



Community Changes and Improvements

Road Repairs and Maintenance

Road repairs and maintenance continue with our new road contractor. If you see areas of concern – reach out to us and we will add to our ongoing list.



Beavers at Ashe Lake



As we enter into Spring/Summer and the lake gets busier we ask that you keep an eye out for beavers and notify us 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.

Dumping of Trash

We recently found trash had been dumped on the side of the Lake by the waterfall. Not only is dumping of trash illegal, but it poses a threat to our water quality, it can endanger wildlife, make our drinking water unsafe, and threaten the water we swim and fish in. Illegal dumping can be expensive with substantial fines being assessed, even for minor or first-time violations.

We encourage everyone to stay vigilant to further instances of illegal dumping within our community, and if you see it happening take photographs, and inform us or the authorities.

ALPO will prosecute any instance of illegal dumping within our community to the full extent of the law!



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

Outstanding 2023 association dues will be mailed out shortly. 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

Gardening

The West Jefferson library has a seed collection that allows Ashe County residents to go and get heirloom seeds for free. Vegetables and herbs galore, and all of them non-GMO and heirloom. Many of the seeds that are in the collection are from the ASU seed farms, and donated. Ya'll get to plantin! <http://seedlibrary.brwia.org>

Lake and Kayak Safety



As our Summer Kayak season begins we'd like to remind you of some basic precautions when using Ashe Lake. Follow these simple safety guidelines for many happy returns:

- Plan a trip within your capabilities
- Research weather before heading to the Lake
- Bring essential safety gear
- Dress for immersion
- Don't go solo

Our kayak racks located next to the Lake access are there for all Ashe Lake property owners to use. We do recommend securing your kayak to the rack as a means of prevention.



Four-footed residents of Ashe Lake enjoying the warming waters! (Pictured: Tora, Thor and Bandit).

New ALPO Website

We are working on our new website:

www.myashelake.com

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



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Keep Ashe Beautiful held their 2023 county-wide **Spring Litter Sweep** in **April**.



Joe Livingston picks up trash along Nettle Knob. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication Joe!!



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



Our Annual meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. If you need to pay your 2023/2024 Annual dues please arrive by 12:30pm in order to do so.

Our Annual Meeting Agenda and Proxy forms are included in this mailing, and will also be re-sent as we near our meeting date.

Please note that while we encourage all Ashe Lake property owners to attend our annual meeting, in order to be heard, or to vote for the 2023/2024 Board of Directors **your dues must be current.**

We encourage all Ashe Lake Property Owners to be involved in the running of our community. If you would like to volunteer for any of our elected positions please reach out to Hollis Fedrick prior to our annual meeting as there are some requirements to candidacy.



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. Beginning in Summer 2023 Ashe will begin 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.

Ashe Lake Events

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.

ashelakepoa@gmail.com

Ashe County & Surrounds Events

The West Jefferson Community Partnership announces the 2023 Summer Backstreet Concert lineup. These free concerts are held on the Backstreet in downtown WJ.

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
Downtown West Jefferson on the Backstreet



SPRING VENDOR FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 28th, 1-6pm
Old Barn Winery
2152 Beaver Creek School Road, West Jefferson

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POTTERY • JEWELRY • CANDLES
LEATHER GOODS • STAINED GLASS
PLANTS • WOOD ART • CLOTHING
HOME GOODS • AND MORE!




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

Starting with **FRONTIER DAY** - a full day of cowboy gun fights, authentic cowboy music, and demonstrations of 19th Century crafts, Saturday, May 27, Saloon Studios opens the 2023 Summer line-up. Gates will open at 10 a.m. and events run through 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 if purchased online at <https://saloonstudioslive.com> and \$25 at the gate. Children under 12 have free admission.

FEAST FOR THE ARTS FUNDRAISER

Join us for an evening in support of the arts!
with special guest
STONE'S THROW
in concert



THURSDAY, JUNE 1 | Tickets: \$75

Feast for the Arts Fundraiser

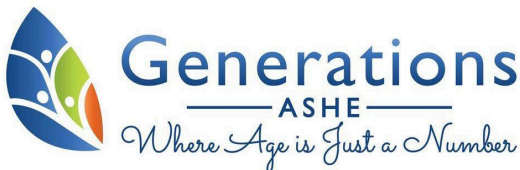
Thursday, June 1, 6:30 pm
Ashe Arts Center, 303 School Avenue, West Jefferson
An evening of music, food, and good company! Guests will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, complimentary wine, and a special concert with Stone's Throw, a Celtic Trio featuring Diana Stone - violin, Margaret Walters - flute, and Dr. Martha Hill - Celtic harp. \$75 per ticket. RSVP required, space is limited.





3 Redneck Tenors: Broadway Bound
Saturday, June 10
Ashe Civic Center

The 3 Redneck Tenors are a new breed in the "tenor genre" – their musical comedy features classically trained veteran artists. Written by opera-veteran Matthew Lord with music arranged by award-winning composer Craig Bohmler, and starring Mr. Lord, Blake Davidson, and Steven Sanders, 3 Redneck Tenors will delight you all.



**** FREE COMMUNITY YOGA CLASSES ****

Every Thursday, starting March 16
 Class Times: 9:00 - 10:00am and 10:30 - 11:30am
 Location: Generations Ashe
 Level: The classes are VERY GENTLE and appropriate for everybody.

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

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

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 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 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



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

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

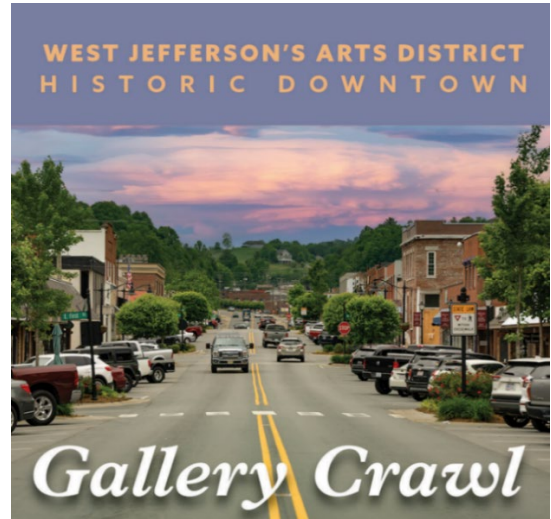


5th Annual Craft Beer, Wine & Cider Tasting Festival
Saturday, October 7, 2023

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 – Starting April 8 Saturdays 8am -1pm Thru October 28.



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.



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. 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.



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.