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**Wolf Laurel Property Owners' Association
Newsletter
Fall 2019 Edition**

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WLPOA Community Center & Village Club Hours of Operation

From Nov. 5th through March 2020 our hours of operation for the WLPOA Community Center will be: 8:00am – 4:00pm Tuesday through Thursday. This schedule may change due to inclement weather and business requirements. So, it's a good idea to call our office to make sure someone is in before you make a special trip down the mountain (828-689-9229 and 828-689-4089).

Remember that you can pick up wi-fi here after hours if your car is parked in the parking lot close by.



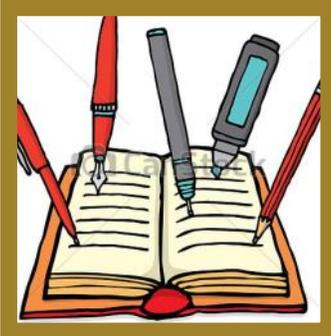
President's Notes

As the leaves begin to change and the air is crisp and cool, we realize another season on the mountain is drawing to a close. With fall festivals taking place in neighboring towns and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approaching, we also realize that 2019 will soon end. The community of Wolf Laurel is a special place and we have seen a lot of progress this year through collaboration and teamwork. However, all of the success only highlights the many accomplishments that we can obtain as we continue working together on the mountain to better our community and help those around us. I hope this fall season will bring you much joy as you head to a warmer climate, spend time traveling to see new sights, spend time with family and friends, or simply hunker down for another winter. Special thanks to all the Village Club and POA staff for another great year, and special thanks to all our volunteers and WLPOA Board members for the many hours spent working together for a common goal – to facilitate a great summer in 2019. With the continued help of each property owner, we look forward to another great year and a successful season in 2020. Until then I hope the remainder of this fall season exceeds your expectations.

John Brackett

Editor's Notes

1. Thanks to all those who have made contributions to this TOB, which we strive to make enjoyable and informative.



2. A note about the Community Center: Thanks to Cindy Tucker and others we have had the pavement repaired and resealed and gutters installed.

3. I continue to seek businesses who would like to purchase ad space; please refer any deemed interested.

4. A big THANKS! to the WLRMS for their work to get Wolf Laurel Road paved.

5. I would like to thank the Editorial Committee for assisting with the review process; Rich Ashley and Lynn Cagney. And thanks to Rich for this TOB edition cover pic - beautiful!

6. I have continued to work toward a WL Service Directory, sort of like the old "Yellow Pages," as a reference to help residents locate service providers. It turns out that there is not an effective method for the WLPOA to accomplish this. One complication is that the POA can not appear to recommend one service provider over another or endorse any particular business. A somewhat recent place to get recommendations is on Nextdoor.com Wolf Laurel Neighbor Feed , https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood_feed/

7. Congrats! to [Michelle Morgan](#), our new WLPOA Board of Directors Member / Treasurer.

8. Please see late addition on last page - [Wolf Laurel Hospice Presents Check to Hot Springs Health Program](#)

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CINDY TUCKER RETIRES

By Lori Wyman Macaulay

As I write this, I have tears in my eyes. Cindy Tucker, Director of The Village Club at Wolf Laurel, is retiring after 15 seasons working with us. She began her employment with BMDC in January 2005 and then later started working with WLPOA in October 2010 when we purchased The Village.

Some, and I say some because there were many, of the jobs that Cindy undertook included planning activities, marketing our beautiful community, and creating opportunities that have lead to all kinds of programs and events, including, but not limited to, the very popular summer kid's camp, the weekly exercise classes, the Wandering Ladies, and Woofminster.



I have been on the WLPOA Board for several years and I can tell you that Cindy Tucker attends every board meeting and walks away from each meeting with a list a mile long of tasks that she is going to undertake before the next board meeting. I am also on the Village Club planning committee and Cindy is on that committee with all of us as well. She sits on several other committees in addition to these. She always completes everything on the to-do lists that we give her.

Cindy is a powerhouse and the glue that has kept our Village Club and WLPOA together. Cindy negotiates with the workers when we need a leak fixed over the fireplace or a fence repaired around our back deck. She has a wonderful relationship with the various companies that our community

uses to keep us in working order. Everyone loves working with Cindy. She is the one who has always made sure we have a fabulous 4th of July fireworks display with all of the festivities to accompany them.

Cindy is a bundle of energy who always made sure that all of the i's were dotted and the t's were crossed when it came to everything that needed attention in The Village and around the community. In order to celebrate Cindy in proper fashion, the WLPOA Board along, with the employees and volunteers, hosted a farewell luncheon on Thursday, October 3, 2019. At that luncheon many of our past WLPOA presidents spoke so highly of Cindy. Fred Tygart made a heartfelt speech thanking Cindy for helping him tremendously when he was thrust into the presidency due to the passing of the previous president. Cindy brought Fred up to speed and introduced him to all of the ins and outs necessary to fully accomplish his job as president. (continued)

CINDY TUCKER RETIRES (continued)

Earlene Shofi brought a bit of humor to her tribute, even though she did shed a tear or 2 while speaking. Earlene relayed a story of how she and Cindy were walking around the trout pond and Cindy was going on and on about something or other. Earlene kept trying to interrupt to tell Cindy something of importance, but Cindy just kept on talking. Finally, Earlene had to be assertive and yelled, 'CINDY, YOU'RE STANDING ON A SNAKE?' That got a laugh out of the pavilion full of people. As if our Thursday luncheon wasn't enough of a celebration for Cindy, we dedicated our Friday Nighter to Cindy as well. It was one of the most attended Friday Nighters we had all summer with some great



musical entertainment by none other than Sarah Tucker, Cindy's daughter. We had so much wonderful food and everyone was able to bid their fond farewell's to Cindy in person.

While we all have plenty to thank Cindy for, she would like to thank all of the volunteers, too numerous to mention, who helped make her job flow more smoothly throughout The Village Club at Wolf Laurel. There are also staff members whom Cindy could always depend on to make sure no balls were dropped.

Cindy is so grateful to have Jeanne Wilson, previous lead Village staff member, step into her shoes and take over all of Cindy's responsibilities. They are big shoes to fill and Cindy is 100% confident that Jeanne will do a great job. We will miss Cindy and we wish her well in her future endeavors. She told me she would take a little time off to spend with her family. AND she might get a dog!! (Insert - Cindy's daughter [Sarah](#) provided the event's entertainment.)



Cindy emailed recently, "Leaving is hard. This place has been wonderful. The people here, the best."

Jim Landry - Cindy Tucker's Retirement

Oh the memories.....Cindy's tenure at Wolf Laurel goes back long before most of us ever became involved with the POA; before the transfer of ownership to residents, the Williams era and back into the Lee Smith Bald Mountain years. She was the entertainment director for Bald Mountain Development and a natural to become the WLPOA Village Club Director upon the purchase from BMD.

In the beginning days of the Village Club, it took considerable planning for the layout of the new Community Center, and then with assistance from both paid help and volunteers, several more months of clean out of decades of debris from every level of the building. Cindy wisely ordered a huge dumpster that we certainly filled. In addition there were numerous maintenance issues involving every aspect of all the Village facilities and grounds. The previous owner had used and abused the Village for several years and it needed attention. We developed a working spreadsheet of maintenance items that has had, over the years, hundreds of items identified as needing attention. Cindy championed these challenges and brought them to the attention of each and every Board since. Of course corrective action takes funds and so priorities had to be established. We have made progress despite continual interference by Mother Nature and a lack of funds. Anyone else would have given up long ago. All the above was in addition to her planning and execution of the activities we all enjoy each season.

As she leaves us, know that Cindy served us extraordinarily well. We wish her the best of luck and good health.

Michelle Morgan appointed to POA Board of Directors

Her Bio:

Dear WLPOA,

“Thank You” for considering my interest as the Financial Bookkeeper of the WLPOA. My love for this community along with my expertise and attention to detail can be an asset to the board and our beautiful community.

Financial oversight is an important piece of a structured successful WLPOA, and I would like to do just that. My capabilities and skill-set exceed that of a Financial liaison, and I would like to be of help in any way that I can. Organization and planning are also one of my strong suits while meeting the needs of others.

My background as a bookkeeper, business owner, fund raising chair, and organizational volunteer equips me with the capacity to fulfill the role that you are seeking. I work well with others and always like challenges while providing solutions.

I love working with people and have an extensive background in public and B2B (Business to Business) communications. I look forward to helping and organizing of our planned events and in addition to the budgeting and oversight of the financial needs of our WLPOA. Meeting the needs of our Wolf laurel Community residents and that of the WLPOA are very important to me. I strive to give a 100% and to be a successful asset for our Wolf Laurel Community and our WLPOA Board.

