



ALPO NEWSLETTER

July 2023

2023 Annual Meeting

Our 2023 Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 24pm at Midway Baptist Church. 33 members and 5 observers were present. The ALPO Board also possessed 24 proxy votes from members who were not in attendance.

Many items of community interest were discussed including road maintenance and repairs, ditch work, parking at ALPO dock, correction of ALPO deeds, beaver removal, kayak storage, and illegal dumping.

The outgoing Board stressed the importance of making ongoing road maintenance / improvements a priority.

The 2023 ALPO Board was elected by unanimous decision as follows:

Joe Livingston – President

Reed Rozier – Vice-President

Jeremy Walker – Member-at-Large

Bibi Villazon will continue her role as ALPO secretary.



The 2024 ALPO Annual Meeting was set for Saturday.

June 22, 2024, at 1pm at Midway Baptist Church.

2023/2024 ALPO Executive Board

Joe Livingston – President



I'm a recently retired Mechanical Engineer/Manager in the process of building my home in the Ashe Lake community. I am a year-round Ashe County resident. I'm a graduate of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and spent my career in the

Dallas, TX metroplex. I have represented my employers' interests on International Telecommunications Standards committees for 5+ years and chaired an international design software-users' group to drive further development of the software's capability for 4+ years.

Ashe County "High Country" is like a homecoming for me, having grown up in Caldwell County NC, at the foot of the mountains. I'm an avid bicyclist, fisherman, and

woodworker. I volunteer locally with the Keep Ashe Beautiful organization.

I'm excited about the opportunity to work with others to maintain and improve Ashe Lake and our unique High-Country community.

Reed Rozier – Vice-President



I grew up about 4 hours southeast of Ashe County in Fayetteville. My family always vacationed in the mountains every summer

when I was young. Around 2000 my Dad bought a camper at Greenfield Campground and we all just fell in love with the area...so much that I moved here to be a carpenter's helper building log cabins in 2004.

I got my own camper and lived at Greenfield full time from 2004 to 2012. In the meantime, my family bought a house at Ashe Lake in 2007. I was hired by the board to do the landscaping for a few years during that time. I did weed eating at all entrances, up and down many roads, and the dam area...which I can tell you the backside is no easy task!

I graduated from college with my accounting degree in 2011 and had to move away from the area for a job. I came to visit as often as I could and always wanted to move back. When my Mom died in 2020 my wife Joy and I became owners of the house. We moved here full time in the summer of 2022.

I work as an accountant at United Chemi-Con in Lansing. My favorite hobbies are spending time with my wife and our Mini Schnauzer Merlin, fishing, basketball (big Tar Heels fan), and eBay. I hope my experience can be helpful serving on the board this year.



Jeremy Walker – Member-at-Large



My name is Jeremy Walker and I work in sales for a National Commercial Construction Data company called Dodge Construction Network. I'm born and raised in NC and live in Charlotte with my wife, Lindsay, and two children, Gavin (6) and Quinn (4). With most

of my family here locally, the Carolina beaches a few hours away and our wonderful mountains just a couple hours away, I feel blessed that NC has always been my home. Our family joined the community in 2018 when we bought our "home away from home" on the mountain and we always say that was absolutely the best decision we've ever made!

Our kids absolutely love the mountains, and we enjoy taking family and friends every chance we get for long weekends and lasting memories. Last year we purchased our 2nd place in Ashe Lake and as other board members have mentioned, are invested and committed to the preservation and continued improvement of our wonderful mountain community. I'm a huge sports fan and most notably a Tarheel and Panthers fan, avid but not great golfer, and our family loves hiking and biking and everything outdoors! I am looking forward to being part of the 2023-2024 ALPO Board.

Bibi Villazon – Secretary



This will be my second year as Board Secretary, and I love serving my community in this capacity. I am a die-hard DIY'er and often see the potential for what can be done to improve things – but on a budget.

While I love community projects – my favorite contribution to the ALPO community has been our monthly newsletter. I take great pride in the responses and encouragement I have received from the community and look forward to continuing this endeavor.

For 2023/2024 I hope to complete and expand our website to include financials, past newsletters, and ongoing community issues in order to make access to these records as easy as possible.

