

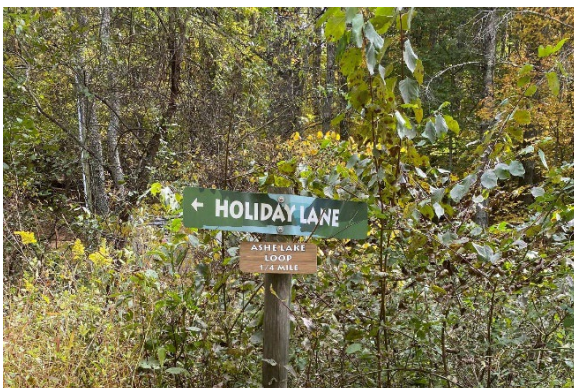
# Ashe Lake Property Owners NEWSLETTER

October 2022

## Community Changes and Improvements

### Ashe Lake Loop

Ashe Lake Loop signs have been installed. Starting at the dock towards the waterfall, mile markers are located at  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile increments, for a 2-mile loop (1 mile each way). Starting at the dock towards the mailboxes on Nettle Knob, the distance is  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile each way, for a 1-mile loop. We are working on a map showing where the mile markers are.



### Improvements to Dock Access & Parking

Posts have been added to the dock area to prevent cars and trucks from damaging the ramp. Please remember that the ramp is not for vehicle use.



Joe Livingston, a frequent kayaker and fisherman in Ashe Lake loves the improvements!



Four new **angled** parking spaces were installed on Willow Lane, against lots 50 and 51. This new parking configuration leaves plenty of room on Willow Lane/Spillway for emergency access and provides our property owners with easier parking. Two more parking spaces will be added upon further clearing.



Keep your eyes peeled for more improvements!

As always when using the parking area and dock remember to be respectful of our neighbors, and always pick up any trash or litter.

### **Fishing at Ashe Lake**

Several Ashe Lake property owners are working together to stock Ashe Lake with more fish for your fishing enjoyment. Feeder fish (fathead minnows and redear sunfish) were added to the Lake on October 14, and they are hoping to add more feeder fish along with Large Mouth bass and Black crappie will be added to the lake in the upcoming weeks. This project was a joint effort of the Ken and Joe Livingston and Chris Roten, who are all avid fishermen.



Chris Roten and Joe Livingston prepare Lake for restocking by adding some feeder fish.

If you would like to contribute to our future re-stocking efforts, please reach out to us at [ashelakepoa@gmail.com](mailto:ashelakepoa@gmail.com) and we will put you in touch.

### **Road Repairs and Maintenance**

Road repairs and maintenance have been ongoing throughout the summer and will continue into the fall with our road contractor concentrating on getting the main roads winter ready.

We have purchased new water breaks and will be installing them in the following months. These water-breaks will be installed at trouble spots to prevent run-off, and culverts will be repaired as needed.

### **ALPO Board Changes**

Bill Morris, ALPO Member-At-Large, left the ALPO board prior to his move to Florida. We wish Bill much success in all his future endeavors.

Reed Rozier has stepped in as Member-At-Large for the balance of the 2022/2023 Board. Reed and his wife Joy are full-time Ashe Lake residents.

Below is an introduction from Reed:

“My family bought the house at Ashe Lake (983 Lakeside Dr.) in 2007. I was around Ashe Lake between 2007 and 2012 and 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 moved away from the area for a job when I got out of school in 2012. I came back to visit as often as I could and always wanted to move back.

When my mom died in 2020 my wife and I became owners of the house. I found a job here earlier this year and have been back since June. I am a staff accountant at Chetola Resort in Blowing Rock, and I think my experience could be helpful understanding the accounting of ALPO.”

**Reed is a welcome addition to the ALPO Board!**

## Carolina Water Service

You may have noticed a new face servicing the water system at Ashe Lake – his name is Chad. Chad took over for Rick, who serviced the Ashe Lake water system for over 20 years.