My Background experience would include as the following:

- Accountant/Bookkeeper for Chart House Restaurant in Savannah Ga
- Organized and Developed a Youth Group in Clearwater, Florida
- Owned and Operated a Childcare Center of 12 employees and 85+students maintaining, operation of all office responsibilities *Accounting and maintaining of all records required by State Requirements.
- Reorganized the layout and operations of the Eblen Charities Dental Clinic Events with NC Mom (Missions of Mercy) serving over a 1000+ attendees.
- Owned and operated a Veteran Foster-care Home for Disabled Veterans. Handled all care and organized the needs of the Vets. Maintained all records, office tasks and accounting.
- Fund Raising Chair for Bounty of Bethlehem organization and raised \$50,000+ of fund-raising efforts that also served over a 1000+ attendees.
- Reorganized, structured, and grew the Landscaping Company that my husband and I own together to have it run more efficiently and productively. I handle all the office and company tasks which would include accounting, marketing, invoicing, estimates, client relations ad communications, ordering of materials, paying vendors, monthly bills, etc...

I hope this helps in giving some insight about me and my capabilities to become your new WLPOA Bookkeeper/Organizational Specialist and Board Member. I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

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From the WLRMS President's Desk, Cynthia S. Kessler

This summer was very busy for WLRMS, with efforts bearing fruit through tremendous community support and teamwork. Together we have completed the largest community project in the history of Wolf Laurel. Over the last thirty years Wolf Laurel Road's condition had deteriorated, not only in ways obvious to the eye (and your automobile) but in less obvious ways. Despite the magnitude of the deterioration, the project was deferred multiple times for lack of funding. This year WLRMS asked the community for special assistance, and the community responded with support. Using a multi-faceted funding approach we completed the much needed repairs and resurfacing of the road. WLRMS developed and executed a full plan of action for the project that we believe can serve as a template in the future. We developed a preliminary plan, engaged engineers to refine it and ensure monitoring of quality, sought sealed bids from pre-qualified DOT certified contractors, negotiated price, methods and contract terms with the successful bidder, developed a funding plan to close the gap between earmarked funds and the price, worked daily with the engineer and contractor as hidden conditions came to light, demanded that work be re-done when needed, and paid the bills for the project in full. A project promised to the community in 2019 was accomplished in 2019, funded in 2019 and paid in 2019.

I am incredibly proud of our community's response and support of the road project. I also commend the time, effort, and focus of our past and current board, our past and current Roads Committee, and our Road Supervisor and their commitment to getting a high quality and serviceable road for the community.

Beyond the road project WLRMS has been planning for the future. Following the recommendation of our auditors, last year WLRMS launched a reserve study to identify all of our capital needs, including infrastructure, buildings, and equipment over a thirty year horizon, the cost of these needs, and an expected target date of each expense. We then projected our revenue over the same timeframe to identify stress points requiring additional preparation to fund. This year WLRMS will complete a capital plan to fund our future needs, which will include a timeline for target dates and rough budget costs of major expenses, and match our capital growth to our needs.

The coming season will be especially busy. WLRMS must plan for and rebuild our financial reserves over the next few years in anticipation of the next major project. We must develop necessary policies and internal controls to safeguard your reserves and to keep WLRMS focused on accomplishing the capital plan. The Wolf Laurel Road project was possible in part because your past assessments to WLRMS were well-managed to accumulate a reserve even as we provided ongoing road maintenance and security.

Also in the coming year, WLRMS will focus on improving our communication capabilities. Improvements to our "eblast" tool will enable us reduce bounced messages and to reach target groups when needed for example, sending a traffic alert to the residents of a single street. WLRMS plans to refresh and reorganize our website, remove outdated content, and create an Owner's Only section where non-public information may be shared securely. This new private section will permit us to open the public section of our website to provide a broad range of information. Finally, as the demographics of the property owners evolve, we are exploring how best to reach out broadly to our community to open avenues of information flow and effective feedback. You may be joining us at After Hours events or Saturday AM Coffee Roundtables to continue the conversation. We want to hear from the entire community as we move forward this year.

I hope to see you on the mountain! Cynthia S. Kessler, WLRMS President 2019-2020

Library Report, October 2019

Yvonne Carignan

For the sake of reporting our Wolf Laurel end of season statistics, I am using a reporting year of November 2018 through October 2019 to count our library activity. For example, between November 2018 and October 2019, readers borrowed 628 items. In the previous reporting year, beginning in November 2017 and ending in October 2018, readers borrowed 387 items. We are pleased to report that in the last 12 months, library usage increased 62%.

A possible explanation for the increase of usage may be the generous donations of books and media



-- mainly DVDs and books on CDs – which held steady with 1136 items donated in this reporting year compared to 1114 items donated in the previous reporting period. These donations of recent, best-selling, and interesting titles keep our library fresh with books that attract new readers and keep regulars coming. New donations do **not** overflow our limited library space for several reasons. We have expanded the library space by creating a children's room

behind the fireplace. That room also accommodates some categories appealing to adults and young people alike: fantasy/science fiction, adventure, animal books, and movie/TV DVDs. The move of children's books in turn permitted expansion of genres in the basement. We now have gardening, how-to books, antiques/collectibles, games, sports, physical fitness, humor, biography, memoirs, military history, and western fiction in the basement library shelving.

Besides filling in expanded library space, newly donated books are often excellent copies that replace worn out versions of the same titles. We also keep backup/duplicate copies, which you may have noticed hiding behind the copies facing out on the shelves. We have received wonderful donations again this year, including many new titles by popular fiction authors, book club selections, children's books, biographies, histories, and self-help, which is a new category apparently popular among our readers.

We have been asked what genres we have. All but two genres of fiction are shelved alphabetically by author, so that mysteries, romances, suspense, thrillers, historical novels, and classics are all interfiled and found by using the author's last name. The two genres that have separate sections are westerns (in the basement) and fantasy/science fiction (children's room). There is another section, young adults' fiction, which includes many classics – *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Scarlet Letter*, for example– of possible appeal to adults as well.

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Wolf Laurel Library Fall Report (continued)

As to the most popular authors in our collection, it is hard to say, because our library's readers have myriad tastes. Judging by quantity, however, it is easy to see that certain authors have many titles pleasing numerous fans. Some of those authors, say James Patterson, Nora Roberts, Stuart Woods, David Baldacci, Brad Thor, Harlan Coben, and Jan Karon, for example, take up quite a bit of shelf space. A quick look at the fiction shelves and the "in box" of returned books reveals many more popular, prolific authors. Besides fiction, American history and biography consistently prove themselves readers' favorites. A 100% donated collection, our library is directly selected by our readers or our readers' neighbors. They have done an excellent job of creating a popular library.

So what does your librarian do? Without a classification system (Dewey Decimal or Library of Congress call numbers), an ongoing task is organizing the library so that readers can find what they



want. While the librarian benefits from WLPOA staff insight for collection organization, staff also build and move shelving and then help the librarian move books and media around to improved library space among three rooms on two floors. When the arrangement changes, we collaborate on making new signs to direct readers. Cindy Tucker has been wonderfully supportive of all library activities. Heartfelt thanks to Cindy: she will be missed and we wish her well.

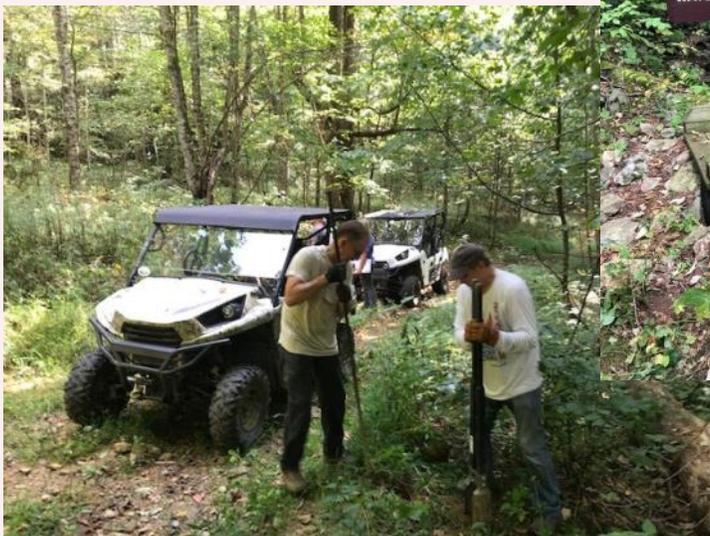
The librarian alone assesses all new additions to the collection and then stamps the Wolf Laurel property designation on them. Once added to the collection, donations, along with returned books already in the collection, are counted and recorded by the librarian for tracking and reporting purposes. The librarian then shelves all the titles, checking all the shelves to ensure good order and neat appearance. One of the satisfying experiences this year is seeing increased use of the children's collection, although all those slim, slippery volumes do take time to arrange. Finally, every year, during the off season, your librarian reviews and shifts all the books to ensure space for shelving when everyone returns in the spring. A count of the collection may become a routine part of that process. The librarian counted last year and found that we have 6600 books and pieces of media, with 4400 of that being the adult fiction collection and about 600 the children's library, the balance being adult nonfiction. Your librarian volunteered from one to three hours during fifty days since last October, working an average of one day nearly every week of the year. For a career librarian, it is a pleasure.

