, please remember that Kenmure maintains a strict **NO OPEN BURN** policy. We urge you to consider not even using outdoor fireplaces or fire pits as well at this time. In this environment, a single escaping ember is all it takes to spark a catastrophic fire.

When every second counts, being prepared is your best defense. If a fire breaks out, you may have only minutes to evacuate safely. To ensure you're ready, I highly recommend reviewing the following resources under the [Emergency Management Committee \(EMC\)](#) tab:

1. [Emergency Management Plan](#): Understand the community-wide strategy for handling crises.
2. [General Emergency Info](#): Essential tips for immediate safety.
3. [Evacuation Zones/Maps](#): Know your primary and secondary routes out of the neighborhood.
4. [Wildfire/Fire Safety](#): Educational resources to help you mitigate these fire and wildfire threats.
5. Stay Informed: Sign up for local emergency alerts at [AlertHVL & Smart911](#) and/or download the [FEMA mobile app](#). Heed any Kenmure Emergency Management Alerts which will be sent out to residents.

Remember: To Report A Wildfire, Immediately Call 911 first then call the Kenmure Gatehouse at (828) 692-5238.

*Nancy Ramp
KPOA EMC Chair/EMC Director*

KENMURE FIGHTS CANCER

If you are new to our community, Kenmure Fights Cancer (KFC) is a fund-raising effort that helps the cancer patients of our local hospitals, **Pardee Cancer Center and AdventHealth Hendersonville**, with our mission being to **Remember** those we have lost to cancer, to **Honor** those who have survived the battle and **Support** those in the middle of the battle now. Instead of hosting one big event, there are several smaller ones spread throughout the fundraising season from April to September. You'll find some you want to support so watch for the schedule! In 2025, our KFC efforts raised **\$158,036.36** for our two hospitals; since 2008, we have raised **\$1,279,334.70** for the cancer centers of these hospitals! [Click here](#) to learn more about the Kenmure Fights Cancer organization.

You'll be hearing much more about many events as the year progresses, but here are some Save-The-Dates worth putting on your calendar now: **May 27th** – Golf tournament & Gala Dinner; **June 27th** – Tennis & Pickleball tournament; **July 10th** – An Evening with Aquabelles; **August 13th** – Pop Up Concert; **Sept. 10th** – Krush Walk & After Party. Watch for many more exciting, fun events to be announced regularly!

Two events that are already underway are featured on page 7 of this newsletter...check them out and join the fight!

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2025 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED....

Three extraordinary volunteers were recently honored as Volunteers of the Year (VOTY) by both the KCC and KPOA for the tireless dedication of their time and talents in working in multiple organizations in our community, for multiple years. Each year the decision to select just one individual or a couple (as is the case this year) to recognize their efforts out of the more than 140 residents who make up the volunteer force in Kenmure is a difficult one because each honoree is always part of a larger group of dedicated volunteers and honorees will be the first to agree that ‘it takes a village’!

KPOA VOLUNTEER(S) OF THE YEAR – Bill and Donna Robinson

President Brian McCormick presented the KPOA Volunteer(s) of the Year award to Bill and Donna Robinson and shared the following comments about their commitment to our community:

The dynamic duo of the Robinson’s has been an integral part of the success of the Railpen Gap Park as well as our Emergency Management Committee almost since the day they arrived in our community. Their passion and dedication to the development, maintenance and overall beautification of our park over the past 10 years has been nothing but outstanding! And equally impressive is how they’ve nurtured a family of compassionate volunteers who take pride in creating a tapestry of colors in the park and along the tranquil walking trails for all of Kenmure to enjoy. Donna said, “We could not have been more surprised to receive this recognition and really feel quite honored, however we know that any of our volunteer activities have been supported and enhanced by the dozens of others who have joined in and worked right along beside us”.



While the park has been a labor of love for the Robinson’s, they have made it their mission to also be a reliable and committed instrument of action within our Emergency Management Committee. The EMC has consistently grown in membership, training and proactive reaction time with Bill and Donna being an integral part of that progression. “It just seemed natural to be a part of the formation of the EMC and share our expertise in emergency situations having served for 15 years serving on a volunteer fire department before moving to Kenmure,” Bill said. Nancy Ramp, EMC director, added “Since moving to Kenmure and joining the Emergency Management Committee (EMC) in 2016, Bill and Donna have been instrumental in shaping the organization into what it is today. Drawing on their past Fire and Rescue experience, they have contributed as emergency responders, mentored new members, and spearheaded wildfire awareness initiatives alongside daily EMC operations. Their impact extends across the entire Kenmure community through Bill’s creation of detailed CAD maps of our community and their dedication to EMC. Both truly deserve our deepest appreciation and I want to congratulate them on this honor.”

The KPOA Board is delighted to honor Bill and Donna as the 2025 KPOA Volunteer(s) of the Year!



