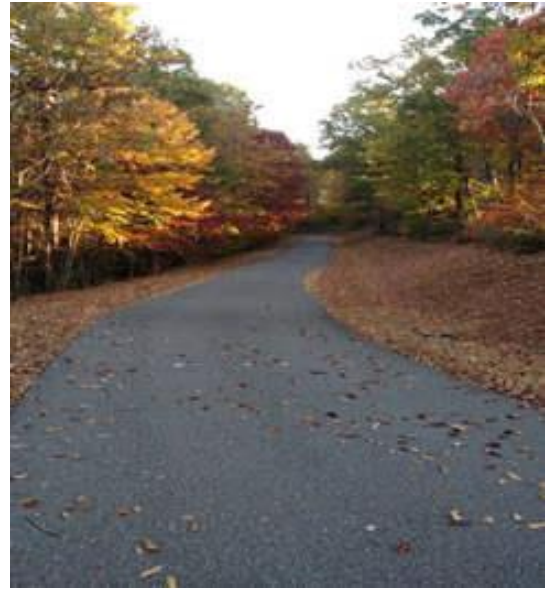




Mountain News

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Welcome Autumn!!!

Hello neighbors!!

Hope you enjoy the second edition of our Grant's Mountain Newsletter... As mentioned in the previous edition, our plan is to send out quarterly newsletters that address what's happening in our community and identify "things to do" and "places to go" in our area.

We welcome all comments and suggestions about the newsletter, including your ideas on what you would like us to include!

Please email your thoughts, ideas and any suggestions for future topics. Also, email information and/or pictures of places you've been to, things you've done that others may enjoy.

The newsletter will be emailed to each property owner, as well as posted on the Grant's Mountain website.

My email is joan.wnc@gmail.com. Thank you, everyone, for being part of our community! Joan

The President's Corner:

As promised in the last newsletter I will attempt to be brief. I had a meeting with Fire Chief Donnie Tipton. We toured our mountain and as a result will be putting up signs at the “Tee” showing emergency vehicles which way to turn for a particular house. The board will also discuss other ways to give emergency workers access without using the emergency box at the gate.

You may also have noticed markings in the road. Donnie did these which show distance from the Glenwood Fire House. They are for insurance purposes only. Premiums may be less within the five and six mile zones. **Have no fear, the markings mean absolutely nothing in an emergency situation. EMS will respond anywhere needed.**

Another project we are still working on is repairing portions of the ditches and opening the culverts that have clogged. As anyone that has tried to have work done we are experiencing what is known as “mountain time”. Getting someone to follow up with a quote can be exasperating but we will get it done.

Again, I wish to thank those who have given their time and energy repairing or otherwise helping our community. It’s usually the same ones and we know who they are so I don’t need to name them. Also, remember, projects do not have to be initiated by the board. If anyone notices something they believe needs to be done, and they want to get a group together to work on it, please contact a board member. If it makes sense to the board, we can reimburse the cost of material.

I hope everyone enjoys the greatest season of the year.

Rich

Trash Pickup:

A huge “Thank You” to those homeowners who volunteered their time to pick up trash along our beautiful roads!

Doug and Melissa: August and September

Joel and Teresa: October

Up Next:

Keith and Marilyn: November

Rich and Joan: December

Alan and Crystal: January

If anyone else would like to volunteer for a month, please look at the “clean-up” schedule on the website with the complete sign-up list, select an available month and email me your requested month. We’ll add your names to the schedule. We certainly appreciate your help!

Getting to Know your Neighbors:

Meet:

Terri Miner and Kristi Black, Lot # 15 on Pisgah View.



Here is a little info on Kristi and Terri:

“Terri Miner and Kristi Black retired and moved from California. We both have family in Charlotte and Hendersonville, so with Marion in the middle, it was the perfect place to live with our 4 dogs. We look forward to meeting everyone and being part of this beautiful community.

Terri served in the United States Army, and then worked for the California Department of Correction for 26+ years. She enjoys hiking, kayaking, camping and craft shows.

Kristi worked for the California Department of Correction for 24+ years. She enjoys hiking, kayaking, camping and wine and beer tasting.”

Terri Miner

Lot 26 was purchased by Dennis and LeeAnn Mialki prior to our last newsletter. They have cleared their lot and will be proceeding with construction of their new home.

