



Carolina Water Service at Ashe Lake

We have been in contact with Carolina Water Service regarding the water outages in our community.

There are currently 42 homes within Ashe Lake connected to Carolina Water Service. We have scheduled an informational session with their representatives to discuss the future of the water service in our community. It is set for **Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm**. We will send out zoom link a week prior to the meeting to the affected residents.

We encourage all residents who are serviced by Carolina Water Service to plan to attend as they will be providing vital information.

The phone number for Carolina Water Service is **(800) 525-7990**. Customer Service agents are available M-F, 8AM to 5PM ET.

Carolina Water Service Emergencies (800) 525-7990
24 Hrs - 365 Days a Year.

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



Association Dues

Our 2023 association dues were e-mailed during the 2nd week of December. Please remember that your dues are what funds our community and pay for the road maintenance, snow clearing, tree removal, insurance, and community improvements. Without your cooperation and contributions none of these would have been possible. **To date we have received approximately 25% of the 2023 dues.** Thank YOU neighbor for supporting your neighborhood!

Online Dues Payment

Online payment is here!! Beginning with the 2023 billing you will be able to make your ALPO dues payments online. We feel this will make payment of dues an easier process for some, rather than mailing in checks. If you are unable to access the link for online payment – reach out to us and we will resend it.

Updated Contact Information

Has your mailing address, phone number or email address recently changed? Shoot us an email so we can update our records and keep you in the loop of happenings in our community. Please direct any questions, concerns, or requests to AsheLakePOA@gmail.com

Winter Garden

Dreaming of spring? Just because you can't start planting yet doesn't mean you can't get a head start on your Spring Garden. Here are some things you can do to get ahead:

- Give your garden tools a good cleaning and sharpening.
- Get your seed orders in if you haven't already to ensure you get what you want.
- Collect all of your seed starting equipment together so you'll be ready to go. You will need lights, heat mats, sterile medium, and your preferred pot type.
- Wash and sterilize seed-starting containers.
- Start your first seeds inside for broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, eggplant, lettuce, onions, and parsley. Most perennial flowers should be started inside by the end of the month as well.
- You can also start inside flowers and herbs that have a long germination period, like rosemary, snapdragons, and begonias.
- If you aren't a carpenter, now is a good time to try a straw bale cold frame.
- If you have the space, plan to grow an extra row of food to share with those less fortunate in your area.
- Give your Valentine a plant or a gift certificate for garden supplies.



Local Pet Food Pantry Expands

In partnership with Ashe County Animal Control, Randy Marion Ford of West Jefferson has opened up a pet food pantry to help both owners and pets in need. Pet pantry's are now located at Randy Marion Ford of West Jefferson, Creative Printers, Backstreet Subs and Fifth Third Bank.

According to Krista Harrold with Randy Marion's Public Relations, those in need can pick up one bag per week. One of the employees at each pantry will get a bag at your request. To donate or pick up a bag, visit Randy Marion Ford of West Jefferson at 409 E Second Street in West Jefferson, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Advice from an Old Farmer

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

- Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
- Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..
- Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

Happy Valentine's Day

The concept of Valentine's Day stems from the Roman festival of Lupercalia, which used to be celebrated from February 13-15. On this day, men would take off their clothes before sacrificing a goat or a dog. The hide of the sacrificed goat would be then dipped in its blood and used by the men to whip young women. It was believed that this helped boost the fertility of the women. Following this, young women would put their names in an urn to be paired with a man through a lottery system. Some pairs would even get married after this day.



The ALPO Board would like to wish you a beautiful day filled with all the love and happiness you deserve.

Ashe Lake Events

We are busy planning exciting social and clean-up opportunities for 2023. If you have any ideas, you would like us to consider and include please let us know.



Ashe County & Surround Events

Ski and Snowboarding Season - Check out our "local" ski resorts for some skiing, snowboarding, tubing, or a hot chocolate. Season runs Mid-November to March

Appalachian Ski Mountain **Wolf Ridge Ski Resort**
Sugar Mountain Ski Resort **Beech Mountain Resort**

A Life of Sorrow, the Life and Times of Carter Stanley

Sunday, February 19, 2023 At 2:30 Pm – 4:30 Pm

1 N Jefferson Ave, West Jefferson. TICKETS \$10 EACH! For more information and to buy on-line

tickets: <https://appalachianmemorykeepers.org/>

A fundraiser for Appalachian Memory Keepers, this one-man show uses a mix of storytelling & music to tell the story of Carter Stanley.

ASHE BASH 2023 - Free concert on Saturday May 6, @ 7PM featuring THE STEEL WHEELS and Presley Barker!! Free Shuttles & Parking! Food Trucks available on site. 150 Government Circle, Jefferson. *Family-Friendly, No Alcohol, No pets.



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.