Scenes from Railpen Gap Park
(Bill and Donna’s home away from home)
A pileated woodpecker’s fav tree for insect larvae, a great place to take the Grands for a picnic, tranquil seating areas for enjoying the sights and sounds of nature and terrific walking trails to enjoy even more of the park all beautifully landscaped by residents!



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...DURING ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

As the award focuses on the recipient's work during the past year, read how their time has been spent volunteering and working on behalf of all residents enhancing the services offered, improving environmental conditions as needed or streamlining methods and procedures for our day-to-day operations. After reading of their efforts on behalf of Kenmure, when you see Bill, Donna or Dennis be sure and give them a heartfelt thank you and congratulations on being the most recent honorees as Volunteer of the Year!

KCC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – Dennis O'Connor

President of the KCC Advisory Board, Elizabeth McCormick, announced Dennis O'Connor as the 2025 KCC Volunteer of the Year and shared these comments: "While there are any number of reasons people volunteer here in Kenmure...new in the community and wanting to get involved right away, perhaps newly retired and not quiet use to having a lot of time on their hands or some volunteer simply because they see a need and want to help the community meet that need, or simply because they are asked...time and again. Our KCC Volunteer of the Year clearly falls into that last category.



Dennis has said "yes" to just about everything we've thrown his way—chairing the Golf Activities Committee, chairing the Greens Committee, chairing the Men's Member Guest Committees on the MGA Board, serving on the KCC Board of Advisors as well as the Kenmure Architectural Review Committee. Yet, apparently, all of the above-mentioned jobs still weren't enough to keep him busy so he also went ahead and started a bi-weekly men's golf group—affectionately known as the "Leisure play" group... proving that not only does Dennis give his time generously, he's also willing to take his time on the course...thus, the "leisure" title.

Your dedication, generosity, and willingness to step up time and time again have made a lasting impact on our golf community and we are grateful for you.



Dennis said, "While the golf may be leisure from time to time, volunteering is very challenging but always very rewarding and has been not only a great way to get to know our residents, but it has also helped me realize what a wonderful community we live in." Stephen Thomasson, our Head Golf Pro added, "Dennis has been a pillar of our golf community during his short time here. Not only does he facilitate one of the largest golf groups on a bi-weekly basis, but he also serves at the highest level of two critical golf committees as Elizabeth pointed out. It has been a pleasure working with him and I'm delighted he is receiving this recognition. When you see him on the course or on the patio enjoying a refreshing beverage, be sure to stop and thank him for all he has done for the community and the club!"



The KCC Advisory Board is delighted to honor Dennis as KCC Volunteer of the Year!

While there are no photos of his "leisure" golfing, Dennis does spend much of his volunteer time not only working with our Pro Shop arranging events but also meeting with reps of both the Ladies and Men's golf associations in his efforts to better enhance each members golfing experience.



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PLANNING ANY EXTERIOR PROJECTS ON YOUR HOME OR PROPERTY?

Just a reminder for all residents, the Architectural Review Committee (KARC) is aware that with warmer days ahead many of you will be anxious to get your outside projects underway. Please keep in mind that all exterior projects on your home and property must be reviewed and approved by KARC to ensure compliance with KPOA rules and regulations. It is important for everyone to be aware that compliance to all KPOA rules & regulations also applies to all condominiums and villa/cottage associations within Kenmure. The respective association must approve exterior projects of its residents before KARC approval will be granted.

Exterior projects include alteration projects, such as room additions, replacement windows or doors, fences, paint colors, roofing, lighting, awnings, generators, and satellite dishes; tree removal, tree trimming and brush removal; and landscaping projects of more than 250 sq. ft. or involving permanent structures, such as gazebos, walkways, walls or water features, just to name a few. If needed, more details can be found on at Kenmure.org, and the KARC members are listed in the front of the 2026 Kenmure Directory as well as on the KPOA website. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the appropriate individual with any questions you may need answered.

*Ray Liotta, Chair
Architectural Review Committee*

WELCOME OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS!

When you are out enjoying any of our sports activities, or participating in any number of the social gatherings, parlor games, or dining at the Club, you just may encounter some of our newest residents. When your paths cross, be sure to introduce yourself and give them a warm Kenmurian welcome. Our new residents are:

Bob and Brenda Middleton
Sheay Keely Noel
Scott and Becca Sundal
Ray and Carol Taylor
Christian Peterson and Dawn Haynes

KENMURE REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY *(Sales in \$ million)*

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Homes	63	54	52	73	68	50	44	37	35
Lots	10	20	10	19	26	16	10	11	6
Total (\$ million)	\$34.4	\$30.0	\$29.4	\$52.5	\$45.8	\$39.9	\$41.6	\$37.7	\$30.9

Nick Weedman 1/1/2026

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ANNUAL SPRING BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20TH

After more than 12 years coordinating Kenmure's annual blood drive Wayne Orchard decided it is time to hand off this worthwhile, life-saving program. Our community owes a debt of gratitude to Wayne not only for his years of service, but also for the processes he has put in place to ensure all runs smoothly going forward.