When not in my garden, I can be found kayaking Ashe Lake.



The incoming ALPO Board would like to thank the 2022 / 2023 ALPO Board for their time and service to our community. This Board brought many improvements to Ashe Lake including revamping of the Association common area, improvements to parking at the ALPO dock, installation of wide angle mirrors at entrances to prevent accidents, and installation of walking/running mile markers to encourage our members to keep moving. They also brought back social activities including Santa Visit to the Lake, community BBQ, and community clean up events. These are all activities that your current Board will strive to continue and expand upon. Thank you, Hollis, Chris, Reed and Bibi, for the time and effort you have put in to making Ashe Lake the hidden gem of Ashe County.

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

Association Dues

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. 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.

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

Community Improvements

Kayak Rack

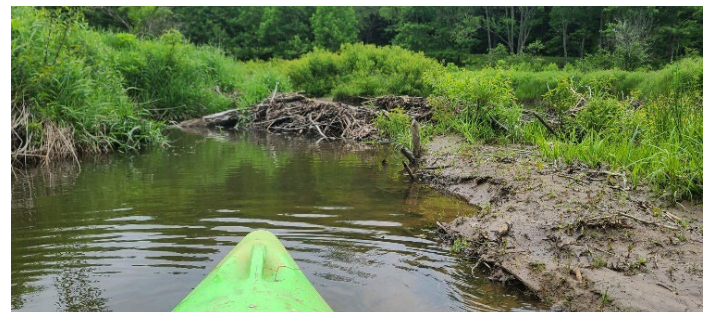
We will be extending the arms on the existing kayak racks at the lake to better accommodate larger kayaks. We ask that if you store your kayak at the Community racks that you make sure the kayaks are off the road so as to not be an obstruction to traffic.

Expanded Parking at Ashe Dock

We plan on expanding the angle parking at the community dock to allow for more vehicles. Look forward to this work to be completed prior to the 4th of July.

Beaver Dams

We have contracted to clean up the beaver dams on the North side of the Lake. We hope for this to be finished prior to July 4th. If you see beaver damage or beavers at work, please let us know.



Beaver dams at the North end of lake before culverts.

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 improvements. We will be meeting with the Road Contractor next week and hope to get started after the Holiday week.

If you have specific concerns about the roads, please do not hesitate to contact us and voice them.



Ashe County Trash Stickers

Ashe County Environmental Services Department will begin enforcement of the sticker system and requiring a sticker for vehicles entering and using a convenience center.

- ❖ Summer 2023: Strict enforcement will begin and those without stickers will be turned away or fined.

Have questions about how this system will work?

Please email: trashstickers@ashecountygov.com or call 336-846-5554

New ALPO Website / Contact Information

We are working on our new website:

www.myashelake.com

Your source for information, events, and community updates and events.

ALPO now has a local phone number should you wish to reach us.

336-649-6226 / ashelakepoa@gmail.com



Choosing the Right Plants for July Planting

When it comes to planting in July, choosing the right plants is key to a successful harvest. Whether you're planting vegetables, herbs, or flowers, there are certain things to

keep in mind to ensure that your plants thrive in the summer heat.

Vegetables - When it comes to vegetables, there are plenty of options for planting in July. Bush beans, cucumbers and summer squash are all great choices, as they will continue to produce throughout the summer. Root vegetables like carrots and turnips can also be planted in July for a fall harvest. If you're looking for something a little different, consider planting heat-loving vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and okra. These plants thrive in hot weather and will produce an abundant harvest if cared for properly

Herbs - July is a great time to plant herbs like basil, cilantro, and parsley. These fast-growing herbs can be started from seed or purchased as young plants and will continue to produce throughout the summer. Other herbs to consider planting in July include dill, oregano, and thyme. These herbs are also fast-growing and can be used in a variety of dishes.

Flowers - If you are looking to add some color to your garden, there are plenty of flowers that can be planted in July. Cornflowers, sweet rocket, and Iceland poppies are all great options for adding some color to your garden.

Perennials like daylilies, and coneflowers can also be planted in July for a beautiful display year after year.

