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Report for Walden's Ridge Civic League

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At the Walden's Ridge Civic League, we found meticulous minutes of meetings starting in 1927. They were preserved in a box in a locked closet. Now we are going through them and scanning as many as reasonable so the valuable records can be stored in modern ways.

My purpose in telling you about this tonight is that everything that seems new is actually old. We from Walden will be working together to clean up the W Road on March 21st. In the 1930's a very big concern of the mountain residents was dumping on the W Road. The Civic League decided to do what they could to stop it. They wrote letters, made phone calls, contacted the county government, put up signs, organized watches, and confronted violators. Then the members just went out and picked up the litter themselves like we will be doing.

Something else interesting from the old minutes is trouble they had with trucks on the W Road in the 1930s and 40s. The problem then was heavy coal trucks that were tearing up the road and were hazardous. Just like now, the people sought relief from the county, and they were told that the W is a public road. The only way to find a permanent solution was through legislation. Today we find the same answer. It is a public road with a maximum county fine for certain infractions. To levy a big enough fine to try and deter semi trailer trucks from coming up the W, legislation specific to our problem is the answer. Hope we find a solution.

Looking ahead, as a fund-raiser the Walden's Ridge Civic League is offering a perfectly prepared Boston butt in time for your Memorial Day celebrations. In a *Southern Living* blog the author writes, "It has always seemed funny to me that one of the most popular cuts of pork for Southern barbecue has an inherently Yankee name: the Boston butt." The term comes from the casks or barrels used for storage and shipment of the pork shoulders, which are the meaty part perfect for the BBQ delicacy of pulled pork.

For Memorial Day weekend, let us do the cooking, and you enjoy your time with family and friends. The butts are smoked over a twelve to fourteen hour period and wrapped individually the morning of pick up day. The pork literally falls off the bone when you unwrap it, and the product freezes remarkably well. Ordering, pricing, pick-up and other details can be found on our website www.waldensridgescivicleague.org very soon. We hope you will support our mission by purchasing and enjoying a delicious Boston butt. It's certainly a tasty way to be helpful.

We need everyone's participation in planning a big 100-year **BirthDay Bash** this summer for the Civic League auditorium. We are calling on the membership to tell us what kind of a party it should be - music? games? cake? food? What would you like to do at such a party? To join the Civic League is easy and the dues are small - \$1.00 per person per year. Go to our website and write us a note telling what sort of celebration you would enjoy. Bring your ideas to our next meeting Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 PM. We will plan the party based on your suggestions.

Walden's Ridge Civic League provides an auditorium that seats over 200, a building for meetings of smaller groups, a walking track, slides, swings and a covered picnic pavilion. All are available for public use, so ask for rental information.

Respectfully submitted,
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