There are numerous lots and a few homes for sale on the mountain.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!!

Holiday News:

For all those “real” Christmas Tree lover’s:

Choosing The Perfect Christmas Tree:

Call 1-800-562-8789 or visit website: www.NCchristmastrees.com to receive a free Choose and Cut Guide to Christmas Tree Farms in the Area!!

December 3rd: Appalachian Potters Market from 10a-4p at McDowell High School in Marion.

The Biltmore House is even more magical when adorned for the holidays. The Christmas at Biltmore extravagant celebration includes 70 elaborate, hand-decorated Christmas trees (including the favorite 35-foot live Fraser fir in the Banquet Hall), 1,000+ poinsettias, miles of garland and lights, live music and informative holiday demonstrations. This year's theme of "Hearth and Home" is inspired by stories of Vanderbilt family hospitality with special attention to Biltmore House’s many fireplaces. See our Christmas Photo Tour inside Biltmore House from 2015.

Daytime Tours: November 4, 2016–January 8, 2017

Candlelight Evenings: November 4, 2016–January 7, 2017

November 12-December 22, 2016

The annual "pop up" Aluminum Tree Museum returns to the Transylvania Heritage Museum at 189 West Main Street in downtown Brevard. The blast from the past will take you back to the 1950s when these trees were all the rage. This is a fun, quirky holiday outing that will make you smile and brighten your day. And it's free to visit (donations appreciated).

The Aluminum Tree & Ornament Museum (ATOM) is the world’s only museum dedicated to vintage aluminum Christmas trees. Dozens of trees and vintage ornaments are displayed in whimsical themes. Color wheels turn to provide the light show. The Atomic Sisterhood performs on Saturday, December 10 at 11:30 AM & 1:45 PM singing original aluminum tree carols.

November 18, 2016-January 1, 2017

Don't miss The North Carolina Arboretum's elaborate Winter Lights show, transforming the gardens into a nighttime wonderland with 500,000 lights! Stroll through spectacular lighted displays and see the gardens in a completely new way. Designed with an artistic aesthetic, The Winter Lights show enhances the natural beauty of the gardens as you celebrate the holidays. And RomanticAsheville.com is delighted to be a sponsor of this event.

National Gingerbread Competition: Grove Park Inn, Asheville

This year's competition display will be open to the public beginning on November 27th and continue through January 5th, 2017. As a means to preserve the overall guest experience, The Omni Grove Park Inn invites guests not staying at the resort to view the display Sunday after 3:00 pm through Thursday, excluding holidays.

A minimum \$10 outdoor parking charge will be in effect for all drive-on guests (one charge per vehicle, based on availability). Half of each parking charge collected this holiday season will be returned to the community in support of various local not-for-profits.