Bald Mountain Creek Trail Work

Here is my update which recognizes local volunteer support occurring for Bald Mountain Creek Nature Preserve. I've copied Sam Stebbins as he was the ring leader and can share more information: See attached photos of volunteers clearing trails and adding signs at Bald Mountain Creek Nature Preserve. 40 hours of work and \$395 of donated materials.

Bill Jones, www.stpal.org, www.facebook.com/southeasterntrustforparksandland

Carl Larrabee and Chuck Arthur helped me for 2 days install the hiking signs. Please reach out to others too through the newsletter article. We hope that in coordination with Bill (Jones) and his organization to add more signed trails next year and keep them passable throughout the year. This will take quite a number of volunteers to help make this terrific local natural resource more accessible to many more people.
Sam Stebbins



Nature Trail Work

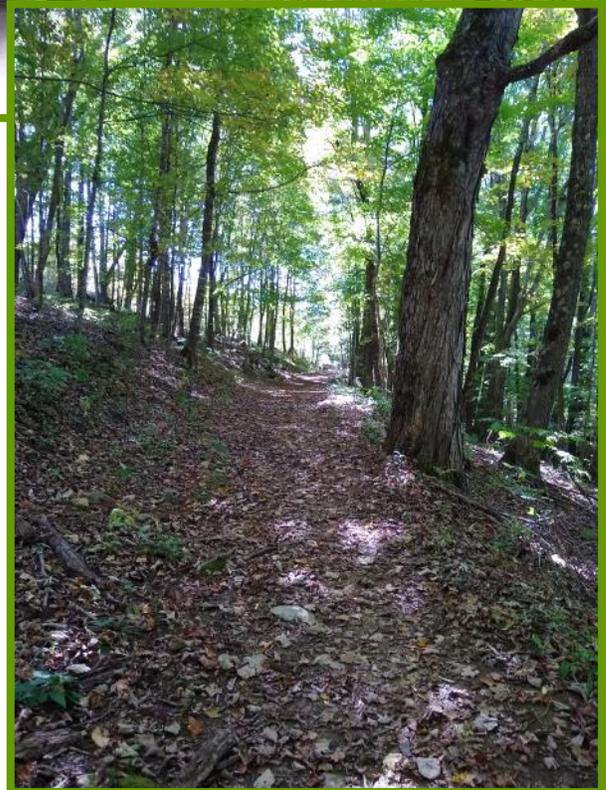
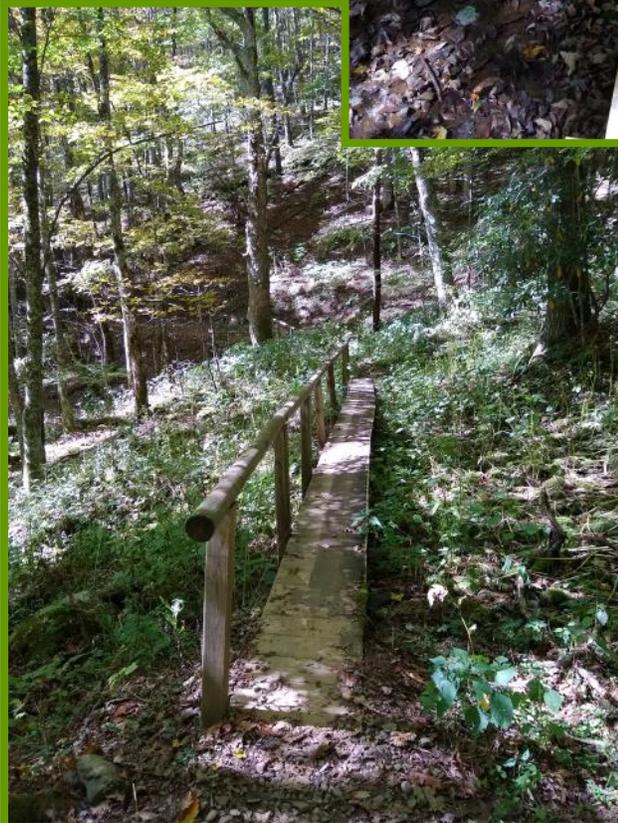
I think everyone has enjoyed the Nature Trail improvement, so far. Can't wait for the cooler weather to get here. Thought I'd give you what I'll be doing in the near future.

1. Level up the picnic tables.
2. Remove root and rock "trip hazards."
3. Continue up the connector and remove the 12 remaining deadfalls that block the trail.
4. Repair short wooden footbridge near Hanging Rock.
5. Weed-eat or sling blade the path encroachment areas.
6. Repair/replace missing signs. Raise to 8' level.

All is good.

Joe Capers

Thanks to all those that volunteered time and effort to upgrade the quality of the Nature Trail, a valuable community asset.



Lucas Lane Volunteers (Richard and Keith) applied the paint supplied by the RMS (Jim Simmons) to spruce up the rail.

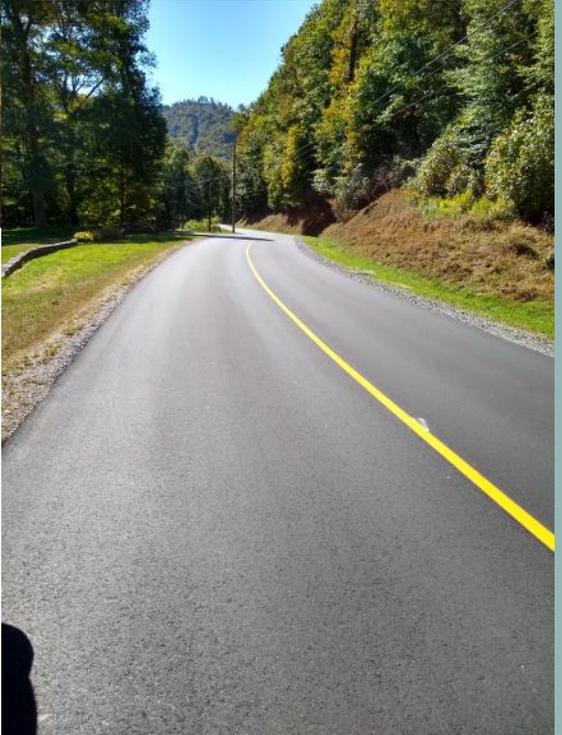
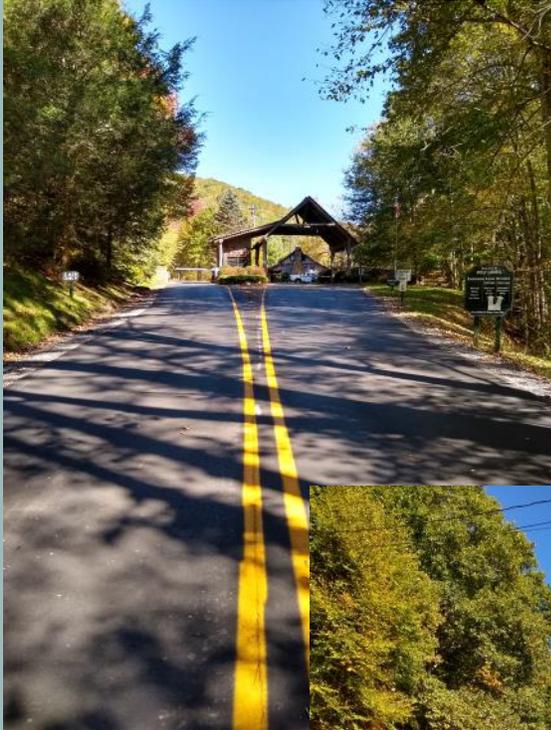


Big Bald Mailbox Hut

August 6, 2019 - A very special “Thank You” to Michaelene Sanders and all the volunteers that showed up to paint the mailbox hut on Big Bald Road. What a great improvement for the looks of the community. It is especially gratifying to see people donating their time and talents for the benefit of our Wolf Laurel neighborhood. Thanks again to everyone, and to Jim Simmons, WLRMS Board Member.

