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Dear Summit Park Estates Home and Property Owners,

I'd like to take moment to bring everybody up to speed on the conditions of our neighborhood following Tropical Storm Helene.

Let me first say that the board would have liked to have gotten this message out a little earlier but, our neighborhood was without internet services until late yesterday, limiting our ability to communicate with you.

Our neighborhood faired quite well. Our drainage systems worked well and moved water out of the neighborhood very efficiently. Being at a higher elevation was clearly to our advantage when it came to flooding. We did not experience the cascading, snowball effect of the heavy rains that our neighbors down below endured.

Our neighborhood was without electricity for approximately 30 hours and as previously stated without internet services for two and half days. Those of us who live here full time have done a complete assessment of the neighborhood, and I'm happy to report that we made it through this weather event essentially unscathed.

I have personally inspected every home in the neighborhood from the road and have not seen any noticeable damage to anybody's home or property. I have also walked around many people's homes and properties, at their request, to do a more thorough inspection. If you would like your property or home inspected, please don't hesitate to ask, I'd be happy to do so.

As for the wider community, and Boone, I'm sure many of you have seen the video and images reported on the news and social media. Much of Downtown Boone was flooded and many businesses are currently in clean-up mode. Both Walmart and Lowes had up to two feet of water intrusion in their stores. Most stores in Boone are still closed. Currently, Publix, Harris Teeter, Lowes, some gas stations and some fast food restaurants are open.

While we do not encourage travel to the area, the roads are passable but, there are local road closures.

While our neighborhood faired very well, there are still many, many Boone and Blowing Rock residents who are still without power and/or water, so any additional strain on the local resources is not a welcome idea. In addition, there are local curfews in place limiting travel in town during certain hours of the day and night.

I will say that it makes me proud to live in an area where everyone is pulling together to bring some sense of normalcy back to the area. Please keep those residents in our town who are still struggling in your thoughts and prayers.

As always, if you have any any thoughts, questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Board. We are here to help and happy to do so.

In solidarity,

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