When choosing flowers to plant in July, it's important to consider the climate in your area. Heat-loving flowers like marigolds and zinnias will thrive in hot weather, while others like pansies and snapdragons prefer cooler temperatures.

Lake Safety Tips

As summertime approaches, friends and family head to the lake for fun on the water. While those long lake days conjure up images of bathing suits, sunscreen, fishing and kayaking, we can't forget that a lovely lake day could quickly turn dangerous when safety isn't top of mind. Keep your loved ones safe on the water by learning and following these safety tips.

1. **Tell someone** where you are going, when you expect to return, and where to call if you don't.

2. **Wear a properly fitted Personal Flotation Device (PFD)** at all times when you are in or near the Lake.
3. **Be prepared for extremes** in weather, especially cold. Know about the dangers of hypothermia and how to deal with it. Know early signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and dehydration in hot weather.
4. Reduce the threat of injury by **wearing protective footwear and proper clothing.**
5. Carry a **first aid kit and know how to use it.** Learn or review medical aid responsibilities and CPR.

Ashe Lake Events

We are working on exciting new events in Ashe Lake! In the upcoming year we would like to host the following events / activities:

Ashe Lake Fishing Tournament

Kayaking-with-Friends

Summer BBQs

Evening Socials

Community Clean Up Days

Santa at the Lake

Christmas Lights Contest

Ashe Lake Walking Club

Ashe Lake Garden Club / Plant Share

Community Projects

If there is a community activity you would like to see, please reach out to us!

Ashe County & Surrounds Events

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

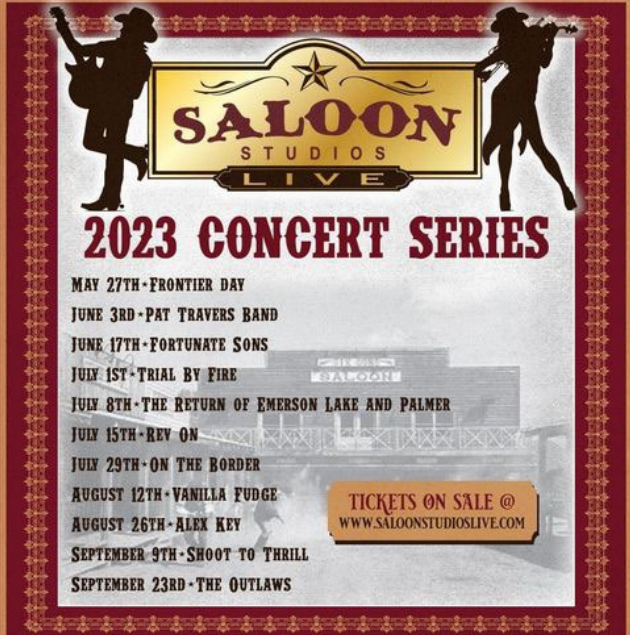
West Jefferson Community Partnership Presents the 12th Annual

BackStreet Park Summer Concerts

FREE • MUSIC IN THE PARK • ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

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| May 26 | Rock Bottom Bluegrass Band | Aug. 4 | Special Trail Towns Double Concert! |
| 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
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



TODD COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION

Summer Music SERIES 2023

COOK MEMORIAL PARK / TODD, NC
6-8 PM / FREE

Bring a lawn chair or blanket / Food, snacks & beverages for sale
For more info, visit toddcnc.org

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

- ❖ July 4 King Bees, 11:30 am (after the Liberty Parade)
- ❖ July 15 Lucky Strikes, 6-8:00 pm
- ❖ July 29 Trailblazers, 6-8:00 pm
- ❖ August 12 Wayne Henderson, 6-8:00 pm

CHRISTMAS IN JULY opens on June 30, 2023, this marks its 35th year for Ashe County's longest running festival. The festival received the designation of "Finest Festival" by Carolina Country magazine in 2022.



