



ALPO NEWSLETTER

November 2023

ALPO Website / Contact Information

Our website is up and running. To date we have received over 3,500 visitors! This combined with our local phone number will make it easier to stay up to date with everything that is going on in your community.

www.myashelake.com

ashelakepoa@gmail.com

336-649-6226

Get the most up-to-date details and information thru our website.

Association Dues

Remember that your dues are what funds our community and pay for 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!

Road Improvements

Our second round of road repairs are scheduled for the week of October 30th. As with previous work, the ALPO Board has surveyed the state of all platted roads within Ashe Lake, and have formulated a plan that considers road status as well as traffic volume. Wolverine Excavation will be working on these areas. Thru-traffic will be maintained, however delays may be unavoidable and will be minimized.

We realize that the roads are a priority for all homeowners. We believe that the current capital improvement plan will minimize requirements for ongoing road maintenance and will benefit all of Ashe Lake in the long run. Thank you for your patience with our progress.

Please contact ALPO at 336-649-6226, or ashelakepoa@gmail.com with your concerns, and to advise of any emergency road issues.

Ashe Lake Water Levels & Dam Condition

You may have noticed that the water levels in the Lake are lower than usual. The State of North Carolina is in a drought, with Ashe County experiencing the 25th driest September in 129 years of records. Despite low rain, we are concerned with the Lake level.



NC Department of Environmental Quality sent two inspectors to visit the dam on Tuesday, October 17th. They have provided us with a Notice of Inspection which lists several items we are working to remedy. Foremost on this list is the condition of the gate valve of the dam which is not operational at this time. We have no way to restrict flow thru the Gate Valve of the dam, until it is repaired, which unfortunately will result in lower water levels unless we get rain.

ALPO has engaged with a specialty contracting firm that focuses on dam repair, inspection, and construction. They are scheduled to complete their site assessment of our Lake and dam within the next three weeks, and upon completion we the loss of water level will be remedied. They will also provide us with a maintenance plan to keep our structures in the best shape possible, as well as addressing the other items mentioned by the State. We have already completed some of the punch list items provided by the State such as replacing the locks, and removal of debris from the dam structures.

From the information we have gathered it appears that no maintenance has been performed on the dam structures / mechanisms since 2017. If you have any historical information regarding the dam, maintenance, reports, etc we ask that you reach out to the Board and help us preserve this much cherished asset.

While this work is ongoing - we recommend that property owners on the Lake consider this time for dock maintenance or removal of dilapidated docks and debris. The work will be easier (and cheaper) to do while the water levels are low and the dock substructures are exposed.

The stake in the below photo marks the water level as of Wednesday, October 25th, 2023.



For reference the below photo shows lake water levels in 2015/2016 due to a drought summer. There was no intervention by ALPO and the Lake bounced back.

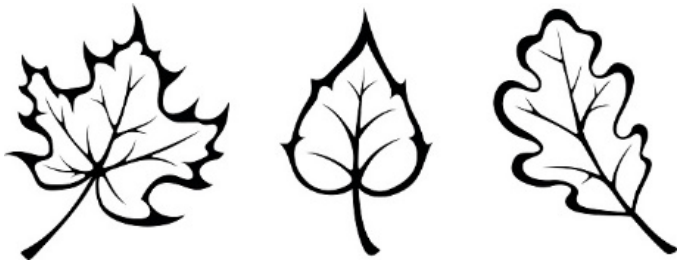


Keep Ashe Beautiful!

