



Calendar of Events

April 1-19

Festival of Flowers, Biltmore Estate, Asheville

April 6-7

Home & Garden Expo, WNC Agricultural Event Center, Fletcher

April 13

Hike & Picnic Lunch. The Social Committee is considering either Bridal Veil Falls at DuPont State Park, or one of the waterfall trails in Jones Gap Park or Caesar's Head Park. Email your preference to any committee member.

April 20

4th Annual Henderson County BBQ Expo, Hendersonville High School Stadium; Adults \$6, Children \$3

April 27

POA Board Meeting, 10 am, Clubhouse

Antique Car Show & Vintage Motorcycle Show, Historic Seventh Ave District, Hendersonville, 10am-2pm

Spring Festival at the Farm, Historic Johnson Farm, 10am-4pm, fun for the whole family; Adults \$6, Students \$4, preschoolers free, free parking

May 2

Flat Rock Tailgate Market, 3pm-6pm, Parking area behind the Cherry Cottage and next to Hubba Hubba Smoke House, Flat Rock. The market will continue every Thursday through October.

Birthdays

Apr 12: Ceille Welch

Nominees sought for POA Board

The terms of two members of the current Property Owners Association (POA) Board will end in July.

Chairman Ralph Johns and Vice Chairman Abe Shor will each rotate off of the board this summer. Property owners interested in serving on the board should submit a statement, (preferably in Microsoft Word) that addresses the following questions, via email to pinnaclepoa@aol.com before May 1, 2013:

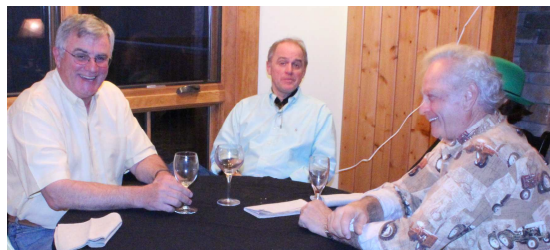
1) What do you regard as the most important issues facing the Pinnacle Falls community in the next three years? 2) What prior experience outside Pinnacle Falls would have prepared you to effectively serve? 3) What involvement have you had to date in the Pinnacle Falls community? 4) What percentage of your time do you anticipate spending at Pinnacle Falls in the next three years? 5) What special skills would you bring to the Board?

All POA members in good standing are eligible for office, but individuals must be willing and able to attend meetings in person. The positions are three year terms. Official notification of this process will be mailed to all property owners April 1, followed by information about any nominees in May.

The election will be held at the Annual meeting in July with those not present voting by proxy. The new Board will then elect a new president and vice president.

Residents celebrate St. Patrick's Day

About a dozen residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day with an Irish-themed dinner at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 16. The meal included Irish beef stew, corned beef and cabbage, Bailey's brownies and Irish cake, and more.



(l-r) George Rash, Mike Spreng, and neighbor Danny Austin



Grady Nance and Carol Fife.



(l-r) Laura Austin and Bev Spreng



(l-r): Rod Patteson, Laura Austin, Janell Gauthier, and Bev Spreng

Shors' night visitor is a rarely seen creature

A Pinnacle Falls couple recently had a visitor who flew in just to have dinner on their back porch.

After hearing a noise on their porch late one night, Abe and Rosemarie Shor, of Turning Leaf Lane, decided to grab the flashlight and a camera.

Much to their surprise, they found that the creature raiding their bird feeder was a squirrel, but not your typical squirrel. This one, it turns out, was actually a flying squirrel. What was even more surprising to Abe and Rosemarie was the fact that despite being caught in the act with a bright light, the little fella didn't leave, but rather, kept on enjoying his feast.

Southern or Northern Flying Squirrel

According to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, the Southern Flying Squirrel, which is a diminutive rodent with big saucer-like eyes, is probably the most common mammal never seen by humans in North Carolina. It occupies habitat similar to that of the gray squirrel and, to a lesser extent, the fox squirrel. Yet because it is a nocturnal species, it is not seen as often as the other two. It is truly arboreal, gliding from tree to tree on folds of outstretched skin.

