



# ALPO NEWSLETTER February 2024

## ALPO Website / Contact Information

Our website is up and running. To date we have received over 5,000 visitors! This combined with our local phone number make it easier to stay up to date with everything that is going on in your community.

[www.myashelake.com](http://www.myashelake.com)

[ashelakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:ashelakepoa@gmail.com)

336-649-6226

**Get the most up-to-date details and information thru our website.**

**We kindly ask that you refrain from calling / emailing individual board members. The use of a central phone number / email makes it easier for us to answer your questions / inquiries.**

## Association Dues

2024 Dues were sent out via email in early January. If you did not receive the invoice – reach out to us and we will re-send. Remember that your dues are what fund our community and pay for road maintenance, snow clearing, tree removal, insurance, and community improvements. Without your cooperation and contributions none of these are possible. THANK YOU neighbor for supporting your neighborhood!

## Road Improvements

Our third round of road repairs will be completed in February 2024. As with previous work, the ALPO Board surveyed the state of all platted roads within Ashe Lake, and formulated a plan that considers road status as well as traffic volume. As Winter in the High Country gets underway ALPO is monitoring all the road conditions and will take action if warranted. This is a breakdown of road work completed to date.

**The 1st phase (completed September 2023) included portions of:**

Lakeside Drive and lower Pritchard Drive  
Chestnut Drive at intersection of Holiday Lane  
Holiday Lane at intersection of Lakeside Drive  
Dawnview Drive

**2nd phase (completed October 2023) included portions of:**

Chestnut Drive  
Monticello Drive  
Freedom Trail  
Lakeside Drive above dam on both sides

**3rd phase (To be completed February 2024) portions of:**

Holiday Lane  
Lakeside Drive at Ashe Drive  
Lakeside Drive culverts to be flushed  
Pritchard Drive at Ravenwood Drive  
Dawnview Drive at Beaver Creek Drive  
Dawnview Drive

We realize that the roads are a priority for all homeowners. Road maintenance and up-keep is an ongoing issue with our old roads that are not paved, and scheduling of work is at the mercy of our unpredictable mountain weather. We believe that the current capital improvement plan will minimize requirements for ongoing road maintenance and will benefit all of Ashe Lake in the long run. Thank you for your patience with our progress.

Please contact ALPO at 336-649-6226, or [ashelakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:ashelakepoa@gmail.com) with your concerns, and to advise of any emergency road issues.

**Ashe Lake Dam - Update**

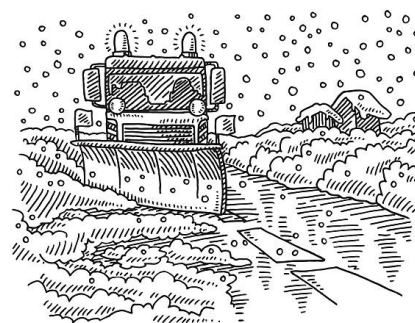
ALPO is currently working with Bander Smith, Inc. to formulate a plan of action for the dam repairs. We have recently received historical records from the NC Department of Environmental Quality and these are being utilized by Bander Smith, Inc to formulate a repair plan which can be submitted to the State for their approval.

As previously mentioned, the needed repairs will be in excess of \$ 100,000, funds that ALPO does not have. ALPO is in the process of applying for a FEMA & other government grants sponsored by the State of North Carolina for private dams such as ours. Funding determination are expected late Spring 2024.

**At this time the dam IS NOT at an elevated risk of failure**, however the State requires that the dam be fully operational, and that all of the issues identified be corrected.

Once we finalize a repair / replacement scope with our contractor, and receive State approval we will again reach out to all our members to fund these much needed repairs. If repairs are not completed in a timely manner the State may force the lake to be drained until such time as the repairs are completed. We would like to avoid that outcome.

Ashe Lake is a fundamental part of our community and we are doing everything we can in order to ensure it remains so. If you have any information regarding the Lake you feel may be helpful to us, please do not hesitate to contact us.



**Snow Clearing / Removal**

ALPO has contracted with GAMCO for snow removal for the 2023/2024 winter season. They will be clearing the roads through the community during snow events as needed, however ALPO is not responsible for private roads or driveways. GAMCO will not be clearing any private drives, and all owners should make arrangements in the event of snow.

## Winter Weather

During the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>, West Jefferson received approximately 5" of snow, and experienced temperatures as low as 6 degrees. With single digit temperatures, sub-zero wind chills and ice on many roads it was the perfect time to stay home.



Ashe Lake 1-16-2024



Community dock 1-16-2024



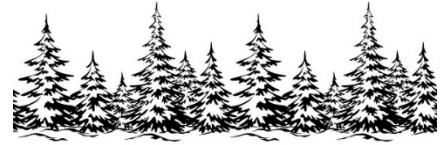
Kayak rack 1-16-2024



Waterfall 1-16-2024



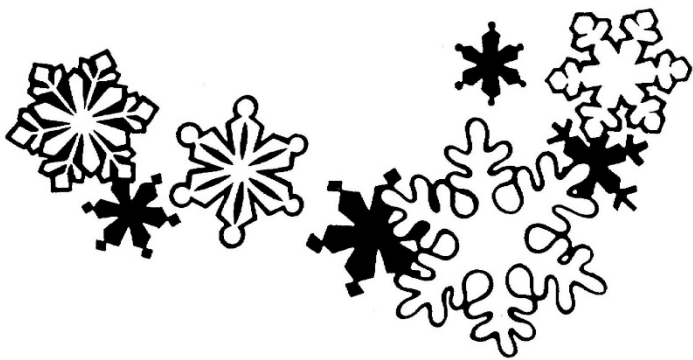
Best sentiment on the weather conditions  
(thank you Sandy Newton Lassen for making us laugh!)