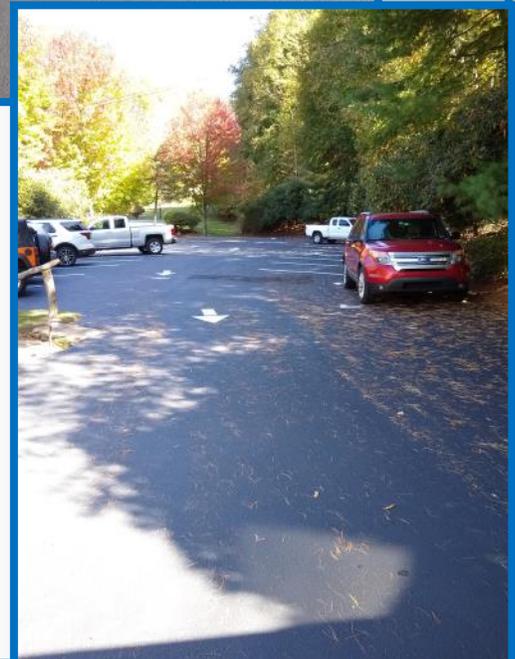
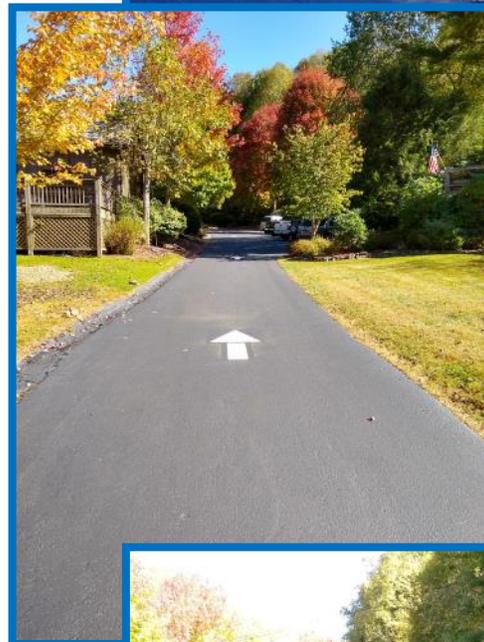


Wolf Laurel Road Paving



Thank
You
RMS!

Village Community Center Paving



Labor Day BBQ

Thanks to Gregg Smith and Dan Hartley for the delicious variety of meats.



Wolf Laurel Fiesta Social



Wolf Laurel Book Club

Susan Palukaitis

The Book Club selection for the month of October was Miracle in the Hills by Dr. Mary T. Martin Sloop. This book recounts the lively and touching personal story of Dr. Sloop's forty-year crusade to bring medical care and education to the remote mountain areas of western North Carolina. Twelve Book Club members took a "field" trip to Crossnore on Monday, October 7th. Minnette Sailors organized the outing,



complete with a guided tour, lunch, and a little bit of shopping.

Dr. Sloop's efforts, resulted in the **Crossnore School and Children's Home** located on 80 acres in Crossnore, North Carolina. This organization provides sanctuary for children coming from abused and/or neglected households.

Also located on the grounds is the Blair Fraley Sales Store. This is an ongoing second hand store that has

become a busy emporium and important source of income for Crossnore School & Children's Home. This store concept originated when Dr. Sloop asked some of her friends and relatives to send clothing that could be used by the children when they went away to school. One friend, who had recently been through a period of mourning, sent a trunk full of somber black clothes, hardly suitable for a child.

Dr. Sloop hung a few black dresses on an outside railing and they quickly caught the eye of some of the mountain women who came to see the doctor. They offered to buy the dresses, and gave birth to the idea of the "Second Hand Sale."

In addition, Crossnore Weavers was created to preserve the Appalachian art of hand-weaving, to give an economic opportunity to women, and to promote Crossnore School & Children's Home through the sale of beautiful hand-woven goods all over the world. A visit to this gallery is well worth the trip!



Dining Out With Friends at the The Bone Broth



Wolf Laurel Historical Society Meeting

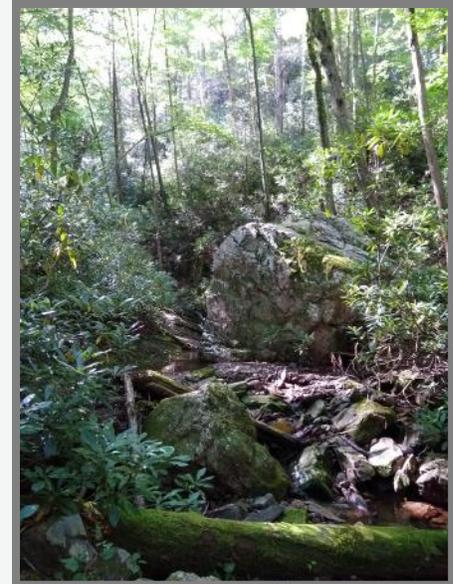
Moderated by Jim Klumpp

<https://wlhistory.org/>



WL Hiking Trips

Rock Creek 9/3/19

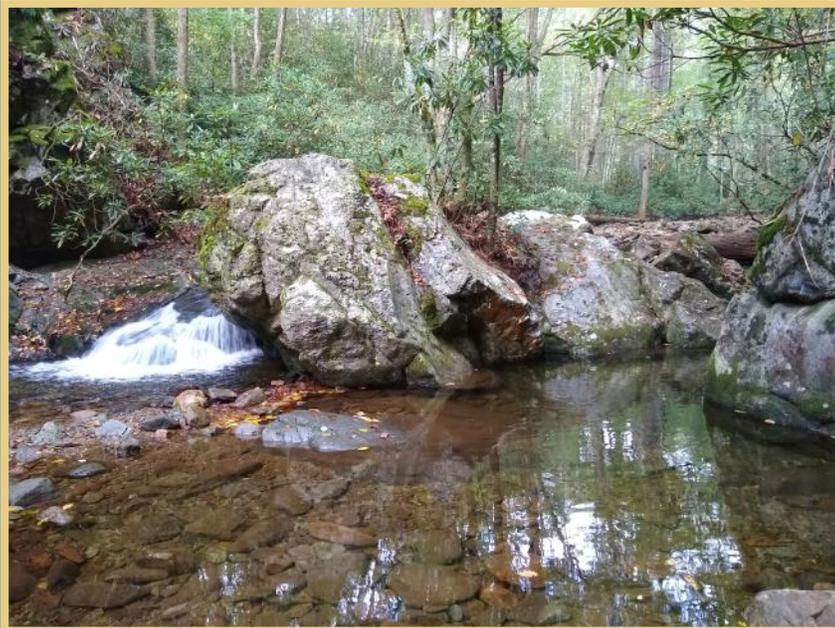
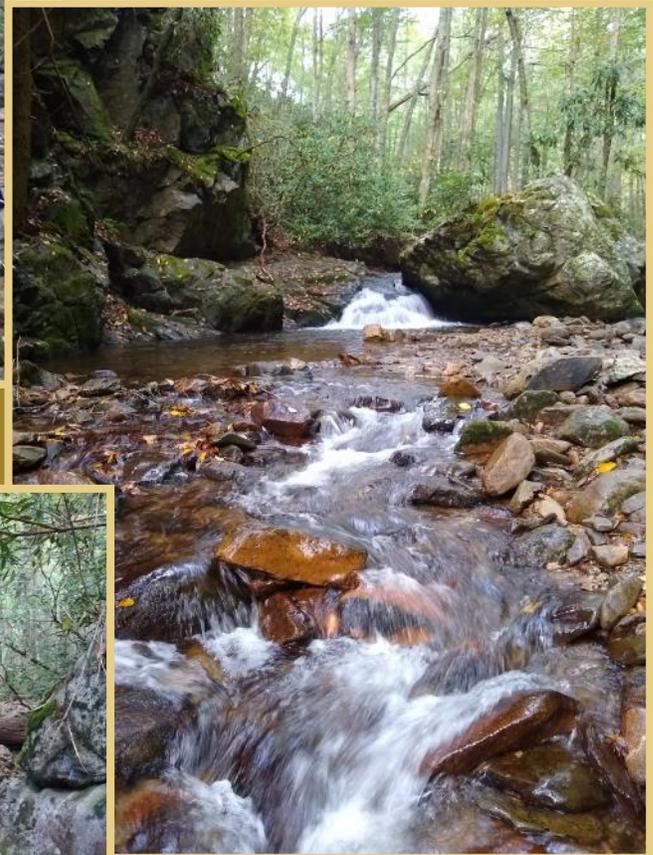


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Rocky Fork Park 10/1/19



Rocky Fork State Park waterfall - https://youtu.be/kV_oCnSAMug

Water Fitness

*Taken from the website of **Health Fitness Evolution***

1. Increase muscle strength - Since water flows in multiple directions, the resistance in the pool can range from four to 42 times greater than air, insuring the body's muscles get a rigid workout.
2. Build endurance - Water resistance is a more natural resistance which requires the body to strain through the water rather than against it, unlike traditional weights.
3. Increases flexibility - Because of water resistance during the exercise, which requires movement in various directions while adjusting to the push and pull of water, the joints naturally increase their range of motion.
4. Low-impact exercise - The buoyancy of the water takes off some of the impact we tend to place on our body, due to our own water weight. The impact our joints take when running in water is not equal to the impact when running on land.