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

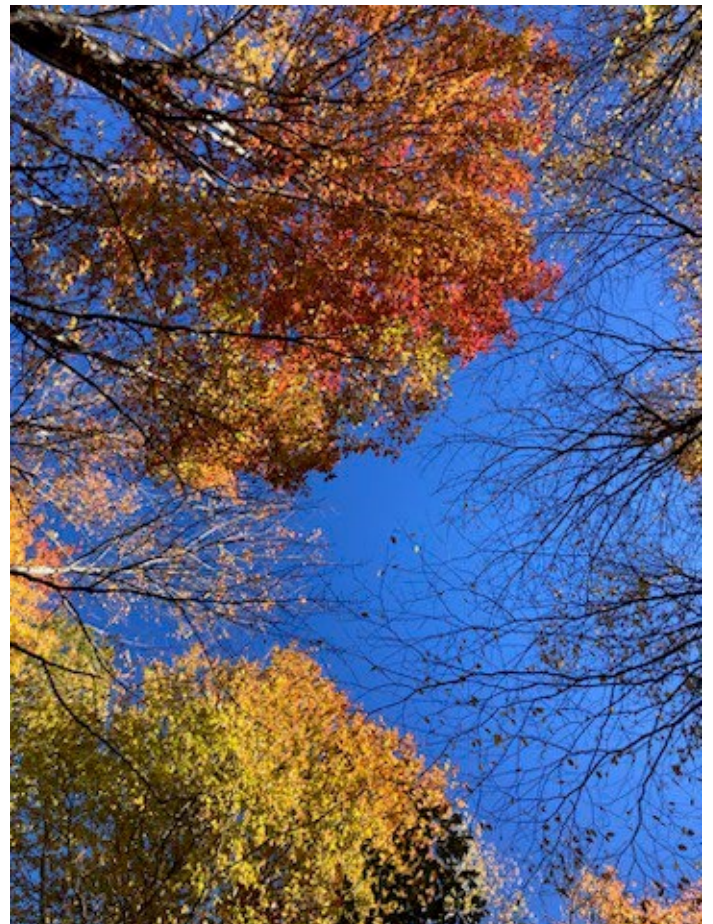
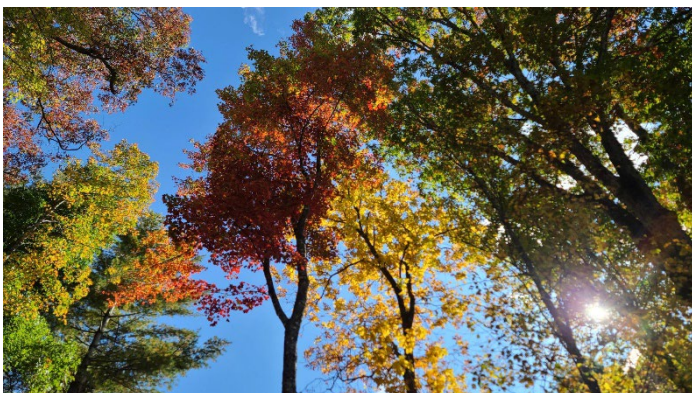
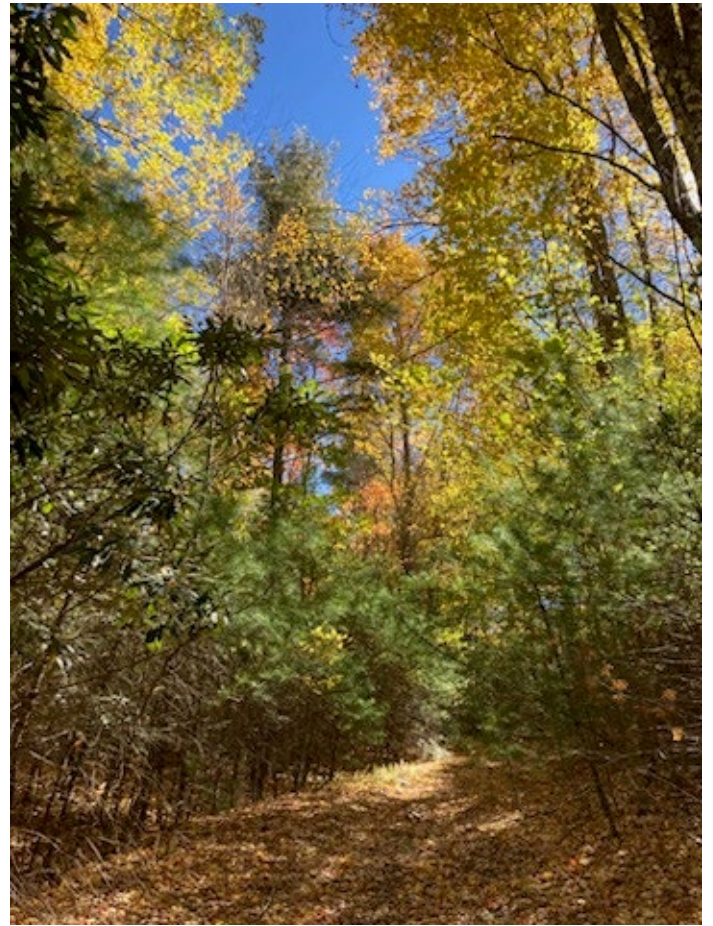
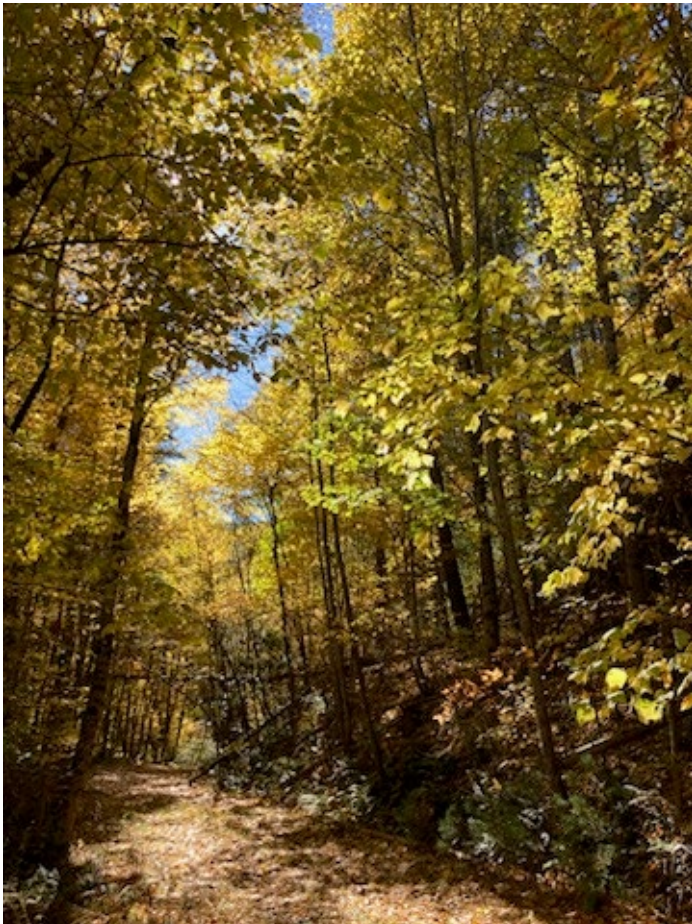
Last weekend Ashe Lake residents participated in the 2023 Keep Ashe Beautiful Fall litter sweep! Joe Livingston spearheaded this year's efforts at Ashe Lake. Volunteers focused on trash removal from the Lake / dam area, Lakeside Drive, the waterfall, and Chestnut Drive and Nettleknob Road from the waterfall to 163 Road. Thank you to all who participated: Joe Livingston, Joy & Reed Rozier, Ken & Renee Livingston, and Bibi Villazon. Way to Keep Ashe Lake Beautiful!