Description

The southern flying squirrel is smaller than its northern cousin and ranks as the smallest of the state's 5 tree squirrel species, which include the red squirrel, fox squirrel and gray squirrel. It weighs no more than 2 or 3 oz. and measures from 8-1/2 inches to 9-7/8 inches, including a 3- to 4-inch-long tail. Its fur is a lustrous reddish brown or gray, although its belly is counter-colored a creamy white.

This squirrel's most distinctive feature is the cape of loose skin that stretches from its wrists to its ankles and forms the membrane on which it glides. The membrane is bordered in black. When the squirrel stretches its legs to their fullest extent, the membrane opens and supports the animal on glides of considerable distance.

Flying squirrels produce a bird-like chirping sound. Some of their



vocalizations are not audible to the human ear.

History and Status

The southern flying squirrel is one of two flying squirrels found in North America—the other one is the northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*). A total of 35 species of flying squirrels in the family *Sciuridae* exists worldwide, most of them in Asian countries. Both southern and northern flying squirrels are found in North Carolina, although the northern flying squirrel is rare, occurring at higher elevations on only five or six mountain ridges in the western part of the state.

Flying squirrels are a non-game species, but only the Carolina northern flying squirrel is listed as an endangered species by the federal government.

Habitat and Habits

Southern flying squirrels live in hardwood and mixed pine-hardwood forests. They require older trees with cavities for roosting and nesting, and in winter readily roost together in surprisingly large numbers. Tree cavities have been found with as many as 50 roosting squirrels. Because of their need for tree cavities for habitat, they are a natural competitor for woodpecker's homes.

Flying squirrels prefer cavities with entrances from 1-1/2 to 2 inch in diameter but will also customize holes to

fit. The most distinctive trait of the squirrel is the way it glides from tree to tree. It does not "fly" so much as it parachutes. When it desires to travel about its home range, it climbs to the top of a tree and jumps. The gliding membrane billows up, and by varying the tension on its membrane and using its tail as a rudder, the squirrel can direct its "flight" around branches and other obstacles with remarkable agility. It can turn suddenly at a 90-degree angle to the direction of its glide. The longest flight at one time has been measured at around 200 ft., although typically the distance is much shorter. The flying squirrel lands hind feet first, head up, and scampers to the other side of the tree to avoid detection.

It glides downward at about a 30-degree angle. Thus on a long journey, flying squirrels repeatedly climb and glide until they reach their destination. In this way, a flying squirrel is able to cover large distances, exploiting patchily distributed resources. Like other squirrels, the southern flying squirrel can hop from branch to branch and spends considerable time foraging on the ground.

Mothers will move their young if their nest is disturbed. If a nest tree falls, for example, the mother grasps one of her babies by the slack skin of its belly, climbs a tree holding it in her mouth and glides to the new nest location. Returning by the same route, she repeats these steps until all of her young are moved. Males do not assist with the rearing of the young squirrels.

Southern flying squirrels seek nests in hardwood trees that provide cavities, and seeds and nuts. A typical nest will be lined with finely chewed bark, especially cedar bark in the east, and grasses. Lichen, moss and even feathers provide a soft bed. The squirrels are omnivorous. They store hard mast — nuts and acorns — in nests, in tree crevices and on the ground. They also eat fungi, berries, fruits and seeds, flower blossoms and buds in season, and even animal carcasses, bird eggs and nestlings.

Source: North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Learning/documents/Profiles/southflysquirrel.pdf>

Tryon gets ready for a town of fools

On **Saturday, April 6**, the town of Tryon, approximately 18 miles south of Hendersonville on Highway 176, will celebrate its April Fool's Festival.

This will be the 8th year of foolish fun in Downtown Tryon with a day of music, food, fun, games, and general folderol, beginning at 10am with the opening of the **Polk Farmers' Market** season and a **Zumbathon** on Palmer Street. The Zumbathon will have an admission charge of \$10 or 5 canned food items, which will benefit Thermal Belt Outreach.



Old neckties are hung at the tops of Tryon's street lights to signify the town's upcoming tomfoolery.

Around noon, the **Fool's Parade** will begin at the corner of Trade and Oak, the site of "Morris", Tryon's not-to-be-missed giant hobbyhorse

mascot, and proceed along Trade Street, turning right onto Palmer. Morris was the 1928 creation of the Tryon Toymakers, the most recent version of which was completed in 2012. Parade participants will include local and regional groups, organizations and other foolish folks in colorful attire just out to have a foolish good time, as well as entries in the **Classic Car Show**.