5. Alleviates pressure on the joints - Water-based exercises relieve pressure placed on joints from normal wear-and-tear and arthritis. Hydrotherapy is the leading form of therapy for those suffering from joint problems.

6. Relieves stress and decreases anxiety - A study conducted in 2007 found that aquatic exercise significantly decreased anxiety and negative mood states in women.



7. Burns calories - The combination of strength and cardio workouts mixed with water resistance ensures the body is getting a full workout. Depending on cardio activity, weight, water temperature, volume and buoyancy, the body can burn between 400 to 500 calories in an hour of exercise.
8. Reduced blood pressure - Water pressure works with your blood and enables one's blood flow to circulate more effectively throughout the body, effectively decreasing blood pressure and, in the long run, decreasing resting heart rate.
9. Cooling exercise - Water aerobics satisfies the need to feel cool in warmer temperatures while still enabling you to exercise. No struggling in the heat!
10. Popular activity - Water aerobics is not limited to any age group or skill level. The sport appeals to all ages!

Join the Water Fitness class offered with your Village Amenities twice a week starting in June. Days and times to be announced.

Submitted by Denise Norton, the WL Water Fitness Instructor

Piebald deer!

Thank you Larry Smith for letting us know about our rare Piebald deer! I just spotted a piebald deer this evening on English Ridge at the Fox Den intersection near the mail boxes. He was young probably born in the Spring. These deer which are bi-colored represent about 2% of the deer population. In this case the markings are distinct. The legs are white like stockings and has white patches on side and rump. Unfortunately, I was too slow with the camera. (photos below acquired from other sources.)



Bill Aimone sent
Scott's pic of an Eagle



Cap's Bear: Around the middle of October a Lucas Lane resident, Richard, was alerted by his canine companion, Cap, that some critter was down in the yard below the deck. After shining the flashlight down and seeing two eyes reflecting back at him for several minutes, the critter finally turned to scamper away (through my yard); it was a bear. It appeared to be a young bear. Cap also spotted a possum and a racoon that same week.

Village Club Waterfall on Wolf Laurel Branch



A Wolf Laurel hidden gem: Link to video on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/VECogiQKZe0>

Wolf Laurel Branch

Just off Wolf Laurel Road from the WL gate down the hill to the Wolf Ridge entrance.



Link to video on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/WL0FZZ7-s7I>

Cary Monroe - www.wolflaurelcommunity.com

In the past it has been said, “There is no *Wolf Laurel* website. There are WL POA, WL RMS, and WL Country Club sites, but no Wolf Laurel site that covers the whole wonderful area. Friends and potential buyers have asked how to get to Wolf Laurel. We told them to look up the Wolf Laurel on Google and they ended up at Wolf Ridge.”

Now Wolf Laurel has a community/resort website for the whole Wolf Laurel Community; it is at www.wolflaurelcommunity.com.

The purpose of this site is to increase the exposure of the community and its amenities, to promote and increase website traffic, and to generate sales leads within the community. The community benefits from a directory of websites that benefits everyone in the community and gives Wolf Laurel the identity it deserves. More property sales should translate into higher property values for all of us.

“Wolf Laurel Community Website is a Hit!” **“In the last week [in February], 332 people came to the Wolf Laurel Community website. In January 604 visitors hit the site. In 2018, a total of 23,947 pages were viewed.”**

For example, you'll see some beautiful pictures taken by George and Becky Shennan's daughter, Rebekah, along with the various websites of the folks and entities in the community.

Take a look at www.wolflaurelcommunity.com; I just want everyone to know about this resource. Spread the word so that this site can be a valuable site when folks want to look up Wolf Laurel.

CONTACT: Cary Monroe, 828-680-9396

Cindy Tucker - Hey Larry, I hope someone replies who knows more than I do. So - from what I know:

- 1) the waterfall between the pond and package cabin was 'man-made'. I do not know what kind of 'fall' may have been there naturally, but at least since 2002ish, the fall has been there and was reinforced/heightened by Orville with logs, etc.
- 2) Wolf Laurel Branch is one of the names I've heard to name the stream along WL Road and The Village.
- 3) I have only heard the small pavilion close to the Bald called Angelico Ridge Pavilion. A number of years ago, the RMS folks renamed a portion of what once was Angelico Ridge Road - to the same name as a connecting road - Birch Springs. So now, actually the Angelico Ridge Pavilion is located on Birch Springs :-). Also probably built in the early 2000's.

FYI - Lee Smith was the developer and owner of BMDC for a good number of years and all the rustic features here in The Village and around the mountain were installed during his tenure (The Nature Trail, etc.).

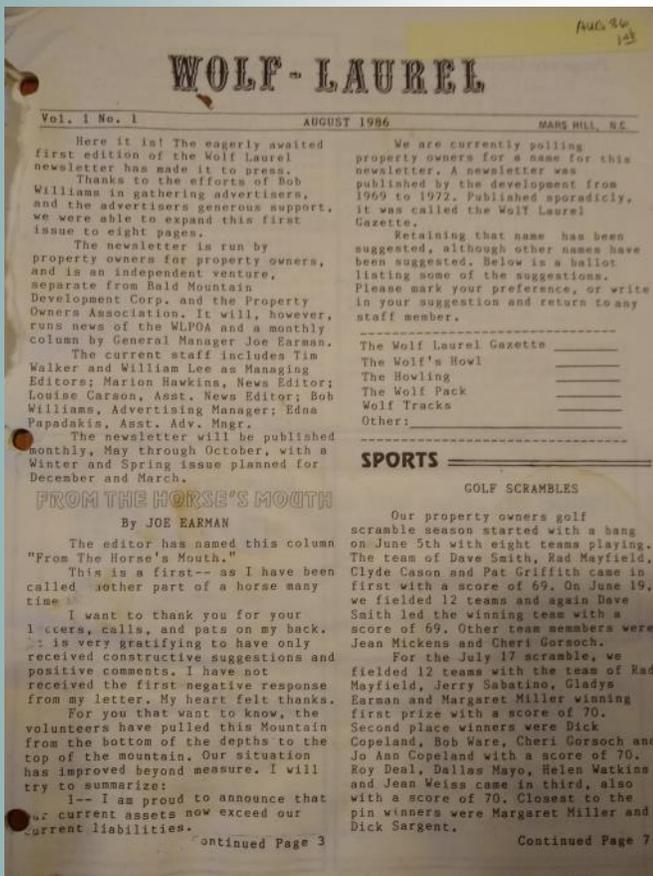


Angelico Ridge
Pavilion on Birch
Springs Lane
(Formerly Angelico
Ridge Lane)

