



NEWSLETTER March 2023

Community Changes and Improvements

Road Repairs and Maintenance

Road repairs and maintenance will be ongoing thru winter and into spring as our road contractor concentrating on getting the main roads winter ready.

We have purchased new water breaks and have begun installation at the trouble spots to prevent run-off, and culverts will be repaired as needed.

Beavers at Ashe Lake



18 beavers were removed from Ashe Lake during the Fall/Winter season. As we enter into Spring and the lake gets busier we ask that you keep an eye out for other beavers and notify us if you see them so we can have them removed. Beavers are a nuisance animal and can destroy all the trees around the lake and change the flow of water on the streams.

Carolina Water Service at Ashe Lake

Informational session with Carolina Water Service representatives to discuss the future of the water service in our community. **Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm.** An email with Zoom link will be sent out by Friday, March 10 for homeowners who have service thru CWS. If you do not receive this email please reach out to us.

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.

New ALPO Website

We are working on our new website:

www.myashelake.com

It will be your source for information, events, and community updates. You can also use our website to contact us, request your balance, and sign up for events.



Ashe Lake Ownership

The ALPO Board is taking steps to ensure that our Lake remains open to Ashe Lake residents and owners in perpetuity. Following advice from Legal counsel, the Lake will be dedicated to the community via a Deed Restriction. This change ensures that the Lake cannot be sold and will remain a vibrant part of our community.

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

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 35% 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.

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

Dreaming of Spring Garden

As we get closer to Spring (March 20, 2023), below are some gardening chores for March:

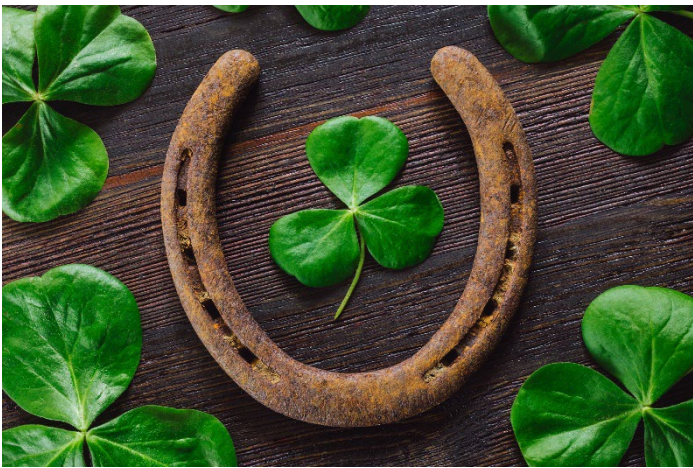
- Plant peas, potatoes and parsley towards the end of the month directly in the garden.
- If you haven't already, now is a great time to prune your fruit trees, berry bushes, and other woody ornamentals on your property. You want to complete this while still dormant and before spring growth begins.
- Direct sow outdoors seeds like Nigella, Poppy, and Larkspur so they get a few weeks of cold temps which will aid in their germination.
- The longer days and shorter nights will stimulate your houseplants to start growing again. Now is a good time to repot them if needed and give them a good feeding.
- Start transplants indoors of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant and any other cool season veg you'd like to grow.
- On nice days, turn your compost pile. Resist working your garden soil! Working soil when it is still too cold and wet creates compacted clots.
- Clean up any leftover dried debris from garden beds and toss in the compost pile.
- Place birdhouses built this winter outdoors this month. Birds will begin looking for nesting sites soon.
- Get a soil tester if you haven't already done so.
- Towards the end of March, remove winter protection from any perennials you had in place, and pull back mulch from strawberry and asparagus beds so they can push through easily. Side-dress you asparagus with a gentle, natural, nitrogen fertilizer.



Luck of the Irish

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.



May you be blessed with a pot of gold that offers you happiness, prosperity and luck!

Spring Equinox

The first day of spring is **Monday, March 20, 2023, at 5:24 p.m. EDT**. Traditionally, we celebrate the first day of spring on March 21, but astronomers and calendar manufacturers alike now say that the spring season starts on March 20th, in all time zones in North America. Regardless of what the weather is doing outside, spring equinox marks the official start of the spring season.



Household Chores You Should Do This Spring

- **Change Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Batteries.** Changing batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors takes only a few minutes but it can mean the difference between life and death.
- **Change Interior HVAC Air Filters.** If you haven't been changing the filters in your heating and air conditioning system regularly, do it now. Clean filters reduce the wear and tear on your furnace and improve the quality of the air you are breathing.
- **Inspect Washing Machine Water Hoses.** Rubber or vinyl washing machine hoses are a ticking time bomb that will one day rupture. This is the time to check hoses for minor leaks that can become big ones.
- **Clean Clothes Dryer Vents.** Even if you have emptied your clothes dryer lint filter after every load, there is still a great deal of lint that has entered the dryer ducts
- **Drain Sediment From Water Heater Tank.** Unless you have a tankless water heater, sediment can collect in the bottom of a water heater, causing mechanical problems and even leaks. Every six months, a standard water heater should have a partial draining.
- **Do Some Pest Control.** After long months of cold weather, everyone is ready to get outside, including the insects, rodents, and other pests that have been hibernating snug inside your walls or beneath the floors. Warm spring weather will bring them to life again, allowing you to spot problem areas.
- **Clean Gutters and Downspouts.** Leaving gutters and downspouts packed with leaves and pine straw not only looks messy, but it can also cause leaks, moisture and mildew problems, and rotting wood.
- **Inspect the Roof.** Winter winds, rains, and snow can cause problems. Do a complete roof inspection to look for loose shingles, cracks, or broken seals around pipes.
- **Clean Your Patio and Sidewalks.** You'll be spending lots of time on that patio and this is the perfect time to get it into shape for summer. Get rid of winter mud and mildew from patios and walkways. A pressure-washer is the tool of choice for *concrete* or mortared brick surfaces.

