



# ALPO NEWSLETTER

## August 2023

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Lake

Many Ashe Lake residents and family enjoyed the lake for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. Paddling, fishing and picnics were enjoyed by all.



### New ALPO Website / Contact Information

Our new website is up and running. To date we have received over 1,100 visitors! This combined with our new local phone number will 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 encourage all Ashe Lake Property Owners to update their contact information thru our website.

If you have recent (or older) photos of Ashe Lake please consider sending them to us so we may include them in our website.





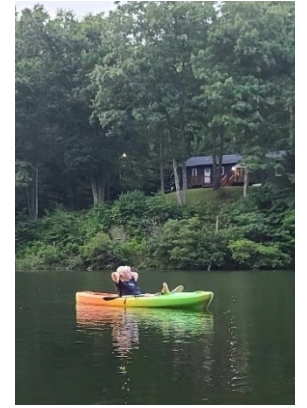
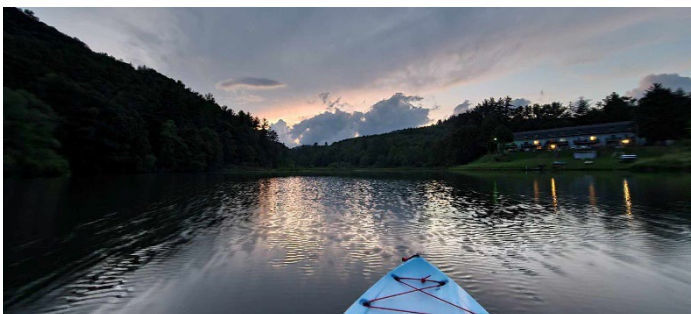
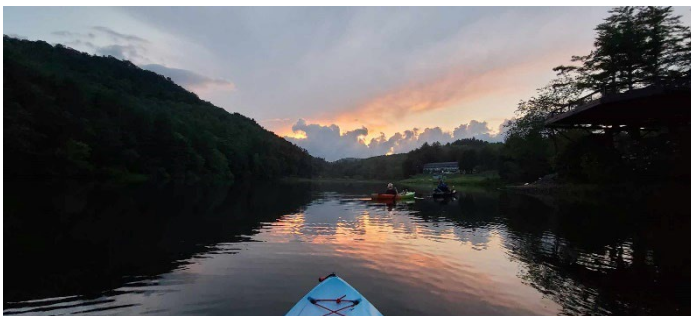


## West Jefferson picked as 'Friendliest Town' in Blue Ridge Country magazine

Readers of Blue Ridge Country magazine have picked their favorite towns, attractions, activities and more in the 2023 Best of the Mountains reader poll. Polling is conducted every five years with this year's survey featuring 48 categories, including Favorite Waterfall, Best Country Store, Best Quirky Festival and Best Foodie Town, among many others.

### Full Moon Lake Float

On Monday July 3 we held our first Full Moon Lake Float. While the moon was hesitant to make an appearance the sunset did not disappoint. Join us for the next Full Moon Float on Tuesday, August 1 for the Sturgeon Moon.



### The Littlest Angler



Local fisherman Finn Hurley caught a 3.5 lb, 18" largemouth bass at Ashe Lake on 7/24/23. Bet he is still smiling!

## Association Dues

Please remember that your dues are what funds our community and pay for road maintenance, snow clearing, tree removal, insurance, and community improvements. Without your cooperation and contributions none of these would have been possible. THANK YOU neighbor for supporting your neighborhood!

## Dues and Property Sales

We have noticed some properties for sale in Ashe Lake, and we welcome the opportunity to settle any Association dues in arrears prior to sale. Please direct any inquiries regarding your dues to [AsheLakePOA@gmail.com](mailto:AsheLakePOA@gmail.com)

## Community Improvements

### 2023 Annual Meeting

Information regarding our 2023 Annual Meeting is now available online. This includes agenda, meeting minutes, and financial reports provided at the meeting.

[www.myashelake.com/2023-annual-meeting](http://www.myashelake.com/2023-annual-meeting)

### Kayak Rack

The arms on the kayak racks have been extended to better accommodate larger kayaks. **Thank you Joe Livingston!** We ask that if you store your kayak at the Community racks that you make sure the kayaks are off the road so as to not be an obstruction to traffic.

