



See What's Coming
Down the.....

PIPELINE

NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

We are looking forward to our activities to being held during the Labor Day weekend. It will be very enjoyable seeing all of you at our cookout again this year. Our cook, Darrell Williams, will once again work his magic preparing our food.

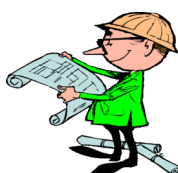
We will gather at the Pavilion on September 3, 2016 to open the ballots and determine the new Board of Directors and decide who will head up the various areas of responsibilities. Please remember that you can hand in your ballot at this short gathering in person. Please vote, this is your opportunity to make your voice heard. The new board members will assume their duties at the May meeting in 2017.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that our work campers, Roger and Carole Martin, have agreed to stay on through the Winter season and continue as our work campers for the 2017 season.

The Board of Directors is continuing to make improvements to our campground by getting the roads repaired and maintained, getting the sewer system upgraded, and adding new and exciting activities.

The month of August has flown by and we look forward to the upcoming fall season and cooler weather.

Bill Maxwell, President



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE:

The park has been quiet this month...the only thing in the works are 2 new cabins that are being built. Best of luck to owners of these brand-new facilities.

For those of you that have permits out **Please** be sure to return them to me after your project is completed! That's all for this month...enjoy September!

Jerry Coleman



FINANCALS:

We have spent a lot of money this season on updating the campground's infrastructure, and as a result have spent approximately \$72,000 of reserve funds over the last three years.

The board as a result has voted to increase the maintenance fee to \$536.00 per year. This will continue to eliminate the need for special assessments in the near future.

In addition, it was decided to return to the old way of charging for trailer space rentals. The charge will now be \$10.00 per month with a total charge of \$120.00. This will give the owner the right to reserve their spot for the next year. This charge will be billed with your yearly maintenance charges. There are currently no spots available, however the board is looking into trying to add some additional spots.

Rory Riff



WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE:

Valve Signs – All of the valve signs for side one and side two have been made except for 5 that had mistakes on them. They are being remade and should be ready by August 25. Shortly thereafter you should see Ken, Rory, Joe and myself planting flags throughout the park. Our water systems seem to be in good shape at this point. One note to keep in mind – we have had to replace the main cut off valves on several lots through the last several months due to handles breaking off. If you have not replaced your valve recently, now is a good time to check it out. Otherwise, when you try to turn off your water at the end of this season it may break and delay your departure.

We have not had any emergencies related to any sewer system in a while. As reported earlier four lift stations on side two have been updated with two remaining on side two to be dealt with. I expect North Georgia Environmental to be back to work with the two remaining soon.

Bobby Privette



GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

I would like to thank all of you who have complied with the letters that were sent out. Proper maintenance is what keeps this park the best in the county!



Darrell Williams



FROM THE SECRETARY:

Cast Your Ballots!

Your voice is important!! **Please vote.** Five proposed Covenant amendments from the Covenants Committee and the Owners Meeting have been approved by the Board and the lawyer for your consideration. **Please vote.**

The ballots will be mailed out early in September and will be due back by Thursday, October 6. **Please vote.** Please take the time to read the reasoning behind each proposal recommended by the Board and the Covenants Committee. **Please vote.** The Covenants Committee members Ray Schulze, Clyde Camp, Rod Gibson, Alide Matthews and I will be glad to answer any questions about these 5 proposed amendments, so call, stop by or email any of us; it's so important!! **Please vote.** This is your park so make sure it is the park of your dreams by voting for the amendments you support. And did I mention...**Please vote!**

Thank you to all those who helped stuff envelopes with the coming Proposed Covenants ballots.

Thanks also to all those who voted in the Election of the 2017 Board of Directors. It is vital that you show support for your community and YOU DID! The last moment to vote is from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, in person in the breezeway. The election results will be posted on both bulletin boards as soon as they are final on September 3. There is no meeting that day, just counting ballots by our Election Team. Thank you to those dedicated individuals who chose to give up some of their free time for the betterment of the park by serving on the Board or by counting ballots. We appreciate you and could not have done it without you!!

