



Grants Mountain Newsletter

Hello Grants Mountain Property Owner!

As officers of the new GMPOA, we'd like to utilize the "Grants Mountain Newsletter" to keep the community informed of "What is happening" on Grants Mountain. With community meetings occurring only once or twice per year, we'd like to give officers the opportunity to identify projects that they are working on and identify any new issues or concerns that may have arisen since the last meeting.

Anyone with questions or comments, can email the officers of the POA utilizing the following email addresses:

president@grantsmountain.com: Dillon Robinson

vp@grantsmountain.com: Terri Miner

secretary@grantsmountain.com: Joan Messner

Treasurer@grantsmountain.com: Anika Jaan

MAL@grantsmountain.com: Catherine Ross

Big shout outs to:

Joel, Rich & Joan, Catherine & Bennie for cutting trees/branches along the road.

Terri & Kristi for cutting branches, trimming shrubs at the front gate and replacing and painting a rotted board on the fence.

Alan for programming the new gate codes and painting the gate

Catherine & Bennie for placing flags identifying blocked culverts in preparation for re-digging and unblocking culverts/ditches.

President's Corner:

Hello homeowners and lot owners! My name is Dillon Robinson and I am the new President for Grants Mountain. I hope everyone is enjoying this summer weather. The summer weather brings out the Wildlife to our mountain. We have a Bear, Coyotes, Turkeys, Birds, Snakes, Turtles, Foxes, Raccoons, Squirrels, Possums, Skunks, Groundhogs or Woodchucks. Enjoy the mountain but be aware of all the critters that are out and about.

VP's Corner:

Hello everyone, I have only lived on Grants Mountain for a couple of years, but I love it here. I am so proud of our community and how friendly everyone is, and the way people chip in to help each other. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to help with the up keep of our community. I am very excited to work with this new board and hopefully we can accomplish a few good things for our community.

Secretary's Corner:

Thank you to all those homeowners, who submitted their contact information for distribution to fellow community homeowners. We hope this list will be helpful in providing current emails and phone numbers of our neighbors.

Minutes from our last meeting were emailed to all property owners. Any questions or comments can be directed to secretary@grantsmountain.com.

I've been working with Chrissie Miller to assume the listing for the GMPOA lot, lot#39. We have listed the lot for \$20,000. Paperwork has been submitted and approved. Chrissie has placed the Keller Williams sign on the lot.

I'm planning on sending out the Newsletter on a more frequent basis. As a Board, we'd like to use the newsletter as our vehicle to get information out to the community. We'll include updates on previous topics and discussions, as well as present new issues or concerns that have developed since our last communication.

Reminder: Property owners with kudzu on their land, should be taking measures to control the vine and prevent the kudzu from spreading to neighboring properties.



Everyone, please email us with any issues or concerns that you would like addressed!

Treasurer's Corner:

A huge Thank You to all the "Good Samaritan's" lately who have been dedicating their time and expertise to work on the gate, tree trimmings, culvert clearings and landscaping. Our enthusiastic, helpful neighbors have helped us save money and improve our neighborhood.

Twenty-two lots still owe this year's dues or more. If this is you, please send in your check ASAP.

MAL's Corner:

Hello everyone! Thank you for showing my family such a warm welcoming to Grants Mountain! Let me introduce myself: I am the marketing manager for Sysco Raleigh in eastern NC. I've been with Sysco for 21+ years moving from our Central PA office to Metro NY & now to the Raleigh area. I am the President of a local women's leadership group as well as a board member for Veteran Owned, Veteran Grown organization which supports our returning military back into civilian life (<https://www.facebook.com/bobrien207/>). I look forward to working with this very talented board on GM in this upcoming year.

As the member-at-large on this board, I have spent much of my time working with the board on renewing the contract with 5 Alarm Landscaping for the 2018-2019 seasons. We look forward to working with Bailey & his crew keeping our mountain manicured & looking beautiful. If you see them working, give them a wave to say "hello"! If you have any concerns for the neighborhood, please feel free to reach out at any time at mal@grantsmountain.com. I look forward to meeting everyone soon!

Trash Pickup:

A huge "Thank You" to all those homeowners who volunteered their time to pick up trash along our beautiful roads! Current volunteers include:

May: Joan & Rich

June: Dillon

July: Catherine & Bennie

We NEED Volunteers for the Coming Months!! Please email Catherine, our new Webmaster, to sign up for "Trash Pickup". The monthly calendar assignments are posted on the grantsmountain.com website.

What's Involved: Picking up litter and trash during your sign-up month from Ashworth Road and all community roads.

Neighborhood Projects:

Culvert cleaning

We can all agree that the largest concern within the POA is the road that brings us to & from our properties. *Did you know there are more than 4.5 miles of asphalt road on Grants Mountain?* One of the ways that your board has identified to keep the roads safe & stable is by organizing a full cleaning of all the culverts & ditches around the mountain. This will keep the rain water (& the mud that comes with it) off our roads & into the pipes that already exist. During the week of July 4th our neighbor Bennie Owens (lot 55) will be renting a mini-excavator (example shown below) & using his 23+ years of road building experience, he will be digging out all the culverts that need some help. We ask that you mark any culvert that doesn't have a white flag on it, so none are missed. We know this will greatly support our goal of having a safe & beautiful neighborhood. We want to thank Bennie for taking part of his vacation time to help keep our mountain beautiful!