### Expanded Parking at Ashe Dock

The parking signs at the Spillway located adjacent to the community dock were stolen overnight on June 23/24. A police report has been filed, and the Sheriff's department will be conducting extra patrols of Ashe Lake. While we hope this was a one-time occurrence we encourage all property owners to be vigilant and report any vandalism or theft. **New signs have been ordered and this project will soon be back on track.**

## Beaver Dams



Beaver dam remnants will be removed once we are confident there is no new activity. We hope to restore full access to the North side and thru the culvert into the waterfall. Several beavers have also been removed from the Lake. If you see beaver damage or beavers at work, please let us know.

## Relocated Picnic Table

We have scheduled the relocation of an under-used picnic table to the lower flat area by the dam. This is a much used and loved fishing spot!

## Road Improvements

The ALPO Board has been busy surveying the state of all the plated roads within Ashe Lake and formulating a plan of action to target the much-needed road improvements. We will be meeting with the Road Contractor and hope to get started ASAP. If you have specific concerns about the roads, please do not hesitate to contact us and voice them.

## Ashe Lake Events



**FULL MOON LAKE PADDLE** - Get your canoe, kayak or SUP and join us on Ashe Lake for an evening paddle illuminated by the full moon! Enjoy peaceful waters and fireflies as we loop around the lake taking in the



beautiful fauna, birds, and wildlife. **Next Paddle: Tuesday, August 1st - Sturgeon Moon.** Meet at Association dock at 8:30 pm. Bonus: Blue moon on August 30<sup>th</sup>!



**ASHE LAKE WALKING CLUB** - Meeting Saturday Mornings (weather permitting) at **9:00 am at the Association Dock.** We will loop to waterfalls and back to dock.



**ASHE LAKE PADDLE CLUB** - Meeting Sunday evenings (weather permitting) at **6:00 pm at Association Dock.**

We are working on exciting new events in Ashe Lake!

Ashe Lake Fishing Tournament

Ashe Lake Paddle Club Summer BBQs

Evening Socials Community Clean Up Days

Santa at the Lake Christmas Lights Contest

Ashe Lake Walking Club Community Projects

Ashe Lake Garden Club / Plant Share

If there is a community activity you would like to see – let us know!

## Ashe County & Surrounds Events



**WILD MOUNTAIN MAMAS & A FEW PAPAS TOO!** - Local poet (and Ashe Lake Resident) Sandy Lassen will read mountain folk poems from her book "The Teeth of Southern Smiles," plus tell tales about her area ancestors and their descendants. Sandy is a native Floridian who arrived in Ashe County in 1989 and discovered that half her mom's ancestors were from the Ashe County area in the late 1700's when it was still part of Wilkes. Sandy will be talking about why her ancestors left, where they went, and how she was the first one from her branch of the family to move back.

**Sunday July 30, 2023 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

The Old Store at Grassy Creek

710 Grassy Creek Road, Grassy Creek, NC 28631

[www.theoldstoregrassycreek.com/pages/event-calendar](http://www.theoldstoregrassycreek.com/pages/event-calendar)





**NEW RIVER PARK** - A new access park has opened on 163 just past the Dr. Pepper plant. This is a joint project between New River Conservancy and Ashe County.

Huge thanks to Kevin Sheen for these beautiful shots!



**PICKIN' ON THE PORCH** - On the front porch of Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Bring your musical instrument to join in the pickin' or simply stop by to hear some Mountain Music. Every Tuesday in August from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church 201 South Jefferson Ave. West Jefferson

West Jefferson Community Partnership Presents the 12th Annual

## BackStreet Park Summer Concerts

FREE • MUSIC IN THE PARK • ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

May 26 Rock Bottom Bluegrass Band	Aug. 4 <i>Special Trail Towns Double Concert!</i>
June 2 Wayne Henderson and Friends	4:00 Steve Lewis & Friends
June 16 The King Bees	6:15 Cane Mill Road
June 23 Crooked Road Ramblers	Aug. 18 Lucky Strikes Trio
July 7 Trevor McKenzie & Jackson Cunningham	Aug. 25 The Mountain Laurels
July 21 Ruby Goose	Sept. 1 Cabin Creek Band
July 28 Sheets Family Band	

5:30 - 7:00pm [www.VisitWestJefferson.org](http://www.VisitWestJefferson.org)  
Downtown West Jefferson on the Backstreet

**SALOON STUDIOS LIVE**

### 2023 CONCERT SERIES

MAY 27TH - FRONTIER DAY  
 JUNE 3RD - PAT TRAVERS BAND  
 JUNE 17TH - FORTUNATE SONS  
 JULY 1ST - TRIAL BY FIRE  
 JULY 8TH - THE RETURN OF EMERSON LAKE AND PALMER  
 JULY 15TH - REV ON  
 JULY 29TH - ON THE BORDER  
 AUGUST 12TH - VANILLA FUDGE  
 AUGUST 26TH - ALEX KEY  
 SEPTEMBER 9TH - SHOOT TO THRILL  
 SEPTEMBER 23RD - THE OUTLAWS