Kayak rack at community dock 1-16-2024



Freshly plowed roads 1-16-2024



Freshly plowed roads 1-16-2024



Freshly plowed roads 1-16-2024



Single digit temperatures made for some icy conditions. 1-22-2024



Freshly plowed roads 1-16-2024



Frozen Ashe Lake 1-20-24



Community Dock 1-20-24

## Ashe Lake Property Owners

### 2024 Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Midway Baptist Church  
1670 Mt. Jefferson Road  
West Jefferson, NC 28694



Our meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. If you need to pay your 2024 Annual dues please arrive by 12:30pm in order to do so. Meeting Agenda and Proxy forms will be sent out as we near meeting date,

### Winter Vehicle Maintenance



With all the salt that was slung over the last few weeks there are some things to remember:

1. Make sure your headlights and tail lights are cleaned off. NO, you don't need new bulbs. They're just covered in salt scum.
2. Take your vehicle through a wash and take care of that undercarriage. Rust happens before you know it, and that's how mufflers end up on the side of the road.

### Winter Gardening



**Bagworm Alert:** If you see these hanging in your trees, remove them before the spring! This is a bagworm cocoon full of hundreds of eggs. If they hatch, they can defoliate the tree and nearby trees, and can cause significant damage. They prefer evergreens, but will attack almost any tree.



Several neighbors have expressed interest in establishing a Neighborhood Crime Watch. If you are interested in joining please send us an email at [ashelakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:ashelakepoa@gmail.com)

### Ashe Lake Throwback



Thank you Joel Weaver for this shot of Ashe Lake being used as a dipping area for local fire crews.



Happy Valentine's Day from your  
2024 ALPO Board to all of you!



May your day be filled with happiness, love,  
and chocolate.

### Upcoming High Country Events

**02.10.24**  
**11AM-4PM**  
**COLEY HALL**  
222 E. MAIN ST., ELKIN

**\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION**  
INCLUDES: SOUVENIR CUP, BEER TASTING+MUG, SOFT PRETZEL

**SIMULATED SUPERBOWL - SQUARES GAME (\$5 BUY-IN!)  
REP YOUR FAVORITE NFL TEAM'S GEAR!**

LIVE MUSIC | 11-2 THE BOX DOGS 1-4 MICHAEL CHANEY & JON MONTGOMERY

**the Great American Soup Off**  
*and chili* BENEFITING YADKIN VALLEY UNITED FUND

**11AM - 1PM**  
**\$10 ADULTS | \$5 YOUTH**

**SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS**  
Pre-order tickets for a FREE Brrrfest T-Shirt

**\$25 COMBO TICKETS AVAILABLE!**  
INCLUDES: SOUVENIR CUP, BEER TASTING+MUG, AND SOUP SAMPLING

Presented By



## High Country Bras

Date: Sat Feb 17, 2024 Time: 06:00 pm - 09:00 pm

Location: Jefferson Landing, 184 W Landing Dr, Jefferson

Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising to support the Women in Touch fund that provides free mammograms for those who cannot afford them. To register your bra, volunteer to be a model, or for more info: call 336-846-0785 or email [foundation@ashememorial.org](mailto:foundation@ashememorial.org)

**COFFEE HOUSE Live**  
AT THE ORION SCHOOL  
Featuring  
SARAH DESHIELDS, ERIN WILLIAM BANKS  
WITH JOHN LUCAS KOVASCHITZ, AND  
LOUIE PARDUE

## Coffee House Live

Date: Fri Feb 02, 2024 Time: 07:00 pm - 09:00 pm

Location: Orion School and Chapel 350 Orion Lane, Jefferson

The return of "Coffee House Live," an audience favorite that's been dearly missed during its brief hiatus. Join us for an unforgettable night of music at the cozy and inviting Orion Schoolhouse, the perfect backdrop for a casual and intimate music experience.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO FUTURE EVENTS:

April 6<sup>th</sup>: Litter Sweep, "The Great American Clean-up"

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Lansing Park Farmer's Market Opening Day

April 8<sup>th</sup>: Ashe County Farmer's Market Opening Day

April 24<sup>th</sup>: River Clean Up

May TBD: First Music In The Park (May - September)

May 18<sup>th</sup>: New River Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K

May 18<sup>th</sup>: Saved by a Salamander Day 2024

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Music & Mountain Crafts Festival

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Ashe Bash

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>: Plant Sale

July 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas in July

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ola Belle Reed Festival

August 7<sup>th</sup>: River Clean Up

August 17<sup>th</sup>: Blue Ridge Brutal Bike Ride

September 6<sup>th</sup>: Blue Ridge Relay

September 14<sup>th</sup>: Hellbender Bike Ride

September 21<sup>st</sup>: Frontier Day returns to Saloon Studios

October TBD: Litter Sweep

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Trunk or Treat

Check out our webpage dedicated to High Country and Local Events for the most up-to-date listings:

<https://myashelake.com/high-country-events>

We try to keep up with local events and festivals but there may be something we have missed. If there is an upcoming event or festival you would like to see included, please reach out and let us know.

[ashelakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:ashelakepoa@gmail.com)



ALPO is operated by Ashe Lake owners for Ashe Lake owners. We welcome the opportunity to hear your feedback, concerns, and issues to improve our community.

336-649-6226 / [ashelakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:ashelakepoa@gmail.com) [www.myashelake.com](http://www.myashelake.com)