Due to the age of the water system, they have had some quite a few leaks to deal with this year. If you see a wet spot in the road, or if you have an unusually large water bill reach out to Carolina Water and let them know there may be a leak. Their phone number is (800) 525-7990. In case of **EMERGENCY**, contact them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Note: The water system, the water system is independently owned and operated by Carolina Water Service.

## Surveying

You may have noticed survey crews in the area of lot 980 on Lakeside Drive. A boundary survey was commissioned by ALPO to determine the legal property lines / boundaries in connection with a property dispute. Two surveys were completed, and survey stakes/permanent markers were installed. This matter is ongoing thru the NC Superior Courts.



## Association Dues

**We are running a membership drive.** If you would like to discuss your dues and join your neighbors in funding our wonderful community reach out to us, and we will work with you to bring you current.

## Then and Now – Ashe Lake Community



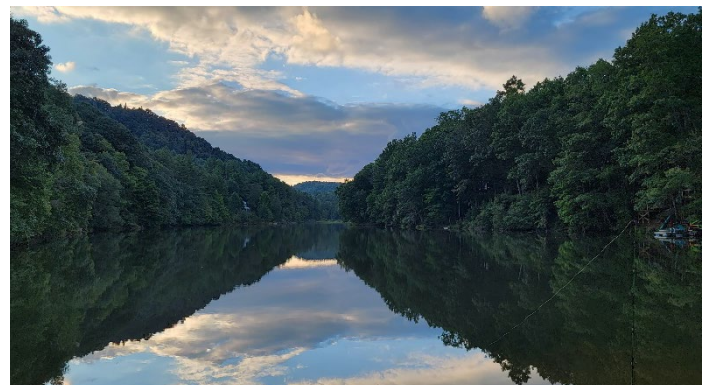
Community Dock – January 2008



Community Dock – September 2022



View from South end of Lake – Summer 2015



View from South end of Lake – September 2022



## Online Dues Payment

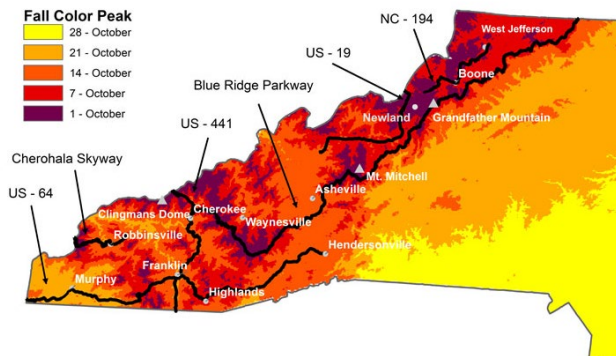
Online payment is here!! Beginning with the 2023 billing you will be able to make your ALPO dues payments online. We feel this will make payment of dues an easier process for some, rather than mailing in checks.

## 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)

## Fall Leaf Season

Fall is here! Now is the perfect time to get out and enjoy the changing colors of the leaves. Fall Color Peak in Ashe County is expected around the week of October 14 – 20th,



Conceived by Howard Neufeld and Michael Denslow  
Map Constructed by Michael Denslow

<https://biology.appstate.edu/fall-colors/fall-color-map-north-carolina>

## 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.

## Gardening

Now is the time to get your garden Spring ready. Pull weeds, add compost, leaf clippings, manure, and other amendments and let your garden rest and recuperate during the winter season. **Our first Fall Frost date is October 1.**

## Winterizing Your Home

Follow these steps to prepare your home for winter:

**1. Check the gutters** - Prevent ice dams by cleaning out your gutters and installing gutter guards.

**2. Protect the pipes** - Protect against frozen pipes by insulating those that could be susceptible to freezing. When the temperature drops below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, keep a stream of water running in a few faucets to guard against freezing and bursting.