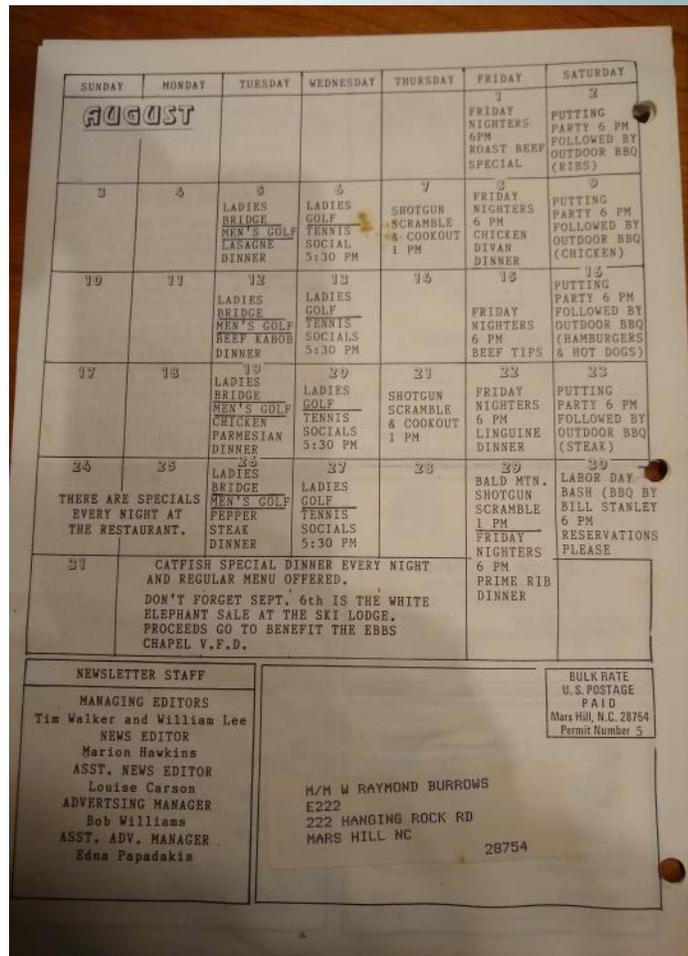
From the 1st "Wolf Laurel Gazette"

1986- Vol. 1 No. 1

"We are currently polling property owners for a name for this newsletter. A newsletter was published by the development from 1969 to 1972. Published sporadically, it was called the Wolf Laurel Gazette." The vote was for one of the following: *The Wolf Laurel Gazette, The Wolf's Howl, The Howling, The Wolf Pack, or Wolf Tracks*. There is a note in the 1st edition, "There will be a Skeet Shoot and Cookout on Big Bald Mountain in August."



A section, From the Horse's Mouth, Joe Earman writes, "...Thanks to the Property Owners Assoc. (they have raised almost half the funds so far) I am going to start on patching and paving Bald Mtn. Rd. right away." [Sound familiar?]



The August calendar listed for every Saturday: "Putting Party, Followed by BBQ."

"Ladies Bridge - On July 22nd we had five tables of bridge -- in one room! The winners were Joanna Brown, first place; Margaret Miller, second; Grace Ekman, third; and Margaret Cason, fourth."

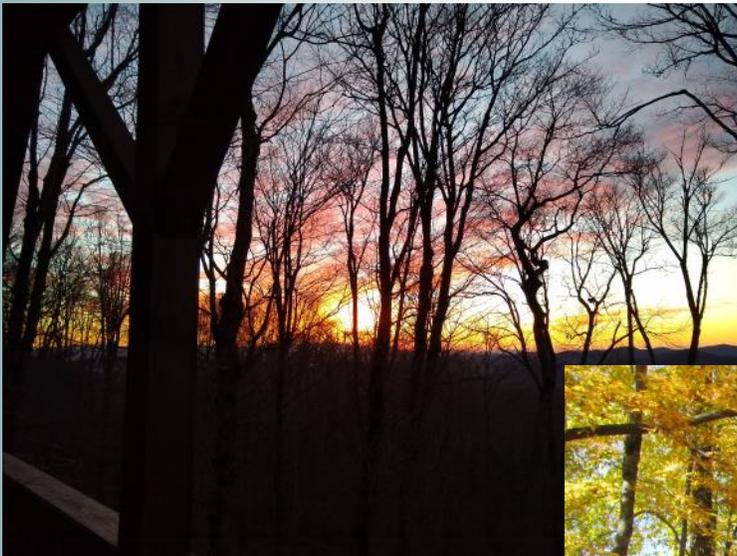
Cynthia Kessler

When the Poetry Foundation of Chicago emailed this short poem as the poem of the day, I thought of Wolf Laurel.

Choices

BY TESS GALLAGHER

*I go to the mountain side
of the house to cut saplings,
and clear a view to snow
on the mountain. But when I look up,
saw in hand, I see a nest clutched in
the uppermost branches.
I don't cut that one.
I don't cut the others either.
Suddenly, in every tree,
an unseen nest
where a mountain
would be.*





**JOE
PENLAND
IN
CONCERT**

“This May be the Last Time”

**SATURDAY
November 9
7:30 PM**

(See next page)

A color photograph of Joe Penland playing an acoustic guitar. He is wearing glasses and a dark shirt, looking down at his instrument. A microphone is visible in the foreground.

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Madison County Arts Council

Joe Penland wears many hats, old-time ballad singer, songwriter, historian and irrepressible raconteur. Joe will be in concert the Madison County Arts Center, 90 S. Main Street, Marshall, N.C. on Saturday, November 9, at 7:30 PM. This year's show is entitled, "This May be the Last Time." Let's hope this is a tease!



"Joe's stories make you thirsty for more local history," says Laura Boosinger, executive director of the Madison County Arts Council. "Walking four miles while 8 ½ months pregnant to sing for an Englishman conjures up enough images to last the whole evening," she says. "And then there's that one about the rooster riding the chicken coop down the French Broad."

Penland's running commentary of growing up in rural Madison County and along the banks of the mighty French Broad have made him one of the South's most beloved storytellers and songwriters. Deemed "A Cultural Treasure", Joe's award winning Appalachian ballad singing and storytelling have made him a favorite at festivals and folk venues on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2005 he won the prestigious Bascom Lamar Lunsford Award, named for his cousin and founder of the longest continually running folk festival in America.

Tickets and information are available by contacting the Madison County Arts Council at (828) 649-1301 or by visiting www.madisoncountyarts.com.

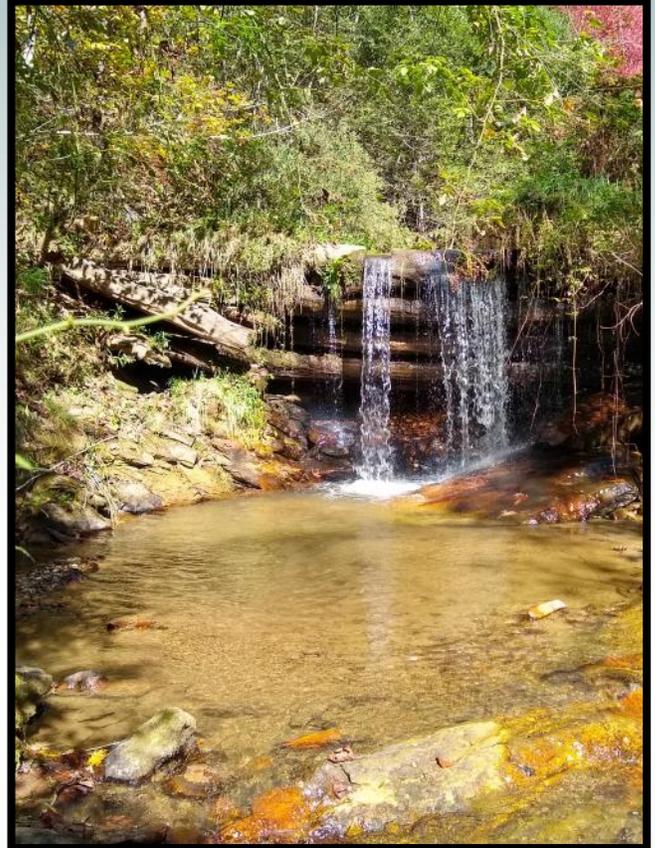
A screenshot of the Town of Marshall, North Carolina website. The page features a colorful, abstract painting of a building facade on the left. The main content area includes a navigation menu with links for Home, Calendar, Government, Fair Housing, Departments, Residents, Our Community, Visitor Information, and Contact. A search bar is located to the right of the navigation menu. Below the navigation menu is a section titled "Upcoming Events" with a list of dates and times for various town meetings and events. At the bottom of the page, there is a "Welcome to Marshall" section with text describing the town's location and history, and a "Welcome to Marshall" section with text describing the town's location and history. The page also includes a "Google Calendar" link.

Where Was I?

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#2



#3



Where Was I answers are at the bottom of the next page.