Beth Wolfe



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

We have a lot of great activities coming up this month. Please check your calendars, the website at pvcoa.com, fliers and the white board by the gate for details.



There's still time to sign up (in the breezeway) for the Cherokee trip on Sept. 12th.



Just to give you a heads up... the Chili/Wing Cook-Off is scheduled for October 1st at 5 p.m.



Thank You, Sandy Schulze



**DON'T LOSE OUT...
VISIT PVCOA.COM,
GO TO PVC INFO/LOG IN
TO REGISTER.
SEE THE "PIPELINE" IN
LIVING COLOR.
RECEIVE WATER, EMERGENCY
NOTICES, EVENTS AND
SO MUCH MORE!**



RECIPE OF THE MONTH:



Apple Butter Pork Loin

Prep 15 min
Cook 3 hrs.
Ready in 3 hrs. 15 min

"This is the best pork recipe I've ever made. This pork is seasoned with a spiced apple butter, and roasted in apple juice. If food can be warm and cozy, this is it--a great Sunday dish!"

Ingredients

2 (2 pound) boneless pork loin roast
seasoning salt to taste
2 cups apple juice
1/2 cup apple butter
1/4 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons water
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

1. Season the pork loins with seasoning salt, and place them in a 9x13 inch baking dish or small roasting pan. Pour apple juice over the pork, and cover the dish with a lid or aluminum foil.
2. Bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven. While the

pork is roasting, mix together the apple butter, brown sugar, water, cinnamon, and cloves. Remove pork roasts from the oven, and spread with apple butter mixture. Cover, and return to the oven for 2 hours, or until fork-tender.

And to top off a great dinner...try this easy and delicious dessert:



Great Pumpkin Dessert

"This is a very easy cake made with canned pumpkin and yellow cake mix. Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream."

Ingredients

1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
1 (12 fluid ounce) can evaporated milk
3 eggs
1 cup white sugar
4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
3/4 cup butter, melted
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan.
 2. In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar and spice. Mix well, and pour into a 9x13 inch pan.
 3. Sprinkle dry cake mix over the top, then drizzle with melted butter. Top with walnuts.
- Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 1 hour or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE MOUNTAINS....

HELEN, GEORGIA— OKTOBERFEST 2016



It's Helen's biggest celebration!

You can experience the feeling of Gemütlichkeit -- the atmosphere of community, cheer and belonging that is the heart of the experience of Oktoberfest (helenga.org).



WORK CAMPER NEWS:

We would like to thank all of you for making us feel so welcome and to be your camp workers through the winter and for the 2017 season.

In the coming months (and through the winter) if you see anything that needs attention up around the entrance, please bring it to a board member and we will check it out.

Those who are leaving soon, have a great, safe and fun trip home or where your travels take you.

Your camp workers,
Carole and Roger
P.S. and Minnie too



Please remember to turn off the lights in the pavilion, rest rooms, laundry and to close down the umbrellas at the pool and put them in the ladies' and mens' room. This will extend their life for future years.

Straighten chairs in the pavilion, breezeway, pool...in other words treat the park like you would your own home, because it is! Remember the expense incurred to repair, replace or fix the issues from above come from your pocket!



Motor vehicles and RV'S have the **RIGHT OF WAY** over golf carts. It's much easier for a golf cart to move off the narrow roads than a larger vehicle!



PETS:

Those of us who have them know only too well how special they are to us. But not everyone feels the same way, so **PLEASE** be considerate to all! No pets are allowed in the pool area or the pavilion. Be sure to carry plastic bags when walking your dog to clean up after them.

No dog enclosures, whether temporary or permanent, are allowed to be put up in the park.



911 EMERGENCY CALLS:

When calling 911 from a cell phone you must specify **White County**!

If you don't, you could lose much needed minutes as your call will go to Lumpkin or Habersham County and they transfer your information to White County. Be safe and remember,

White County!

When at the pool or pavilion please note there is a phone outside the laundry room door for emergency use.