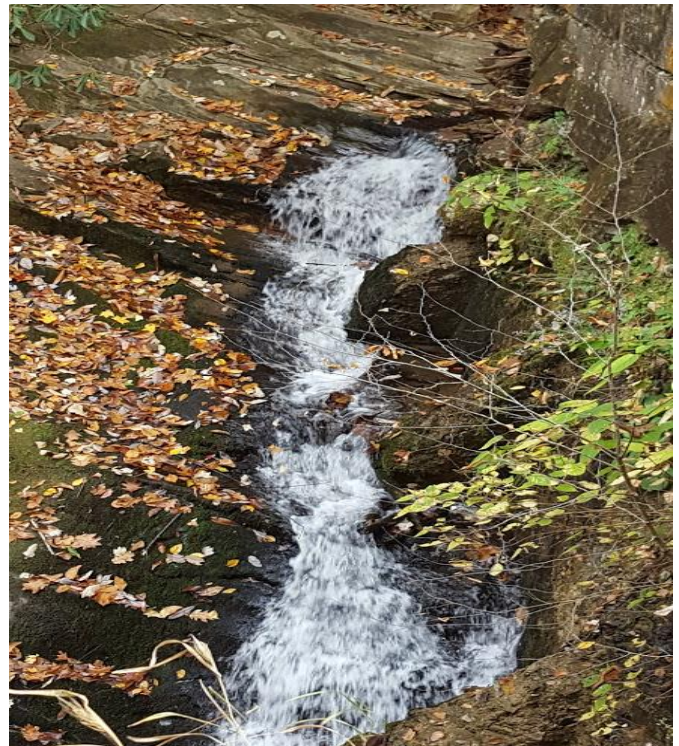
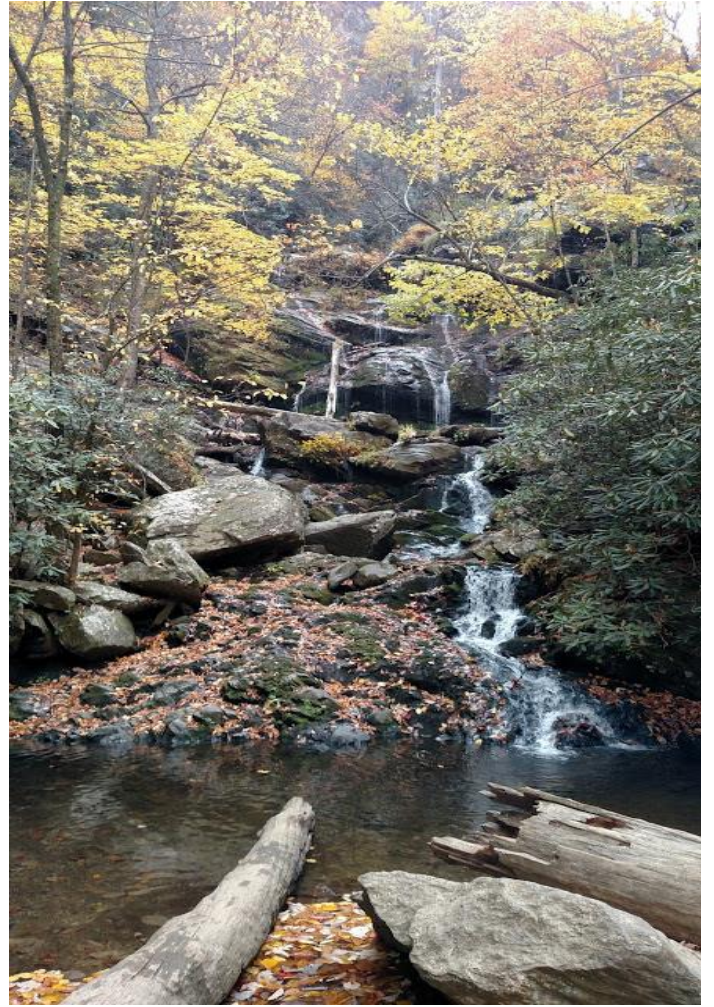
Outdoor Self-Parking: \$10

Garage Self-Parking: \$15

More Places to Go:

Catawba Falls in Old Fort (below): www.ncwaterfalls.com/catawba1.htm;
Distance 30 min:







A group of us hiked the Catawba Falls Trail this week and enjoyed the gorgeous scenery. Pictures just don't do justice to the beautiful colors!! These pictures are shared by Rich Messner, Joel Carley, Teresa Carley and Joan Messner.

[Http://www.ashevilletheatre.org/shows-events/mainstage-2016-17/](http://www.ashevilletheatre.org/shows-events/mainstage-2016-17/)

We've been to several performances at the **Asheville Community Theatre** (ACT) in downtown Asheville. The next play we'll be seeing there is **Snowbound**:

A mountain play with mountain music! It's Christmas Eve in 1955 at a small town train depot where the snowy weather has caused some delays. Over the course of the evening, strangers become friends, friends become family, and the warmth of human connection is deepened through stories and songs.

Though the weather outside is frightful, inside the depot it's delightful as memories of Christmases past are shared.

A World Premier play with original bluegrass music played live onstage by members of Buncombe Turnpike and Sons of Ralph.

We've found ACT to be a great venue for performances in our area. Make a day of it, and enjoy dinner at one of the great restaurants in Asheville!

NC Stage is another choice for live theater in Asheville. We will be attending a play there shortly. Their web address is: ncstage.org

Larkin's on the Lake : <http://www.larkinsonthelake.com/>

Another group of 6 of us ate at this restaurant this summer. It's on the water at Lake Lure and only about 45 minutes from here.

Food was great. All of us were satisfied with the meal and the view was wonderful.

Outdoor seating on the deck overlooking the water is available.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!