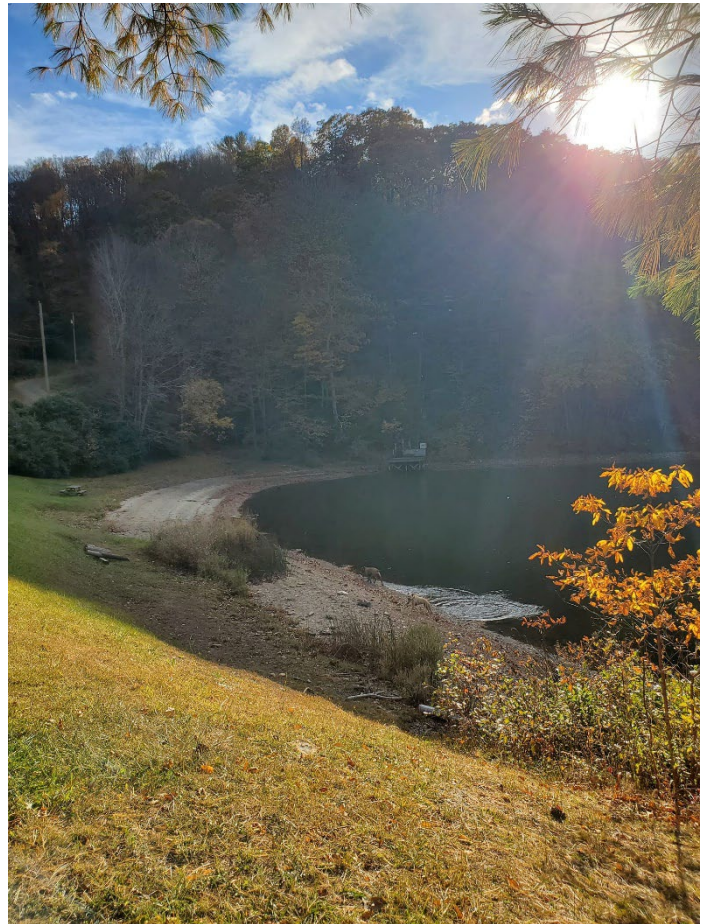


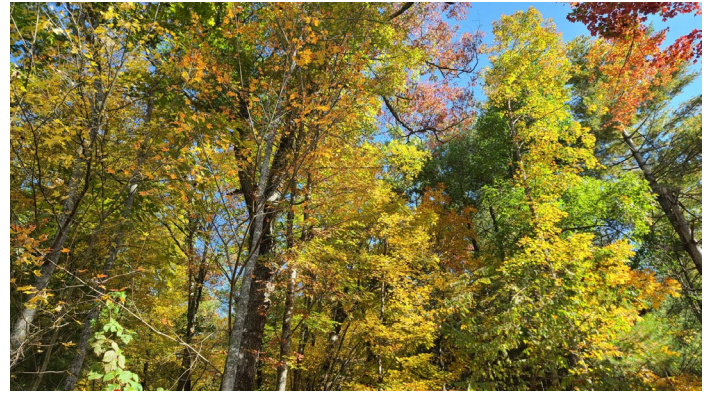
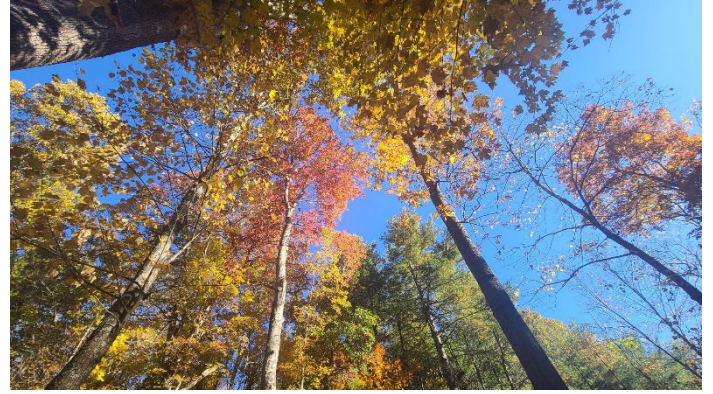
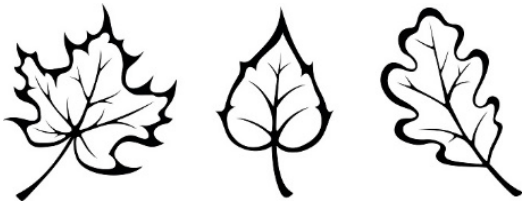


Leaf Peeping Season

As leaf peeping season comes to an end we wanted to share some amazing photos of the color change within Ashe Lake.







