



## Carolina Water Service at Ashe Lake

If your property is serviced by Carolina Water Service you are aware that they have had many issues with our water system lately. There have been numerous leaks throughout the community and the freeze of December 23/24, 2022, only made the issues worse.

We encourage all residents who are serviced by Carolina Water Service to be diligent in reaching out to them in the event of an outage, and stay on top of them until the repairs are completed.

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.

Leaks have been fixed on Holiday Lane, and several other roads. Several tanker trucks of water have been brought to the well tanks located on Holiday Lane, Beaver Creek and Dawnview. As of today (1/9/2023) Carolina Water Service states that all properties should have water.



## Association Dues

Our 2023 association dues were e-mailed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Please remember that your dues are what funds our community and pay for the road maintenance, snow clearing, tree clearing, lake maintenance, insurance, and community improvements. Without your cooperation and contributions none of these would have been possible.

**With our limited funds ALPO will not provide snow clearing to access your property if your 2023 dues are not current.**

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)

## 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.





## Bobcat at Beaver Creek Dam



A bobcat was recently sighted on trail-cam on Beaver Dam. Please keep this in mind with regards to your pets.

## Beaver Damage and Removal

We have contracted with a trapper, and 18 beavers have been removed from the Lake and Beaver Creek. Beavers are considered nuisance animals in NC as they can cause considerable damage.



## Winter Gardening

### **Frost Flowers**

Every year come November and early December, the weather turns cold in these mountains and hollers! The final leaves fall. The last of the green grass begins to fade. And for a brief time, a rare treasure begins to bloom in the woods and fields: frost flowers. Frost flowers aren't actual flowers, of course. But they sure do look like beautiful ice blooms! Frost flowers only form when the sap of the plant stem freezes, but the wet ground it is growing in hasn't yet frozen. The sap expands in its frozen state and forms long, thin cracks along the length of the plant stem. Capillary action pulls water up from the ground to these cracks, where it freezes as soon as it contacts the air. The frozen water is pushed into thin sheets as more water is drawn up behind it, and the thin petal of the ice blossom forms.



## 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](mailto:AsheLakePOA@gmail.com)

## 2023 Message from ALPO Board

On this New Year, may you change your direction and not dates, change your commitments and not the calendar, change your attitude and not the actions, and bring about a change in your faith, your force, and your focus and not the fruit. May you live up to the promises you have made and may you create for you and your loved ones the happiest New Year ever.



## Celebrity Sighting



Pitbull (Mr. 305) was sighted at Boondocks Brewery and at Blackjack's Pub in Downtown over the holiday break. Proof that Ashe County truly is the coolest corner of NC.

## 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**

**The Kruger Brothers** will be performing at the Ashe Civic Center in West Jefferson on January 28th & 29th 2023 at 7:30pm & 2pm.

Tickets still available at <https://buff.ly/3EqDHe5>

**Grandfather Mountain offers two opportunities to enjoy 'Sunset at the Swinging Bridge' this winter**

Back by popular demand, Grandfather Mountain, the not-for-profit nature park run by the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation, is offering two sunset experiences in winter 2023. These special events, titled "Sunset at the Swinging Bridge," will provide guests with the rare opportunity to be in the park outside of regular operating hours and to hopefully experience a lovely sunset from the bridge's lofty vantage point. The two separate events are Saturday, Feb. 18, and Saturday, March 11. Admission to each event is \$40 for general admission, \$24 for children (ages 4-12) and \$14 for members of Grandfather Mountain's Bridge Club. Event tickets include an entire day's access to Grandfather Mountain, with regular park hours being 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trails close at 4 p.m.