Be aware of where you put your garbage bags! People have put them on top of their cars and driven away and forgotten them, only to have them fall off over the park roads

or on Paradise Valley Road.

So please be mindful of your garbage.



SUNSHINE LADY:

Sympathies go out for the loss of their Pet to:

Susan & Steve Tubbs...
In memory of Bailey



**Gone, but not forgotten
We're sharing your sorrow**

Diane Murchison has been substituting for Becca's absence. Please submit any information you may have to her at dlmurchison2@gmail.com.



WI FI SERVICE:

For those of you who do not have Internet access available at your cabin or trailer, it is available to you. Come, relax and get your emails at the Pavilion, sign into free Internet Service.

The code and password is as follows:

**WI FI Network Code: Win_5d4e
WI FI Password: z9huuksg**

The village of Helen's Festhalle is the prime location for enjoyment of dining and refreshments, which features traditional food and drink. Within the Festhalle, rows of long tables are arranged so that diners can enjoy their food and the entertainment at the same time. Visitors can try a wurst, schnitzel or a brat on a roll, accompanied by German beer. Oktoberfest will run from September 8-11, 2016, then September 15-18, 2016, and then reopens daily beginning September 22 and continues through Oct. 30, 2016.

Hours/Admission:

Mondays - Thursdays 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.- \$8.00

Fridays 6 p.m. - Midnight - \$8.00

Saturdays 1 p.m. - Midnight - \$10.00

Sundays 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.- FREE



Oktoberfest Parade

9/10/16 at 12 noon-1p.m.

Join us in celebrating 47 years of the Helen Oktoberfest! Enjoy floats, bands and music followed by the "Tapping of the Keg," which takes place at Helen Festhalle.

Free admission. Phone: 706-878-1908 -

Address: Helen Festhalle, 1074 Edelweiss St., Helen, GA 30545



Crush Fest 2016

This one-day festival attracts over 3,500 festival-goers from around the southeast as Yonah Mountain Vineyards celebrates the annual harvest. Grape stomping, a' la Lucille Ball, highlights the festival as Owner, Bob Miller, accompanies stompers with his accordion. Hourly appearances by the Atlanta Falcons Drumline and the Atlanta Pipe Band enliven the day. Two performance stages feature live music throughout the day, including our main stage in our new Vineyard Event Center. Local and regional artisans will feature wine and food-related products in our festival marketplace in addition to several gourmet food trucks. General Admission is \$30 and includes 4-three ounce tasting of wine and a take home "Crush Fest" glass. \$15 for non-drinkers and youths 16 and under are free.

- ◆ Location: Yonah Mountain Vineyards -1717 Hwy 255S Cleveland, GA 30528
- ◆ Date: Saturday, September 3, 2016



Grape Stomping Festival

Dates: 9/3/16 - 9/3/16

Paradise Hills, Winery Resort & Spa

366 Paradise Road, Blairsville

706-745-7483 | 877-745-7483

Celebrating 3 1/2 years, we will be raising our glasses for this great milestone, and the amazing support of our customers and fun times to come.

Join in the Old World grape stomping tradition and other activities.

Hours of operation: Saturday: 12:00PM - 6:00PM

Admission & Fees: \$20 (includes wine and food ticket)

Facility Amenities: Free Parking, Parking on Site, Public Restrooms



Georgia Wineries

[Helen, GA](#) - known for its charming Bavarian looks and its yearly Oktoberfest celebrations - is home to several Georgia winemakers.

[Habersham Winery](#) has been producing wine since 1983 and offers complimentary tastings. Tours are available but must be arranged in advance, but the production area is visible in the tasting room so you can get a peek behind the scenes. Habersham sources from multiple vineyards in north Georgia and produces three different lines of wine. Habersham Winery is located at 7025 S. Main Street (Highway 75), Helen, GA. Hours are Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[Yonah Mountain Vineyards](#), one of Georgia's newest vineyards, was founded in 2005 and has a tasting room that offers full and partial tastings for a small fee. The vineyard has three lines of wine and also has a wine club for fans of the brand. On Saturdays, visitors can tour Georgia's only wine cave and get an exclusive barrel sampling of upcoming wines. Yonah Mountain is located at 2454-B Highway 17, Sautee, GA. Hours are Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday from 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Georgia Wineries continued...