**3. Seal the cracks** - Caulk holes and openings around windows, doors, air conditioners to help prevent cold air from seeping in.

**4. Stop the slips, trips and falls** - Keep driveways and sidewalks clear of ice and snow and repair any issues with steps and handrails.

**5. Have your heating system checked** - Furnaces, boilers and chimneys should be serviced at least once a year to clear any buildup and to keep them running efficiently.

**6. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** - Residential fires are more common in winter, so it is important that all your smoke detectors work. Check them monthly and replace batteries as needed.

**7. Clear the yard** - Keep the trees trimmed and remove dead branches and debris from your yard. Ice, snow and wind can weaken trees and cause branches to fall.

**8. House the hose** - Remove all garden hoses that are attached to the house, drain them and store them away. Shut off the valves and insulate the faucet.

If you're heading south for the winter, you need to take extra precautions. Turn the water completely off and consider having the plumbing system drained to keep pipes from freezing. Also, have a friend or neighbor check on your home regularly to look for any issues. If a problem is detected, act quickly to minimize potential damage to your property.

## Ashe Lake Events

Our first Clean Up Day of 2022 scheduled for October 1, 2022, was cancelled due to the threat of Hurricane Ian. We have rescheduled this event for December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Clean-Up Day

Last Next Clean-Up Day of 2022 is scheduled for Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bundle up and bring your gloves. We will provide garbage bags and refreshments. Meet-up at the community dock at 10am. We will be focusing on cleaning up around the spillway / parking area.

## Ashe County Events

Ongoing Events:

**Ashe County Farmer's Market** - Saturdays 8am -1pm Thru October 29.

**Lansing Farmers Market** - Fridays 1pm - 5pm Thru October 28 at the Creeper Trail in Lansing.

**Gallery Crawl** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 5pm - 7pm thru December, Downtown W. Jefferson.

**Kool Nights & Hot Rods Cruise-In** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of each month, 4pm - 8pm thru October 15, Downtown W. Jefferson.

### **Halloween in Ashe County**

The Ashe County Sheriff's Department has created an interactive Halloween Trick or Treat Map for businesses, churches and organizations that will be celebrating Halloween 2022. This map is intended to be a fun way to show kids and parents locations of trick or treating events throughout our county.

<https://www.bit.ly/AsheHalloween>

The interactive map will not be 100% until October 28th, 2022. This will allow businesses to get registered and adjust their available times up to 72 hours prior to Halloween.

**Ashe County Holiday Parade - November 19 3pm - 5pm Downtown W. Jefferson.**

The West Jefferson Lions Club members are busy coordinating plans for the 2022 Holiday Parade. The

parade will be held November 19th beginning at 3:00 p.m. on South Jefferson Avenue in West Jefferson.

The theme for this year's parade is "Holiday Traditions." Like years before, the parade will conclude with the lighting of the downtown retail district and marks the beginning of the Christmas season.

## High Country Quirks

The 45th Annual Woolly Worm Festival 2022 took place the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> in Banner Elk, NC.

Woolly Worm caterpillars—also called woolly bears, weatherworm, and fuzzy wuzzys have a reputation for being able to forecast the coming winter weather. According to the legend the wider the rusty brown sections (or the more brown segments there are), the milder the coming winter will be. The more black there is, the more severe the winter.

The high country can expect the start of winter to be filled with below-average temperatures and snow of more than 3 inches, according to "Porta Potty," the 2022 Woolly Worm Champion. Porta Potty beat out two dozen woolly worms this weekend at the 45th annual Woolly Worm Festival. Around 20,000 people flocked to the town to see Porta Potty's 13 rings of color, coinciding with the 13 weeks of winter.

While the first four rings were black, which means below-average temperatures and snow of more than 3 inches, the middle of the worm was light brown which typically means average winter temperatures. The last couple of rings were light brown, fleck and black leaving readers to believe winter in the high country will end with below-average temperatures and more snow.



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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