



Neighborhood News: September Update

Annual Meeting

We are excited to invite you to this year's Annual POA Meeting & Oktoberfest celebration, which will be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, at the Park Pavilion.

Event Highlights:

- Time: The meeting will begin at 3:30 PM. Please note that the meeting start time has been updated. The meeting will now begin at 3:30 PM, not at 3:00 PM as previously stated. Thank you for your understanding.
- Oktoberfest Celebration: There's nothing like good food, cold drinks, and great company to bring a community together! We invite all of you to join us for a fun and casual gathering with beer and BBQ, where you can connect with your neighbors, and enjoy the company of friends both old and new.
- Open Board Meeting: Engage in a discussion with the POA Board during the meeting, where we'll cover important community updates, plans for the upcoming year, and answer any questions.

We encourage everyone to attend, voice their thoughts, and celebrate the season with neighbors.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Important Notice Regarding Official POA Communications

We want to remind everyone that all official communication from the POA Board will always come from our official email address: info@ashleywoodspoa.com. Any mailed correspondence from the board will be printed on Ashley Woods POA letterhead and also be accompanied by an email from this address for verification (if an email address has been provided to the POA).

Recently, there has been some mailed communication circulating within the community that did not come from the board. If you receive any correspondence that seems suspicious or is not accompanied by an official email, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at info@ashleywoodspoa.com for confirmation.

We take your trust and the integrity of our communications seriously, and we appreciate your vigilance in helping us maintain a secure and informed community.

We encourage every property owner to provide an email address to the POA to stay better informed about important updates and urgent matters. It ensures you receive timely communication on issues like community events, maintenance schedules, policy changes, and emergencies. By staying connected, you can actively participate in and respond to matters that impact your neighborhood, enhancing your overall experience and engagement with the community.

Update From Previous Open Meeting

It was brought to our attention that our AWPOA covenants (updated in 2021 and available on our website) may be unenforceable due to a recent NC Court of Appeals case. After learning of these new legal developments, the board agreed that no violations would be issued while we waited for proper legal consultation from the POA's attorney. We have now received confirmation that our covenants are enforceable and have resumed business as usual.

POA Board Nominations Announcement

We are pleased to announce that we will be accepting nominations for one vacant seat on the POA Board. If you are passionate about our community and want to help shape its future, we encourage you to consider running for this position.

Nominations will open at the Annual POA Meeting on October 5th and will remain open until October 31st. During this time, property owners can submit their nominations or nominate fellow neighbors who they believe would be a great fit for the board.

The elections will be held in November, and all homeowners will have the opportunity to vote. This is your chance to get involved and have a direct impact on the community's growth and success.

We look forward to your participation!

Social & Grounds Committee Update

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Catherine Wright, who will be stepping down from both the Social and Grounds committees at the end of this year. Catherine's dedication, hard work, and incredible service over her time on these committees have been invaluable to our community. She has contributed greatly to making our events and shared spaces something we all enjoy and take pride in.

As we look toward the future, we know Catherine leaves big shoes to fill, and we are now seeking enthusiastic volunteers who are ready to carry forward her legacy. If you are passionate about contributing to the Social or Grounds committee, we encourage you to step forward and get involved. Your time and effort can make a big impact!

Please reach out to info@ashleywoodspoa.com if you're interested in joining.

Community Speed Limit & Bus Stops

As the new school year has begun, we would like to remind everyone to be extra vigilant on the roads. Please remember that the community speed limit is 25 mph. This is crucial for the safety of our children and pedestrians. Additionally, it is important to follow all laws regarding school buses—when a bus stops to pick up or drop off students, all vehicles must stop as well.

Let's work together to ensure the safety of our neighborhood. Thank you for your attention and cooperation!

Upcoming Changes to Waste Removal

Starting in 2025, Buncombe County will be transitioning to FCC Environment Services for trash collection. To avoid any service interruptions, residents must sign up with FCC through their website at <https://fccenvironmental.com/buncombe-county> by December 15th. Ensure your household is registered before the deadline to guarantee continuous service.

Halloween

With Halloween just around the corner, we want to remind everyone to be prepared for a high volume of Trick-or-Treaters, especially on the streets towards the front of the community.

Some early Trick-or-Treaters may start arriving before 5:00 PM, but the busiest time is expected to be between 5:00 and 7:00 PM. Please be mindful of increased foot traffic during these hours, and for those participating, be sure to have plenty of treats on hand for all the little ghosts and goblins!

For everyone's safety, we encourage drivers to be extra cautious on the roads and keep an eye out for kids crossing the street. Let's make this Halloween a safe and fun night for all!

Political Canvassing

As the election approaches, we want to remind everyone that political canvassers are not considered solicitors and are allowed to knock on doors to share information or discuss campaigns, especially since we live in a battleground state where canvassing activity may be more frequent.

If a political canvasser knocks on your door and you're not interested in engaging, feel free to politely decline and let them know you're not available. You can also simply not answer the door if you prefer. Canvassers are generally respectful of homeowners' wishes and should leave promptly if asked.

Please be courteous and remember that these individuals are exercising their civic duties, just as we all have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

Reminder: Pets Must Be Leashed in Public Spaces

For the safety of all residents and pets, we kindly remind everyone that all pets must be on a leash when in public spaces within the community. This policy, which is aligned with Buncombe County leash laws, is in place to ensure the protection of both your pets and others, as well as to maintain a peaceful environment for everyone.

Even well-behaved pets can become startled or react unpredictably in new situations, so keeping them leashed helps prevent any accidents or unwanted interactions. We appreciate your cooperation in following this rule and helping us keep our community safe and enjoyable for all.

If you are looking for some places to enjoy some off-leash time with your dog, we encourage you to check out the following dog parks:

- Bell Forest Dog Park – Located in Arden, this dog park offers a spacious and safe area for dogs to play and socialize off-leash
- French Broad River Dog Park – Located at 580 Riverview Drive, this park features a large fenced-in area with wood chips, fresh water, and waste bags. It's one of the most scenic parks as it runs along the river.
- Mills River Dog Park – Located at 124 Town Center Drive, this park is spacious and well-maintained.
- Morris Broadband Dog Park – Located at 85 Howard Gap Road in Fletcher, NC, this park offers a good space for dogs to roam freely.
- Sweeten Creek Brewery - is a great spot to unwind with a cold beer and some delicious Bear's BBQ while letting your dog enjoy their spacious dog park (great play area for kids as well).

These parks offer great spaces for off-leash fun and socializing with other dogs and their owners.

Upcoming Events Reminder

- Wednesday, September 25th – Spotted Banana food truck at the Park (4:30PM – 7:30PM)
- Saturday, October 5th - Oktoberfest Community Cookout and Annual POA Meeting
- Weekend of October 25 – Pumpkin Palooza 2024 – please check ashleywoodspoa.com/events closer to time for confirmed date.