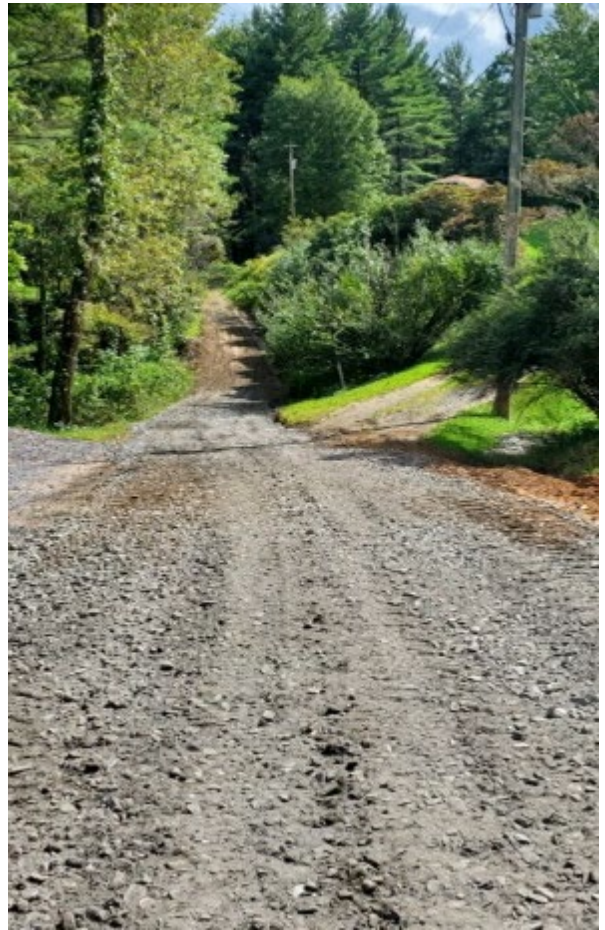
## 2022 Year in Review



Safety mirrors added at entrances.



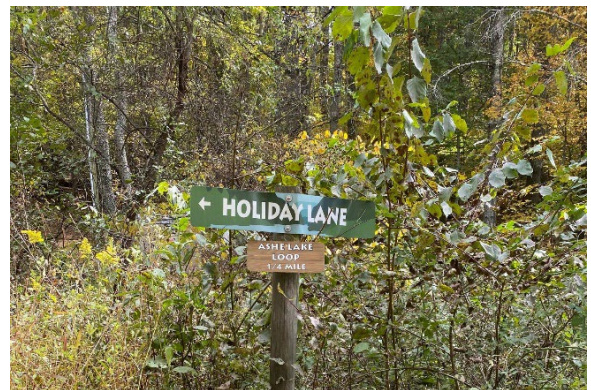
Improvements at dock access.



New gravel and water-break on Freedom Trail.



Association picnic



Ashe Lake Loop

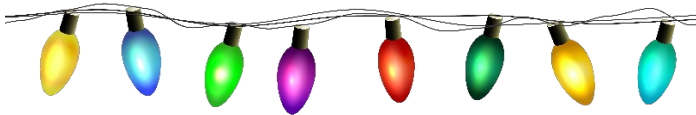


Santa at Ashe Lake  
Saturday, December 10, 2022

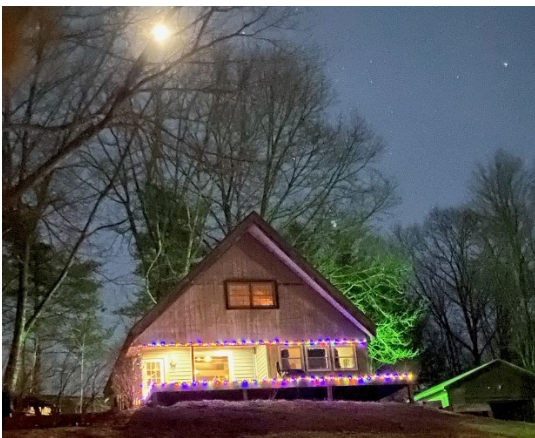
Santa and the Grinch made a special appearance at Ashe Lake on Saturday December 10, 2022. Ashe Lake welcomed them with open arms and hot cocoa and cookies. All kids received a small toy compliments of Ashe Lake residents Bibi and Mike. A great time was had by all.



Walking Trails



**2022 HOLIDAY  
LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER**



Tim and Amanda Gouge - 273 Chestnut Drive

**Prize:** \$ 50.00 gift certificate to Kristin's Hook'd on Smoke Food Truck. Recently voted Carolina's Finest Food truck by Carolina Country magazine.







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.