TICKETS ON SALE @ [WWW.SALOONSTUDIOSLIVE.COM](http://WWW.SALOONSTUDIOSLIVE.COM)

**TODD 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** All concerts take place in Cook Memorial Park, downtown Todd. Here's the schedule:

- ❖ July 29 Trailblazers, 6-8:00 pm
- ❖ August 12 Wayne Henderson, 6-8:00 pm



Hear local musicians at iconic Blue Ridge Parkway locations for free! Milepost Music sessions are offered Sundays from 2-4 p.m.

**DOUGHTON PARK**

**MILEPOST 241**

Concerts take place outside near the old Bluffs Lodge on the following dates:

**BLUEWAY TRAIL: EXPERIENCE WILDLIFE FROM THE NEW RIVER** - Come join New River Conservancy on a guided paddle trip to celebrate our NC Trails!

Two trips are scheduled for Saturday, August 5. Both trips will be on the same section, and different times are offered to accommodate the capacity and different options for the day.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../blueway-trail-experience...>





**BLUE RIDGE BRUTAL BIKE RIDE** – Saturday, August 19, 2023, 8am to 3pm. The Blue Ridge Brutal is not for the faint

hearted. All of the Rides - 100, 70, 50 or 25 miles, take you through the Blue Ridge mountains and over many hills. [www.blueridgebrutal.org](http://www.blueridgebrutal.org)



**THE INAUGURAL HELLBENDER BIKE RIDE** will take place on Saturday September 9th, 2023. Riders can choose to participate in

either the 30-mile or 70-mile route, or the Pond Mountain Challenge, each route starts and ends in Historic Downtown Lansing, NC. Each route will take you through the backroads of the most scenic part of Ashe County, North Carolina. Riders will weave through the hills and hollars, past old tobacco barns and homesteads rich with history. To register, head over to [hellbenderbikeride.org](http://hellbenderbikeride.org)



**41ST NEW RIVER CANOE RACE** - The 41st Annual New River Canoe Race and Family Float will be held Saturday, September 23, in Jefferson, NC. Whether you compete, float for fun, or just spectate, come enjoy a beautiful day on the banks of the New River!



5th Annual Craft Beer, Wine & Cider Tasting Festival  
**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

The 5th Annual Stomp and Brew Craft Beer, Wine, Cider, Mead, and Spirits Festival in downtown West Jefferson, NC. This event celebrates the talented brewers, vintners, and distillers in the northwest North Carolina region with a focus on the process of creating craft beer, wine, and ciders. Proceeds go to support "Shoes for Kids" a local organization that provides shoes for children in need here in Ashe County, NC. Enjoy live music, food trucks, local craft vendors, and a classic car show. This event is pet-friendly and 21 or older. [www.StompandBrew.com](http://www.StompandBrew.com).



Check out our website for a more comprehensive list of local events.

Ongoing Ashe County Events

**ASHE COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET** –Saturdays 8am - 1pm Thru October 28.

**GALLERY CRAWL** –Gallery Crawls are back! Crawls will continue July-October every second Friday of the month from 5pm to 7pm in Downtown West Jefferson.

<p>WEST JEFFERSON'S ARTS DISTRICT <b>Gallery Crawl</b> HISTORIC DOWNTOWN</p>		<p><i>Galleries, Unique Shops</i></p>
<p>SECOND FRIDAYS 5-7 PM PARTICIPATING GALLERIES</p>	<p>FINE ARTS &amp; MASTER CRAFTS</p>	<p>Paintings Pottery Photography Stained Glass Quilts Fiber Arts Jewelry Weavings Barn Quilts</p>
<p>ASHE ARTS CENTER ASHE CUSTOM FRAMING &amp; GALLERY CATCHLIGHT GALLERY FLORENCE THOMAS ART SCHOOL NAKED CREEK FARMACY NEW RIVER CONSERVANCY ORIGINALS ONLY WSL STUDIO</p>		



**LANSING FARMERS MARKET** – Fridays 3pm – 7pm April through October at the Creeper Trail in Lansing.

**KOOL NIGHTS & HOT RODS CRUISE-IN** – Blue Ridge Midnight Runners announce their 2023 Kool Nites and Hot Rods Cruise-In dated for 2023. July 15, Aug 19, Sept 23, and Oct 21. 4pm – 8pm Downtown W. Jefferson. For more info call (336) 977-1989.

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.

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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.

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