Family-Friendly

CHRISTMAS IN JULY Festival

FREE ADMISSION

Entertainment Schedule

Friday, June 30
Opening Ceremony, Entertainment & Food

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| 5:30-6:45 PM | Steve Lewis, Josh Scott, Eric Hardin & Randy Greer |
| 7:00-8:15 PM | Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Rd. |
| 8:30-10:00 PM | Special Occasion Band |

Saturday, July 1 Full Festival
Crafts, Food, Farmers Market, Entertainment & Children's Activities

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| 10:00-11:30 AM | Jeff Little Trio |
| 11:45 AM-1:45 PM | Tim Elliott |
| 2:15 - 3:15 PM | Wayne Henderson & Friends |
| 3:30 - 4:30 PM | Lucky Strikes Orchestra |

New and Returning Food Vendors
Juried Arts and Crafts
Ashe Farmers Market Children's Activities

Shops, galleries, restaurants, and more await your discovery
 Downtown West Jefferson



TODD LIBERTY PARADE AND CONCERT

The July 4th Todd Liberty Parade is back! The theme is Nature's Wonderland and all are invited to don a costume and walk in the parade. All costumes are provided. If you are walking in the parade, please be at the big field at the corner of I-94 and Todd Railroad Grade Road by 10:00 am. The parade goes through downtown Todd ending at Cook Park with a concert by the King Bees. Food available for purchase. Parking is \$5/car.

Tue Jul 04, 2023 from 11:00 am - 01:30 pm

Downtown Todd - 3865 Todd Railroad Grade Road, Todd, NC

See the festival map for parking below. There will also be parking at the Ashe Farmers market. Different non-profit organizations will operate the lots as a fund raiser for their organization.



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW - The Ashe County Parks & Recreation Fireworks Show will be held at 368 Ray Hill Drive, West Jefferson. The show will begin at approximately 9:30 pm on Tuesday, July 4th. Parking is available at: Ashe County High School, Old Lowes Foods, Wal-Mart, Lowes Hardware State Farm Insurance, Ashe Civi Center, Skybest Security (Mount Jefferson Road, Skyline National Bank, Goodwill, Auto Zone (after 8pm), Steve Johnson Auto World, Lifestore Bank, First National Bank and Main Street West Jefferson. If you have any questions please call (336) 982-



N.C. FOREST SERVICE TREE SEEDLINGS TO GO ON SALE JULY 5 - The N.C. Forest Service will begin accepting orders July 5 for its annual tree seedling sale. With an average annual production of 16 million seedlings, the NCFS Nursery Program produces enough native and genetically improved tree seedlings to plant roughly 30,000 acres of land each year.

- Tree seedlings can be ordered from the online seedling store at www.buynctrees.com.
- Tree seedlings can also be ordered by phone at 1-888-NCTREES (1-888-628-7337) or 919-731-7988.
- A user-friendly online catalog will soon be available at <https://www.ncforestservice.gov/nursery/NurseryandTreeImprovement.htm>. Seedling catalogs will also be available at local NCFS offices beginning in July.

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

We will lead two trips on 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. The first trip will meet at New River State Park - Elk Shoals at 9 am and plan to return by approximately 12:30 pm. The second trip will meet at New River State Park - Elk Shoals at 1:00 pm and plan to return by approximately 5:00 pm.

<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



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



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:

June 25: Gap Civil

July 23: Luke Mears & Friend

August 27: Mac Walker

September 24: Mountain Laurels



FULL SCHEDULE AT BLUERIDGEMUSICCENTER.ORG



41ST ANNUAL 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. Tickets are available by visiting www.StompandBrew.com.

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.

WEST JEFFERSON'S ARTS DISTRICT
Gallery Crawl
 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

*Galleries,
Unique Shops*

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| SECOND FRIDAYS 5-7 PM PARTICIPATING GALLERIES ASHE ARTS CENTER ASHE CUSTOM FRAMING & GALLERY CATCHLIGHT GALLERY FLORENCE THOMAS ART SCHOOL NAKED CREEK FARMACY NEW RIVER CONSERVANCY ORIGINALS ONLY WSL STUDIO | FINE ARTS & MASTER CRAFTS <i>Paintings</i> <i>Pottery</i> <i>Photography</i> <i>Stained</i> <i>Glass</i> <i>Quilts</i> <i>Fiber Arts</i> <i>Jewelry</i> <i>Weavings</i> <i>Barn Quilts</i> |
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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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