Following the parade, the annual **Tryon Trashion Show**, a runway fashion show of apparel and accessories made exclusively of recycled materials, will have entrants competing in categories such as Kids-12-and-Under, Adults, and Pets. Donations of recyclable items that may be used for making outfits may be dropped off at Tryon Daily Bulletin, Thompson's, or Tryon House during regular business hours. The Trashion Show is sponsored by **Tryon House Apparel** and by **Thompson Landscape Professionals**, the Palmer Street location of the Trashion Show.

The eagerly-anticipated **Outhouse Races** start around 2pm, with categories for Grown-Ups, Kids 16-and-Under, and "Anything Goes", will feature hand-built, people-powered outhouses being pushed or pulled along Palmer Street. The Outhouse Races are sponsored again



this year by **Stotts Ford**, a major presence in downtown Tryon since 1975. The cornerstone of the April Fool's Festival since its inception in 2006, the Races will begin at the corner of Trade and Palmer, beside Stotts Ford. Just before the Outhouse Races begin, there will be a series of goofy races that anyone can participate in, and no pre-registration will be required.

Out & About



A cake and ice cream party was held March 3 at the clubhouse to celebrate the February birthdays of Ralph Johns and Janell Gauthier. Attendees included Carol Fife, George & Yvette Rash, Gayden Gauthier, Abe Shor, and Sallie Johns.



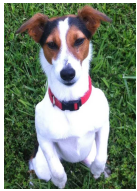
Carol Fife, Abe Shor, Ralph Johns, and Rod Patteson were among several residents and Trails Committee members who cleared the hiking trails after the recent ice storm. Others not shown were Renee Kidwell, Grady & Kathleen Nance, George & Yvette Rash, and Gayden Gauthier. During the outing, the Trails Committee decided to name an unnamed waterfall, "Sandy Falls", in memory of Renee Kidwell's dog Sandy.

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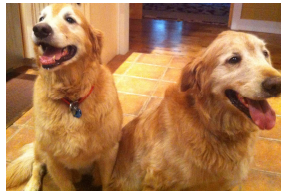
Full-Time & Part-Time Residents & Visiting Family



Chloe
Abe & Rosemarie
Shor



Trooper Blu
George & Yvette
Rash



Sam & Adam
Ron & Rhonda
Hertwig



Tig & Carly
Jim, Shawn, & Delaney
Blackburn



Simba & Aby
Rod & Jean
Patteson

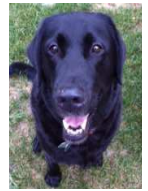


Angeline & Buddy
Carol
Fife



Ike
Ralph & Sallie
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Duncan
Julie
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Danny
Renee
Kidwell



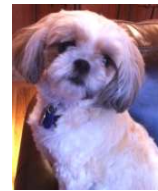
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Grady & Kathleen
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Jeb & Zsa Zsa
Jim & Ceille
Welch



Mia & Abigail
Dennis & Linda
Mitchell

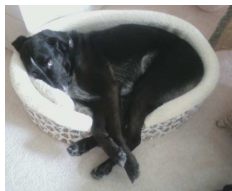


Lilly
Ed Graham &
Mickey Pickler

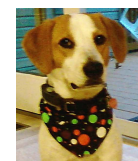


Bonnie, Clyde & Spats
Debbie
Hayden

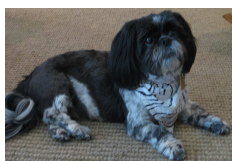
Non-Visiting Pets



Roger & Trevor
Beverly & Mike
Spreng

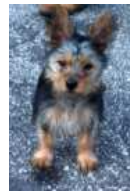


Mia
Terri & Steven
Schiffman



Oreo
Andy & Kris
Kinigson

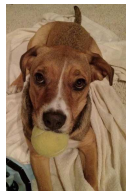
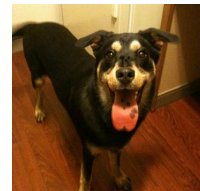
Neighborhood Pets Outside of Pinnacle Falls



Sophie & Tipper
Danny & Laura
Austin



Turbo & Radar
Chris Tesauro & Courtney
Jackson



Honey Bunny
Audrey Snyder