A bit farther down the road is **Sautee Nacoochee Vineyards**, another fairly new Georgia winery. The tasting room is located at

Nacoochee Crossing in Sautee, where you can sample wines on a large deck overlooking the vines. Hours vary, call 706.878.1056 for more information.



Labor Day Weekend at the Zoo

Sunset Tours - 9/3 - 9/4/16 at 6-8:30 p.m.

See the zoo from a different perspective. Get a unique up-close-and-personal guided tour. Meet and greet with some of the zoo's baby exotic animals and animal ambassadors. Enjoy refreshments while watching the sunset, and get up close with even more animals. Don't forget your camera so you can take pictures with the baby animals! Space is limited. Call for cost and reservations. Tour schedule: Check in/ visit the Petting Zoo: 30 minutes. Guided Wildlife Walk with a twist: 30 minutes. Hay Ride/ Camel Encounter: 20 minutes. Stop at sunset landing: 30 minutes. Watch sunset meet and greet and picture time with baby or young exotic animal guests. Enjoy refreshments! Hayride back to the parking lot. See the stars, scout for native nocturnal animals. Watch for fireflies flooding the fields! Handicapped Accessible (Limited).

Phone: 706-348-7279 - **Address:** North Georgia Zoo and Farm, 2912 Paradise Valley Rd, Cleveland, GA 30528

Hidden Gems-Homesteaders and

Moonshiners - September 3rd at 2 - 3:30pm

Meet the Naturalist at the Park office to embark upon a hike through the hills and hollers of Tugaloo State Park to uncover the hidden history surrounding the ruins of homes and stills dotted throughout the Park. We will be taking the Sassafras Trail located behind the office for a 2-mile round trip. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water. **Free fun event!** \$5 vehicle parking fee.

Phone: 706-356-4362 - **Address:** Tugaloo State Park, 1763 Tugaloo State Park Road, Lavonia, GA 30553



Gorge Floor Hike - September 3rd, 4th & 5th at 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Explore this stunning gorge with a ranger-led, very strenuous hike. First travel down 535 steps to a river

crossing, then climb boulders and logs to get to Sliding Rock. Wear your swimsuit if you want to cool off in the natural slide. Bring water, lunch and snacks. Space is limited, so register in advance. No pets; kids must be 10 or older. Costs are \$10 and \$5 vehicle parking fee.

Phone: 706-754-7981 **Address:** Tallulah Gorge State Park, 338 Jane Hurt Yarn Dr., Tallulah Falls, GA

Hidden Gem Series - 9/10/16 at 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

A series of 12 hidden gems events will take place in 2016. Each month will offer a unique event ranging from nice, easy hikes to very strenuous ones to paddling on a lake. Please sign up in advance for the events. Call for cost and more info. **Phone:** 706-754-7981

Address: Tallulah Gorge State Park,

338 Jane Hurt Yarn Dr, Tallulah Falls, GA

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT....



First Visit Tours

1st Saturday of Month 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. from Sep 3, 2016 until Dec 3, 2016

Learn more about the park on a tour of the Visitor Center and a van tour. See the covered bridge, the famous Dukes Creek, and our renowned cottages. There is no charge for the tour, but donations are welcomed. \$5 parking. 706-878-3087.



Second Saturday Guided Hikes

Saturday, Sep 3, 2016 1 pm to 3 pm

Take a guided hike through the captivating scenery of Smithgall Woods. Guided hikes will be offered every second Saturday of the month (weather permitting). Throughout the year, hikes will rotate through the various trails located throughout Smithgall. All ages are welcome. No pets please. \$5 parking. 706-878-3087.



Bears, Bears, Everywhere

Saturday, Sept 10th at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Have you ever questioned what to do if you encountered a bear? Let us teach you. Hear a presentation given by Tom Hennigan, Associate Professor of Biology at Truett-McConnell, about bear behavior, habitat and more. All ages are welcome. The presentation will be held in the Discovery Room, located in the visitor center. \$5 plus \$5 parking. 706-878-3087.