Ashe Lake Events



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Keep Ashe Beautiful will be holding their 2023 county-wide **Spring Litter Sweep** on Saturday, April 1.

This is a great opportunity to get outside with your family, friends and co-workers and help cleanup this beautiful place we all call home. We will be volunteering to clean-up Kettle Knob from 163 to the entrances of our community.

Meet at the community dock at 9am.

We will be picking up supplies – safety yellow t-shirts, trash pickers, gloves, first aid kit, trash bags and drive safely signs. Contact us to sign up for this effort so that we can get supplies for everyone.

If you would like to volunteer for future KAB events go to the KAB website www.KeepAsheBeautiful.org and click on the registration link or just send an email to KeepAsheBeautiful@gmail.com.

Let's get together this spring to Keep Ashe Beautiful!

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. We are looking forward to a Spring Fling, Clean Up Events, Fishing Tournament, and many more.

Ashe Lake Property Owners Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm

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



Ashe County & Surrounds Events



FRIENDS CORNER
in the library has lots of great-looking and varied cookbooks on sale for \$1 each! Sale lasts until the last book is sold!

YOUTH TROUT DERBY SET - The 2023 Ashe County Parks and Recreation Youth Trout Derby will be happening on Saturday, March 25 from 7 a.m. until noon at Ashe Park, located at 527 Ashe Park Road in Jefferson. It is free for children of all ages to enter and there will be prizes given to the biggest catch.



IRISH IN ASHE COUNTY – Friday March 17 from 5pm to 7pm at The Old Store at Grassy Creek, 710 Grassy Ck Rd, Grassy Creek. Join us on St. Patty's Day, Friday March 17th from 5-7pm to hear local historian Josh Beckworth dispel some myths and celebrate unheralded contributions. Afterwards, listen to old time Irish-influenced music courtesy of the Poison Branch Band. We will also have some St. Patty's Day themed refreshments.

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 Event, No Alcohol, No pets.



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

- ❖ June 24 Burnette Sisters, 6-8:00 pm
- ❖ 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



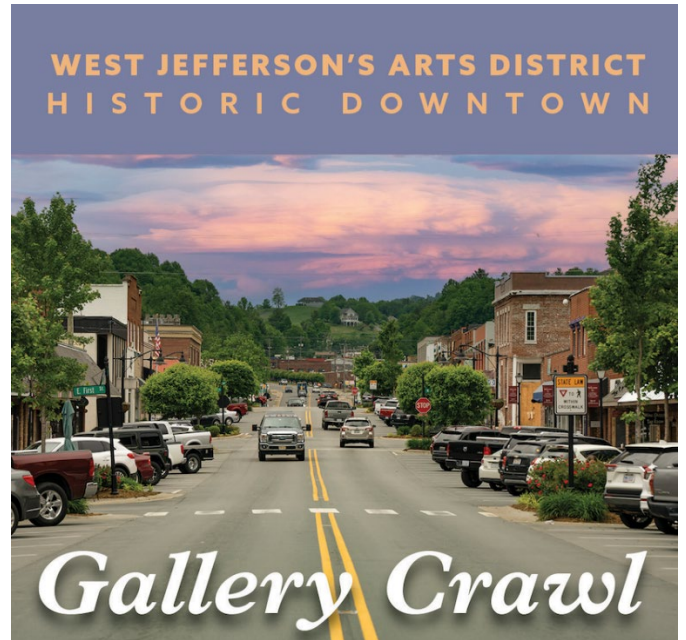
Lansing Farmers Market – Fridays 1pm – 5pm April thru October at the Creeper Trail in Lansing.

KOOL NIGHTS & HOT RODS CRUISE-IN – Blue Ridge Midnight Runners announce their 2023 Kool Nites and Hot Rods Cruise-In dated for 2023. April 22, May 27, June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 23, and Oct 21. 4pm – 8pm Downtown W. Jefferson. For more info call (336) 977-1989.



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. This year, it promises to be one to remember. For more information and updates visit www.christmasinjulyfestival.com to learn more about the music lineup, food vendors, fun, and festivities planned. Make plans to visit Downtown West Jefferson on June 30 and July 1, 2023.



GALLERY CRAWL –Gallery Crawls are back! The Ashe County Arts Council announces the first crawl of the season on Friday, June 10 from 5 pm – 7 pm in Downtown West Jefferson. Crawls will continue July-October every second Friday of the month.

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. Registration for the Blue Ridge Brutal will open March 1st 2023. www.blueridgebrutal.org



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.

Ongoing Ashe County Events

Ashe County Farmer's Market – Starting April 8 Saturdays 8am -1pm Thru October 28.