

Haywood County “Toeprints”

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What’s Happening?

This is a **SPECIAL EDITION** of Toeprints...

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform Haywood County Taxpayers of what transpires at the bi-monthly County Commission Meetings. This newsletter will be written from the perspective of a casual observer, myself. Any opinions expressed will be mine.

Haywood County Tax Petition.

A meeting was held in Cruso last weekend [re: Homeowners fight new values, By Vicki Hyatt 4/13/2011, The Mountaineer] attended by folks upset with the County Revaluation. One of the outcomes of the meeting was a Petition, in which Haywood County Taxpayers are urged to sign and bring to the next County Commission Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:30pm, in the courtroom of the Old County Courthouse.

Horace Edwards indicated that this Petition was something that grew out of concerns of plain folks, nothing fancy. He requested to be put on the County Commission Agenda, but was denied. Rather, he was told that there would be no limit to the time he could speak during the Public Comment Session. The Public Comment Session begins immediately after the Public Hearing, the first item on the agenda.

If you have a problem with how you have been treated with your new revaluation assessment, you are urged to sign this Petition and bring it to the County Commission Meeting this Monday.

The petition is reprinted in this issue of Toeprints, and also separately as the Haywood County Tax Petition on www.haywoodtp.net.

Day Counter for Mountaineer and SMN.

This new feature shows the days since 3/30/2011 since either The Mountaineer or the Smoky Mountain News will have anything to say about the Haywood County Fairgrounds Arena Building Contract fiascos.

- The Mountaineer 14 days
- Smoky Mountain News 14 days

Legend: If any name is in **bold**, it can’t be a good thing. Brackets following a name in **bold** with [D], [R], or [U] denote the individuals party affiliation, **D**emocrat, **R**epublican or **U**naffiliated. re: Haywood County Election Office - all voters 11/18/2010.]

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HAYWOOD Co. TAX Petition

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This petition, sponsored by the taxpaying citizens of Cruso Community, seeks redress of the Haywood County Tax Assessor's Real Property Reappraisal for the year 2011.

The petition is addressed to the Haywood County Board of Commissioners, with a copy intended for the North Carolina Property Tax Commission.

We request that:

- * The recently issued Real Property Reappraisal be repealed.
- * Reappraisals be postponed, as is being done in adjoining counties.
- * That more competent persons be assigned to making appraisals, and that more consideration be given to natural features such as steepness and watersheds.

Reasons for this request are:

- * The price escalation of many properties in the community are preposterously high.
- * The evaluation of real properties is far from uniform.
- * Most people have not been aware of anyone visiting their property for appraisal.
- * The appeal form attached to the mailed notice dictates the only ways that appeals may be made, and explicitly denies making appeals for several specific reasons, in violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
- * These escalations will effect rental rates.
- * There is apparently no consideration given to persons on fixed income.
- * With these escalations, there would be a detrimental effect on commerce, particularly the real estate business.

HAYWOOD CO. TAX PETITION

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, SUPPORT CRUSO COMMUNITY'S PETITION TO REPEAL THE HAYWOOD COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S 2011 REAL PROPERTY REAPPRAISAL

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