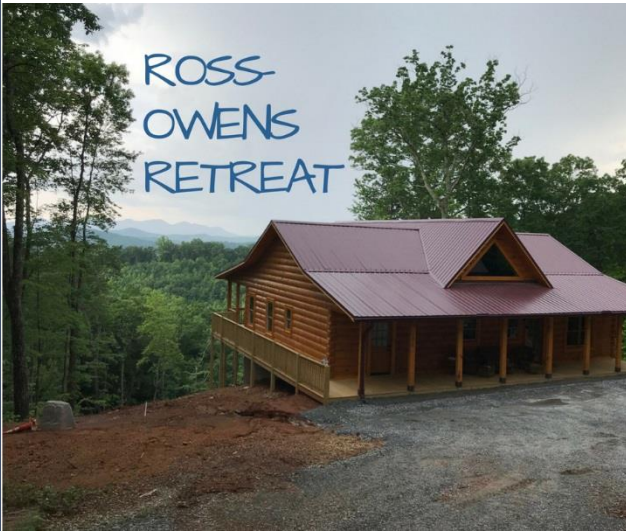


Meet our New Neighbors:

Lot #55: Catherine & Bennie Owens; Mary & Don Ross

Hi everyone! We are the Ross-Owens family on lot #55! We are blessed to be a part of this community & looking forward to many memories on the mountain. Don, Mary Kay & Catherine are natives of Pennsylvania. Catherine transferred to Clayton NC for her job in 2006 where shortly thereafter she met & fell in love with Bennie. In 2015, Catherine married Bennie in the NC mountains at the Grove Park Inn & that was all she wrote! We were all in love with the majestic western NC

mountains & we decided to put our roots down. While we will be splitting our time between eastern & western NC, we feel like home on Grants Mountain at our cabin "Ross-Owens Retreat". Make sure to stop by & say hi!



Lot # 61: Mitchell and Constance Gravitt

Mitchell and Constance Gravitt purchased the McCready cabin Oct 2017, location is 2392 Mtn Crest South Dr. We hope to move late summer, or early fall. We currently reside in South Central VA, and have been truly blessed to spend Nov - Feb in PCB, FL for the past 5yrs.

Mitchell is a 45yr retiree of Vulcan Materials Company as Technical Specialist/Computer Programmer. His territory was the East Coast Division which included the plant in Morganton, NC. Mitchell's hobby's includes golf, (mostly VMC charity tournaments), and we are blessed to sponsor Mitchell's "Amigo Team" yearly, i.e. God's Pit Crew, Air Force Vet, born and raised in VA.

Constance is a 30yr retiree of Halifax Regional Hospital in IV Pharmacy. Her hobby's include decorating, teaching crafting classes, (Hobby Lobby), and "Classy Crafts", by Constance on FB, teaching low impact exercise/yoga, (for seniors). Born in NC and hope to return soon.

No Grandkids... 3 Yorkshire Terries, total weight 12lbs, Miss Prissy, Miss Fancy & Miss Jazzy, (names too long to print), are the love of the Gravitt family.

Apologize for any construction noise or inconvenience during renovation. Should start landscaping soon.
Thanks, Constance

Meet Miss Prissy, Miss Fancy and Miss Jazzy:



What's New in Marion:

The County Marketing Plan is progressing, by Rocket Sled Marketing
Timely progress being made on Larry D. Miller Business Complex/Municipal Events Center.
Roller Skating Rink commitment.

New Businesses –

Arby's
CaTs Mountain Deli, 226 South @ Jack Town Road
Big Orange Hoagie Factory, North Main Street
Flavors on Main, 19 North Main Street
Kustom Design Graffix, 1155 N Main Street
Nourished by Nature, E Henderson Street
REAL Therapies & Wellness, 246A South Main Street
Abba's House, South Main Street
Downtown Jobs Added – 4/42 FT, 11/20 PT

Moved Business or New Owner -

Marion Fabrics & Furniture to Old Belk Annex
Open Door to Health to Ashworth Road
Cheapo's – Mike Kilpatrick, New Owner

In process – Keepers Cut Meadery

Taylor Brewery

Mountain Marquee Movie Theater

Artesana Ice Cream

45 Depot Street/Feisty Goldfish – Retro Arcade

Bracelets, Baubles and Bling @ Suttle's Bldg

Keys of Hope Medical Wellness Center @ Presb Church

Dentist Office/Rutherford Road,

Pelican Snoball @ 174 US 70 West

"Dos Mundos Two Worlds" Coffee House @ old Little Siena in Pleasant Gardens

Announced Closings - Catawhale

Under construction - Petsense & Harbor Freight (both in old Walmart)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks - 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Celebrate Independence Day in Downtown Marion. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. A special spot is reserved at the beginning of the parade for

"Anything That Rolls". Grand Marshals are McDowell County veterans.

The street dance with "***Gotcha Groove***" begins at 7:00 PM. Fireworks at 9:45 PM.

For more information, 828-652-2215.

Friday, July 20 - City Stage Block Party - 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hosted by Crooked Door Coffee House. For information 828-652-9947

Saturday, July 21 - Marion Sundown Cruise-In – 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Tailgate Market, 67 West Henderson Street. For information, contact Encore Events 828-652-9159