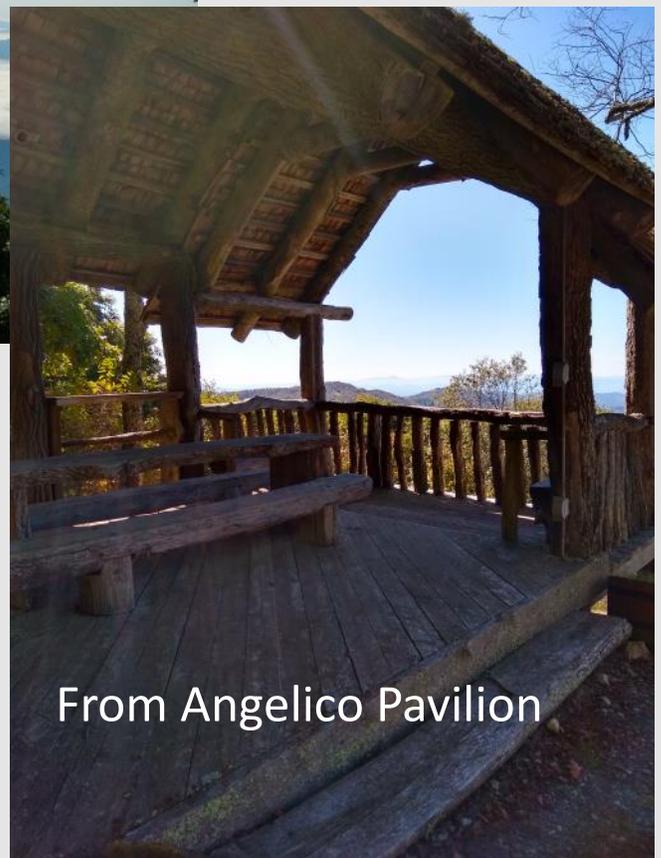
The Beauty of Wolf Laurel #1



From Angelico Pavilion



From AT near Big Bald



From Angelico Pavilion

Where Was I:

#1. Angelico Pavilion

#2. Wolf Laurel Branch

#3. WL Nature Trail

Pix by Larry Veatch

The Beauty of Wolf Laurel #2



*Pix by Larry
Veatch*

Why Dogs Bark

And Control Strategies

No one should expect a dog to never bark. That's as unreasonable as expecting a child to never talk. But some dogs bark excessively. If that's a problem in your home, the first step is figuring out what causes your dog to bark too much. Once you know why he is barking, you can start to treat his barking problem. Barking is one type of vocal communication that dogs use, and it can mean different things depending on the situation. Here are some reasons why dogs bark: Territorial/Protective, Alarm/Fear, Boredom/Loneliness, Greeting/Play, Attention Seeking, Separation Anxiety/Compulsive Barking.

How to Treat Excessive Barking

Getting your dog to bark less will take time, work, practice, and consistency. It won't happen overnight, but with proper techniques and time, you can see progress. Here are a few tips to remember as you start your efforts to control your dog's barking. Shouting stimulates your dog to bark more because he thinks you're joining in. So the first rule is to speak calmly and firmly, but don't yell. Most dogs don't know what you want when you're yelling at them to "shut up." So train your dog to understand the word "Quiet!"



Here are two methods:

When your dog is barking, say "Quiet" in a calm, firm voice. Wait until he stops barking, even if it's just to take a breath, then praise him and give him a treat. Just be careful to never reward him while he's barking. Eventually he will figure out that if he stops barking at the word "quiet" he gets a treat (and make it a delicious treat, such as chicken, to make it worth more than the barking.)

Alternatively, you can teach your dog to "speak; once he's doing that reliably, signal him to stop barking with a different command, such as "quiet", while holding your finger to your lips (dogs often pick up body signals faster than voice commands.) Practice these commands when he's calm, and in time he should learn to stop barking at your command, even when he wants to bark at something.

A tired dog is a quiet dog. If your dog barks when alone, tire him out before you go. Take a long walk or run, play ball or take a trip to the dog park before leaving.

Don't allow problems to go on and on. The longer a dog does something, the more ingrained it becomes. Barking can give dogs an adrenaline rush, which makes the barking pleasant. And allowing a dog to bark in certain situations, such as when the mailman arrives, can eventually make a dog aggressive in those situations. What if your dog gets out one day as the mail is being delivered? Deal with barking problems as quickly as possible.

Some medical problems can cause excessive barking, from bee stings to brain disease to ongoing pain. Older pets can develop a form of canine senility that causes excessive vocalizations. It's always a good idea to have a pet checked by a veterinarian to be sure there's no medical reason for a problem.

Once you know why your dog is barking, you can start working on ways to decrease his annoying habit. Here are some specific reasons why dogs bark, and how you can help lessen the noise:

Territorial/Protective/Alarm/Fear: Because this type of barking is often motivated by fear or a perceived threat to their territory or people, it can be lessened by limiting what your dog sees. If he's in a fenced yard, use solid wood instead of chain fencing. Indoors, limit access to windows and doors or cover them with an opaque film.

(continued)

Why Dogs Bark

And Control Strategies (continued)



Boredom/Loneliness: If your dog barks excessively while you're gone, you need to provide more activities or companionship to keep him from being lonely or bored. Bringing an outdoor dog inside will lessen the noise impact on neighbors, and provide extra security for your home. It's also safer, because dogs left alone outside can face theft, escapes, poisoning, harassment, and other dangers. But dogs can still bark inside if bored. So if your dog barks while you're at work all day, get someone to walk your dog or play with her for at least an hour a day. Providing something for your dog to do during the day also can help. Try leaving out a couple of food-dispensing toys, which come in different shapes and sizes. These can keep him busy for several hours, then he'll probably take a nap.

Dogs that bark all night should be brought indoors. Dogs quickly learn to sleep quietly inside, and are added protection for your family. You also can drop your pet off at doggie daycare two or three days a week, or take up agility, obedience, or another active form of dog training.

Greeting/Play: To stop a dog from going into a barking frenzy every time you come home or the doorbell rings, you'll need to teach him other behaviors. One way is to train your dog to go to a spot and stay there when the door opens. It's best if they can see the door, but not be too close to it. Pick a spot and practice getting your dog to go there and stay, but don't touch the door yet. Use lots of treats and praise, making it a game.

Attention seeking: Never reward barking. If your dog barks when he wants water, and you fill the dish, you've taught him to bark to get what he wants. If he barks to go outside, it's the same. So teach him to ring a bell you tied to the door handle to go out. Bang the water dish before filling it, and maybe he'll start pushing it with his nose to make the same noise. Find ways for your dog to communicate without barking.

Separation Anxiety/Compulsive Barking: Separation anxiety and compulsive barking are both difficult to treat and should be handled with the help of a veterinary behaviorist or a certified applied animal behaviorist. Dogs with these problems often need drug therapy to help them cope while learning new, more acceptable behaviors.

Don't encourage your dog to bark at some noises (a door slamming, people walking by) and discourage him from barking at others. Be consistent.



Swept Away! Broom Exhibit

Exhibit runs through December 9 2019 - Free and open to the public

At the Arts Center 90 South Main Marshall, Information at: (828)649-1301, www.madisoncountyarts.com



Brooms are a functional and sometimes decorative symbol of our common humanity.

The Madison County Arts Council, in association with Tom Bailey, is pleased to present "Swept Away," an exhibit of brooms from around the world.

According to Bailey, "The broom has rarely been considered an object of importance, but upon reflection, the broom takes on a whole new significance, symbolizing a common thread which binds together the peoples of the world in the common pursuit of improving the quality of their lives."

Each of the brooms in this show is constructed from materials indigenous to the country of its origin. Some of the brooms are pretty and others are strictly pragmatic.

Thailand- delicately designed handles and brushes

England- witches broom for cleaning cobblestone streets

Canada- advanced technology/leisure time, curling broom

North Carolina- long, thin brooms for sweeping ceiling cobwebs

This international exhibit of brooms illustrates the universal range of human's capability of adapting to and utilizing the resources of their environment in fulfilling that need.

"I met my friend Vance Engleman during the summer of 1967 in Chicago. We were both participating in a community revitalization in the inner City. I had just finished my sophomore year in high school and was highly impressionable. Vance related his recent trip to India and showed me a couple of brooms he brought back. He said he was heading back on another trip later that year and told me he would try to bring some more back. Later in December of

1967, I headed to South America for 1 1/2 years. I decided to look for some brooms, and so the collection began. I would continue to collect brooms over the years during my various trips to South/North/Central America and Europe. Over time, I would enlist friends during my Graduate School days to bring me back a broom from their travels around the world. Vance passed away in 2005 and left his collection to me," says Bailey.

Also on October 17, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce will host their monthly "After Hours" business social from 5:30-7:30 pm. In addition, the brand new Marshall Welcome Center will be christened at the Madison County Arts Center. "We hope to see many of our community members as we celebrate art, commerce and visitors in downtown Marshall," declared Laura Boosinger, Executive Director of the Madison County Arts Council. Come enjoy all of the fun on the Third Thursday of the month in downtown Marshall.