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

Deer Mating Season



According to the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission Deer mating season runs from October through December. This is the time of year when deer are most active and when most deer-related car wrecks take place, especially at night. We urge you to

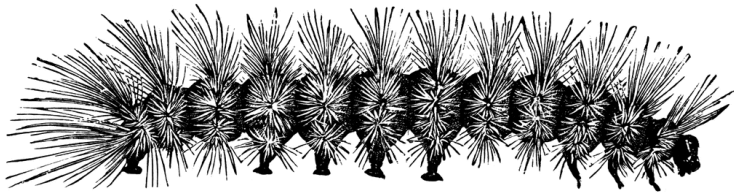
take extra care when driving.

Full Moon Lake Float (Hunter's Moon)

Ashe Lake residents and their guests braved the temperatures to enjoy our last Full Moon Float of 2023 on Saturday, October 28th. Since the event was so close to Halloween several kayakers took advantage and dressed up. From scary to funny – a great time was had by all!

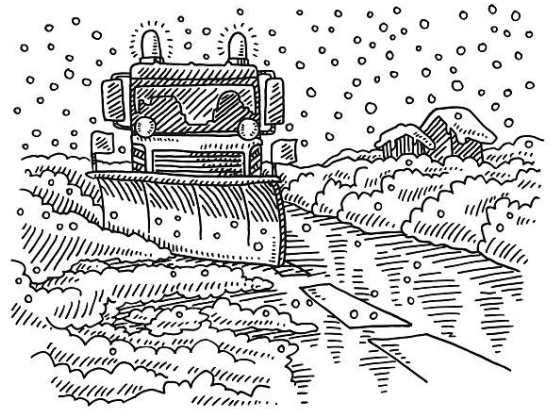


We have truly enjoyed the Full Moon Floats and can't wait to start them up again come spring.



Wolly Worm Winter Prediction

Pyrrharctia isabella - Isabella Tiger Moth - Woolly Worm caterpillars—also called woolly bears, weatherworm, and fuzzy wuzzys have a reputation for being able to forecast the coming winter weather. If their rusty band is wide, then it will be a mild winter. The more black there is, the more severe the winter. This woolly worm was found in Ashe Lake – here’s hoping for a mild winter for everyone!



Snow Removal

ALPD has contracted with Osborne Land Development for snow removal for the 2023/2024 winter season. They will be clearing the roads through the community during snow events as needed, however ALPD is not responsible for private roads or driveways. If you would like to take advantage of their presence in Ashe Lake and hire them for your private driveways – please contact Logan Osborne / Osborne Land Development at 336-977-8220, or via email loganosborne57@gmail.com

ASHE COUNTY TREE IN WHITE HOUSE - Congratulations to Cline Church Nursery. Home of the 2023 Official White House Christmas Tree! Stay tuned for the official send-off to Washington happening in November.

WOOLLY BEAR CATERPILLAR WINTER PREDICTIONS



HARSH WINTER. THE MORE BLACK THE MORE HARSH



MODERATE WINTER



MILD WINTER. THE MORE BROWN THE MORE MILD



WINTER BEGINS HARSH, ENDS MILD (MORE BLACK NEAR HEAD)



WINTER BEGINS MILD, ENDS HARSHLY (MORE BLACK NEAR TAIL)





Thanksgiving Message from ALPO Board

It's that time of year again, when we are called to count our blessings, and you are certainly one of them! Our members are the reason we thrive. We wish you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving!

Ashe County & Surrounds Events



LANSING FARMERS MARKET -
Fridays 3pm - 7pm April through
October at the Creeper Trail in
Lansing



FROSTY'S OPENING DAY - If you've never experienced Frosty's Choose and Cut at Old Barn Winery, then mark your calendars! Frosty's is the best way to jump-start your holiday season. **Opening Day November 17th 3pm to 6pm.** Visit www.gofrostys.com for more info.



ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE - "It won't be long! The Christmas season is almost here - and the 2023 West Jefferson Christmas parade will be here before you know it," said Kelly Carson Diamond, the Club's Parade Coordinator. "The Rotary Club of Ashe County will present the 2023 West Jefferson Christmas Parade, Sponsored by Appalachian Flooring and Tile, **Saturday, Nov. 18.** 'The Joys of Christmas' will be this year's theme."

Check out our webpage dedicated to High Country and Local Events for the most up-to-date listings:

<https://myashelake.com/high-country-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.

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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.

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