We are delighted to assume responsibility for this most important community initiative. We are looking forward to our first event in Kenmure scheduled on May 20th from 12:30 to 5:00pm in the Sears Room in our Clubhouse. We are certainly learning a lot about the profound impact your blood donations make in the lives of individuals you most likely will never meet. We know the generous hearts of our residents and hope to raise the level of donations this year.



Connie and Don Blanton

Last year, Kenmure residents donated 78 pints of blood combining the Spring and Fall drives. In 30 minutes, you'll save three lives and walk away with an extra comfy, oversized American Red Cross Beach Towel just in time for Memorial Day! Mark your calendar now and join us for this life-saving opportunity: the American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our Club's Sears Room, from 12:30 pm to 5 pm. Here are the three ways to make your appointment:

1. Go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code KenmureCC
2. Call 1-800-redcross or,
3. Download the American Red Cross app.

Using their free app keeps you up to date, lets you make appointments, lets you "follow your blood" and learn when it gets used and many other features. Also, you may want to consider donating at the enhanced "Power Red" level. Click on the link below to learn more about that level of donation:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/types-of-blood-donations/power-red-donation.html>

See you on May 20th!

Don and Connie Blanton
Kenmure Blood Drive Coordinators
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THE 2026 KENMURE FIGHTS CANCER BATTLE IS UNDERWAY!

Both the KFC **HONOR BOARD** and **SUPER SIGN** programs have begun and the response has been terrific so far. The Honor Board--one of KFC's largest fundraisers--gives you the opportunity to remember, honor or support a loved one, friend or group (for a donation in the amount of your choosing) with a "plaque" that will be displayed on the Honor Board located in our Clubhouse. Sally Hale is serving as the Honor Board Chair and is looking forward to creating your dedication plaque. Super Signs will be displayed at seven events beginning with the golf tournament May 27th... the deadline is near so click below and make sure your sign in remembrance, honor or support of a loved one is on full display for each event. Chairs Cheryl Schilling and Scott Benyon are looking forward to displaying your Super Sign during each KFC event! Double-click below for more details about each of these great programs or go to kenmurefightscancer.org, click on Fundraisers/Events in left column.

HONOR BOARD INFORMATION

[Click here for Details and Dedication Form](#)

SUPER SIGN INFORMATION

[Click here to learn more or to place your order](#)

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KPOA committees

make up the biggest **volunteer** team among NC planned communities. You can join one.

The KPOA committee roster:

- Security
- Road Maintenance
- Emergency Management
- Architectural Review
- Elections
- Database
- Services (Library, Office, Railpen Gap Park) — And more!

To chat about what KPOA committee(s) might be the best fit for your skills and interests, just email directorcommunityrelations@kenmure.org (no spaces) Thank you.



WANT
TO
KNOW
MORE
ABOUT
KPOA?

Volunteers

help Kenmure run smoothly!
Will you help?

More than 150 **volunteers** help the Kenmure Property Owners Association—a North Carolina non-profit separate from the KCC—by performing or overseeing functions like maintaining security, preserving landscape standards, running board elections, and keeping roads in good repair.

Volunteering for one of our KPOA committees is a great way to meet folks, use an existing skill, learn new skills, *and* help your community. You can help. Just ask us.



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If you would like to know more about KPOA or volunteer opportunities available you have several ways to go about doing so. On our website (kenmure.org) you will find a wealth of information including a list of the members of the board, our Bylaws, Rules and Regulations for residents as well as forms to use for particular requests, homeowners services, a trading post and even resident's reports on "critter sightings" of the past few years. You will also find an overview of each committee responsible for keeping our community a most wonderful place to live and enjoy. Committee Chairs and members may be found under each listing; if you are interested in volunteering for a particular committee, please feel free to contact the Chair of that group (contact information may be found in the 2026 Kenmure Directory).

Perhaps you are ready to volunteer but you would like a little more information about the committees dedicated to keeping our community running smoothly and know more about the work they do, or if you would just like to chat about what committee(s) might be a good fit for your interests and skills—or a good place to learn more skills—then simply send a brief email to directorcommunityrelations@kenmure.org and an appropriate individual will contact you.



KPOA OFFICE NEWS

- Please remember to report your vehicle changes or license plate changes to the office as soon as possible. The gate access system must be current with your vehicle, license plate and bar code.
- If you haven't picked up your 2026 copy of Who's Who of Kenmure (aka the Kenmure Directory), don't forget to stop by the office during regular hours (1-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri.) to get your copy. One free copy per household, additional copies are \$10 each (checks only, no cash).
- The office will be closed Friday, May 22nd thru Monday, May 25th for the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26th. If you want to check out a book or puzzle for the weekend, you must do so before 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 21st.