For more information on the exhibit contact the Madison County Arts Council call (828)649-1301 or visit madisoncountyarts.com

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Marshall named one of North Carolina's SmART Communities

A local team of arts, government and community leaders are launching a series of public meetings to promote and engage the public in the first project of the SmART Communities program of the North Carolina Arts Council. The City of Marshall was selected as a N.C. Arts Council SmART Community, an initiative that transforms downtowns and fuels sustainable economic development, in 2018. The Madison County Arts Council invites you to attend a presentation at the Madison County Arts Center, 90 S. Main Street on Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm. Come join neighbors, artists and the SmART team for an enlightening and exciting presentation on SmART Communities and the proposed Marshall project.

For more than a year the SmART Marshall team has planned for the premiere project, an artful wayfinding system designed to connect the arts and cultural assets from downtown Marshall, across the French Broad River to Blannahasset Island with three primary goals:

activating and enhancing the cultural connectivity, economic vitality and walkability in downtown Marshall through engaging artwork and creative placemaking;

To reflect the history, natural beauty and cultural identity of the community;

To beautify and add character to the downtown, and reflect the unique characteristics and assets of Marshall Stone Cloud Studios of Asheville was chosen from 73 artist submissions from across the country to work in Marshall. Their work ranges from large-scale murals to monumental sculpture. The artists, Lara Nguyen and Todd Frahm, will begin a series of community engagement activities in Marshall to learn more about the community and to hear from citizens before developing their plan.

"Lara & Todd were chosen because they offer a vast array of mediums we felt fit in with the vibe of Marshall. No one knows what the project is going to be just yet, but we do know it will be well thought out, creative & amazing. Not only are they talented artists, they are personable and passionate about Downtown Marshall and are excited about working with our community on this project" remarked Rhessa Edwards, Vice-President, Marshall Downtown Association and local business/property owner.

The N.C. Arts Council's [SmART Communities program](#) works with local government, local arts groups and the economic development sector in each location to envision projects and plans large enough in scope and scale to transform the community in a significant way, while reflecting the unique assets and character of place.

Since 2012, four SmART communities including Burnsville, Durham, Wilson and Kinston have showcased the central role the arts play in downtown revitalization and economic growth. Three additional communities were added in 2018: Greenville, Marshall and Morganton.

Marshall SmART Community team members include Nancy Allen, Town Administrator, Town of Marshall; Terry Bellamy, Director of Community and Economic Development, Madison County; Laura Boosinger, Executive Director, Madison County Arts Council; Rhessa Edwards, Vice President, Downtown Marshall Association (DMA); Forrest Gilliam, County Manager, Madison County; Erich Hubner, Program Director, Madison County Arts Council; Betty Hurst, Local Art Consultant; David McClurkin, President, Madison County Arts Council; Rob Pulleyn, Owner, Marshall High Studios; and Ben Smith, Board Member, Madison County Arts Council. For more information call (828)649-1301



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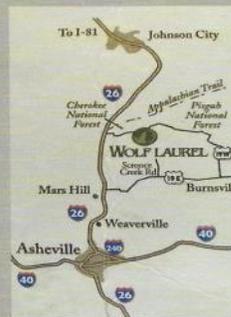


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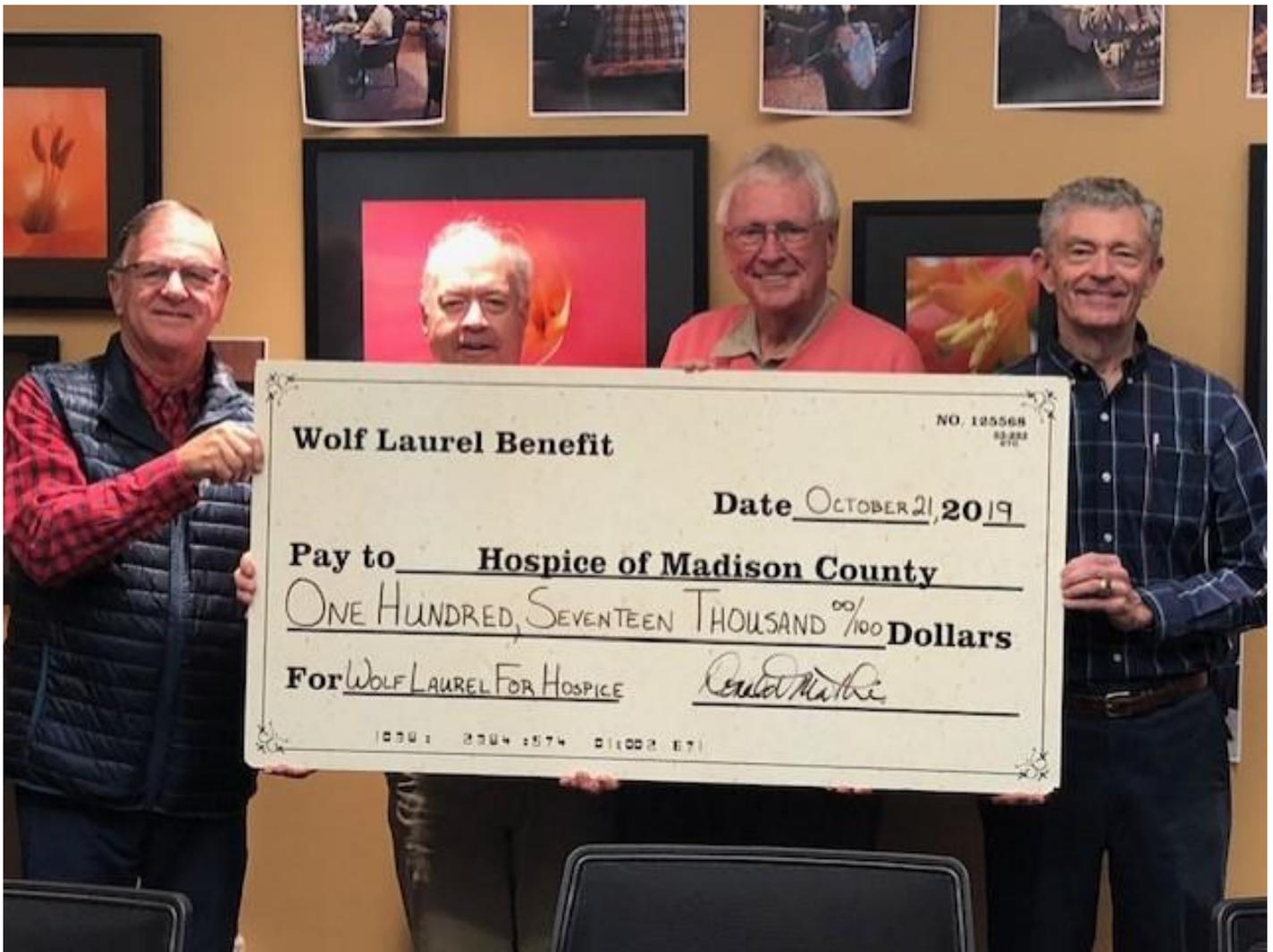
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Wolf Laurel Hospice Presents Check to Hot Springs Health Program

At the conclusion of the monthly Hot Springs Health Program (HSHP) board meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019, members of the Wolf Laurel Hospice Benefit committee presented a check to HSHP for \$117,000. Shown in the photo from left to right are: Ed Bunch, incoming Benefit treasurer, Paul Carroll, incoming Benefit co-chair, Don Mathis outgoing chair and HSHP Board member, and Rich Ashley, outgoing treasurer. The other incoming co-chair is Bill Gregg, who is currently in Florida.

Larry Burda, HSHP Board Chair, thanked the Benefit committee for their generous donation and hard work, and said he is looking forward to working with the new committee next year. He said HSHP the funds provided by Wolf Laurel are essential to keep the Hospice program viable and to provide a margin of excellence that would not otherwise be possible. Other Board and HSHP members who also work closely with the Hospice Benefit committee are: Ross Young, Board member and Madison County Extension Director, Rob Kraft, Board member, Teresa Strom, Executive Director of HSHP, Pam Gregg (no relation to Bill Gregg), Associate Director of HSHP.

Don Mathis said he was grateful to have been surrounded by so many talented and hard-working volunteers who helped make the Benefit successful. He heartily thanks everyone involved: Lois-Lynn and Louis Bellemare, Earline Shofi, Willie Romero, Bill Gregg, Paul Carroll, Tim Berry, Cary Monroe, Dan Hartley, Debbie Wallace, Brenda Daniels, Barby Mcqueen, Kippy Capers, Betsy Browne, Carol Krueger, the staff of the Wolf Laurel Country, Ingles grocery store, and The Hot Springs Health Program band, led by Dr. Steven Johnson, HSHP Board member.