Backpacking 101

Saturday, Sep 10, 2016 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Do you like hiking? Do you wonder what you should bring? Join the interpretive ranger to learn the basics of backpacking. Learn how to be prepared for unforeseen circumstances on the trail, the proper way to encounter wild animals, and what to do if you get lost. This will be a presentation followed by a short hike, please wear proper footwear. \$3 plus \$5 parking. 706-878-3087.

Martin's Mine Trail Maintenance- Your State Parks Day Saturday, Sep 24, 2016 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will be doing a trail maintenance day for our famous Martin's Mine trail. This will include removing invasive species from the trail edges, clearing limbs and debris, and cleaning and refurbishing trail signs. Volunteers please wear clothing that can get dirty. Bring water, a hat, sunscreen and bug spray. \$5 parking. 706-878-3087.



ForestWatch Guided Hike

Saturday, Sep 24, 2016 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Join Georgia ForestWatch Ecologist Jess Riddle on a guided hike of the Laurel Ridge Trail and surrounding area. She will talk about the plants and animals that make our forest diverse and healthy. Register in advance. www.gastateparks.org/smithgallwoods \$5 parking. 706-878-3087.



Smokin' Up The Mountains BBQ and Craft Beer Festival, East Ellijay, GA

BBQ Competition sanctioned by the Georgia Barbecue Association BBQ, Food Vendors, Huge Craft Beer, Selection, Live Music, Incredible Vendors, Free Kid's Area 12-8pm \$5 Admission for adults. Children under 10 are free.

* Portion of proceeds benefit the Gilmer County Rotary Club! BBQ & Brews: - <https://www.facebook.com/bbqandbrews/>

Date for this event—September 03, 2016



Mountain Heritage Festival

9/3 - 9/4/16 at 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Celebrating Appalachian history and culture, the Mountain Heritage Festival features an open-air market with local handicrafts such as handmade brooms, candles, soaps, wood carvings, pottery, honey and garden products. Enjoy performances by bluegrass musicians, gospel groups and country musicians. Sample campfire cooking at the Civil War Camp. "Old-ways" games and craft demonstrations of rail/shingle splitting, spinning and quilting also are featured. Handicapped Accessible (Limited) event. For more information, visit our website at www.UnionCountyHistory.org. **Free admission and parking. Phone:** 706-745-5493 –

Address: Mountain Life Museum, 25 School St, Blairsville, GA 30512



Paradise Hills Concert Series Paradise Hills Resort & Winery

366 Paradise Road, Blairsville, GA

Paradise Hills Concert Series - 1-5 p.m. Live Music, no cover! Different Musicians every Saturday will be playing music on the patio, with wine for purchase by the glass or bottle through October.

Paradise Hills Resort 877-745-7483

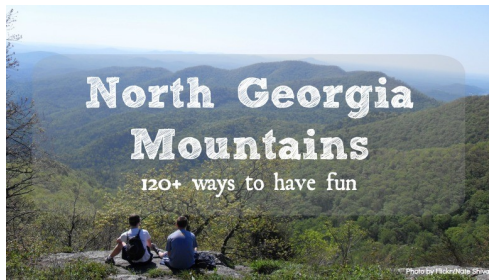
Dates for this event - September 03, 10, 17, 24 2016

OH, and did I forget to mention the best part.....

IT'S APPLE PICKIN' SEASON!



**SO MANY APPLES,
SO LITTLE TIME!**



There's something for everyone. Below is a list of websites to visit, as this list of events and activities goes on from here...

<http://www.unioncountyhistory.org/>

<http://georgiaoutdoors.com/>

http://www.n-georgia.com/ne_gamnt2.htm

<http://www.blueridgemountains.com/>

<http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/>

<http://www.mountainmemoriescabins.com/north-georgia-fall-festival.htm>

<http://www.mountainmemoriescabins.com/north-georgia-fall-festival.htm>

Enjoy the start of this beautiful September season in the North Georgia Mountains!!