



## Calendar of Events

### February 1-3

**Celtic Adventure Weekend,**  
Grove Park Inn, 7:30pm

### February 2

**Pinnacle Falls Property  
Owners Association Board  
Meeting,** 10 am, Clubhouse

**Grady's Groundhog Day,**  
11am-1pm, Chimney Rock  
State Park

### February 3

**Pinnacle Falls Super Bowl  
Party,** 5:30pm, Clubhouse

### February 6-9, 13-16

**A Tribute to the Music of  
Dolly Parton,** 8pm, Flat Rock  
Playhouse Downtown,

### February 15

**18th Annual Bluegrass First  
Class,** Crowne Plaza Tennis &  
Golf Resort, Asheville

### February 21

**Ralph Johns BIRTHDAY!**

### February 21, 22

**Flamenco Vivo Carlota  
Santana: La Pasion Fla-  
menca,** an evening of Spanish  
dance and music, 8pm, Diana  
Wortham Theatre, Asheville

### February 22

**Jerry Seinfeld,** US Cellular  
Center, 7pm, Asheville

### February 28

**Fullset,** traditional Irish music,  
8pm, Diana Wortham Theatre,  
Asheville

### February 27

**Janell Gauthier BIRTHDAY!**

## Neighbors clear hiking trails



**Gayden, Abe, and George  
move a fallen tree off one  
of the trails.**



**Carol Fife, George Rash, Abe Shor, Gayden Gauthier,  
Jean Patteson, and Yvette Freeman Rash recently  
walked the Pinnacle Falls trails to clear debris.**

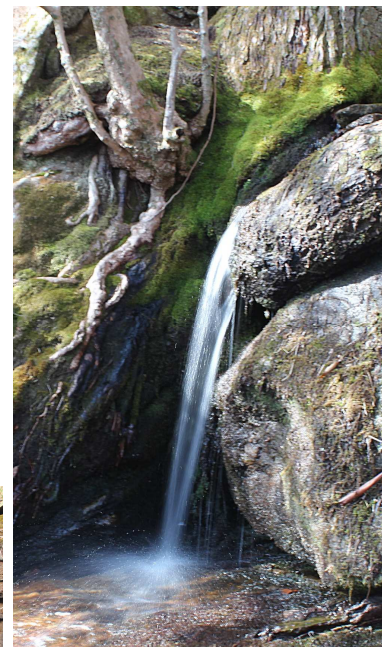
The Pinnacle Falls hiking trails are clear of fallen trees and debris thanks to a few neighbors.

Gayden Gauthier, Abe Shor, George Rash, Carol Fife, Jean Patteson, and Yvette Freeman Rash hiked the trails on Sunday, January 27 not only for the exercise, but to also make sure the paths were clear of fallen trees, leaning branches, and hidden rocks.

A formal Trails Committee is expected to be established at the next property owners association (POA) meeting on Feb 2. If you'd like to volunteer for the committee, please contact any member of the POA Board to submit your name.



**Yvette Freeman Rash at Pinnacle Falls**



**Hemlock Falls along one of  
Pinnacle Falls' hiking paths.**

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY!

# A Special Love for Pinnacle Falls



**By Renee Kidwell**

Many of us have an instant correlation with the month of February and the thoughts of love, romance, sweethearts, sweet friends, bouquets of flowers, and thoughtful greeting cards. The emphasis of love is especially focused, dedicated, delivered and enjoyed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of this month.

I was reflecting on this subject while hiking with my two buddies, Sandy & Danny, the other day on one of Pinnacle Falls' amazing trails. The sun was streaming brilliant light and warmth through the trees. The birds were singing love songs to one another. A few brave daffodils were attempting to

peak out of the ground and show their splendid color. The small forest animals I could see, and no doubt, the bigger ones I didn't care to see, were enjoying another beautiful day in their paradise. And...so was I, enjoying another beautiful day in our "Pinnacle Falls Paradise".

I truly love Pinnacle Falls. It isn't just focused and felt on any particular hike or day though. There is something special about this parcel of land in the midst of the Blue Ridge Mountains that keeps my mind and heart filled with love and longing to be there all the time. "Some day, one day," I repeat to myself. During this particular season in my life, I am very fortunate and able to be in Pinnacle Falls mainly on the weekends. However, there were prior seasons, not too long ago in fact, that I could only dream of and imagine having a sweet little place in Pinnacle Falls to call home. That dream became a reality for me almost a year ago. Sometimes, as I drive through the Pinnacle Falls entrance gates, I still can't believe that down the hill a mile or so (1.6 actually) is a home waiting for me to enter once again.



**Danny & Sandy enjoying their own piece of Pinnacle Falls paradise.**

As I have had the opportunity to converse with other homeowners and property owners in our community who are in various "seasons" of Pinnacle Falls living or dreaming, their attraction and respect of this alluring place is quite similar. There is a wonderful serenity, a beauty, a unique peacefulness that is beyond expressing at times. Doesn't that somewhat define love? Well, that is how this grateful member would describe my Special Love for Pinnacle Falls.

## Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hanlons

Property owner, Donna Hanlon has informed us that her husband Dan, suffered an aneurysm in his right leg on January 9, while at their Savannah, GA home. Dan and Donna own a home in the Forest area of Pinnacle Falls.

The aneurysm cut off circulation in his leg and caused great pain. After efforts to save the leg and his life, doctors had to amputate his leg above the knee.

The following week, doctors found additional clots, and in order to save Dan's life, had to remove his entire leg.

Despite his loss, Donna says Dan is in good spirits and is keeping a positive attitude.

On behalf of the entire Pinnacle Falls community, our thoughts and prayers are with Dan and Donna, and we wish Dan a speedy recovery.



**Donna and Dan Hanlon**

## Nances Move in to Pinnacle Falls

**Grady and Kathleen Nance are now permanent members of Pinnacle Falls.**

**The couple, along with cat, Nike, drove all night from Farmington Hills, Michigan to their Pinnacle Falls home, arriving early Thursday, January 31.**

**Their home, located on Mountain Maple Drive, was completed in 2012.**

**Welcome to the neighborhood, Grady, Kathleen, and Nike!**

# Pinnacle Falls has changed and inspired me

By Yvette Freeman Rash

As I was putting this issue of the Gazette together, I found myself thinking about Renee Kidwell's article on page two about her special love of Pinnacle Falls. In her article, Renee eloquently explains how this place has a special place in her heart; how it has changed, or at least, redefined, what love is for her.

Pinnacle Falls indeed changes a person. It has changed me. I've noticed that I am no longer the shy, uncertain woman I used to be. I'm now more confident, more comfortable, and more relaxed. But mostly, I am more inspired. And that is probably the most exciting change for me. I am amazed at the amount of inspiration here in Pinnacle Falls. And I'm not talking about the scenery, but rather, the people. My neighbors are my inspiration. A few, in particular, are as follows:

## Phyllis Carlson

Phyllis is a professional photographer who has been kind enough to take me under her wing, in a sense. I've always had an interest in photography, which my husband George can attest to, considering the number of cameras he's bought for me over the years. But it was seeing Phyllis' talent for taking phenomenal photos, and then experiencing her generosity in teaching me some of her tips and techniques that led me to truly take up photography as a hobby. I'm now reading everything I can about photography, taking photos as often as possible, and learning more and more each day. And I have Phyllis to thank for giving me the inspiration to keep at it.

## Ceille and Jim Welch

Ceille is probably the funniest, most genuine person I have ever met. She's an author, playwright, poet, storyteller. And if you've never heard or read any of her poems, you're in for a treat when you do. Ceille recently read a couple of her poems for George and me during a wonderful evening at her and Jim's Pinnacle Falls home. Her poems were poignant, funny, elegant, and full of

beautiful imagery. Her wonderful personality, humor, intelligence, and wit come through in every word. Why every publisher is not beating down her door to publish her works is beyond my understanding.

What's even more fascinating is the fact that Jim is just as talented. Not only as a poet, but as a singer and songwriter. Put a guitar in his hands and you will be entertained with songs and stories from days long gone. During our visit, Jim recited one of his poems about his childhood home in Vermont. Like Ceille, Jim had a way of bringing us into his story and making us feel as if we were right there with him on the farm.

I can only wonder why these two haven't won Pulitzer's or been named poet laureates. They are truly a creative force of nature. And together they make me want to take up creative writing again. As a child, I used to love writing poetry and songs. I haven't written anything in years, but since that evening with Ceille and Jim, my mind is actively trying to write verse once again.

## Renee Kidwell

Renee is usually here on the weekends and is pretty much our resident runner. You'll often see her on Saturday and/or Sunday mornings running her usual 10+ miles, going from her cabin in the Ridges area all the way to the Kenmure golf course, the SkyTop Orchard, or the Blue Moon development at the top of Pinnacle Mountain Road west. Most of us can barely walk up Pinnacle Mountain Lane from the Clubhouse, but Renee manages to not only run it without passing out, but to then come back, and walk it with her two dogs, Sandy and Danny. Renee is only a few years older than me and she inspires me to be as healthy and fit as possible. As we all have seen more than once, our health is not to be taken for granted. I'm now trying to fit in gym time at least twice a week.

But beyond the fitness inspiration, Renee is also one of the nicest persons you will ever meet. Her heart is truly made of gold...and sugar. She's always

baking wonderful muffins and treats, and dropping them off for her neighbors. She inspires me to not only be a better baker, but a better person.

And finally, I'm inspired by the Pinnacle Falls community, as a whole. When any of us is sick or injured, or will be away from their Pinnacle Falls home for an extended period, the kindness and generosity comes out in full force. Neighbors will bring prepared meals, feed pets, check your home for damage, get groceries, get your mail, and do whatever needs to be done to help. We care for each other, and we look out for each other. Who could have imagined that one could have so much inspiration in one place and from so many people. We are all so lucky — and some would say blessed — to have neighbors like these.

It is indeed an inspiration for me. And I hope for you too.

## Pinnacle Falls Facts & Figures

**Number of Buildable  
Unsold Lots:**  
66

**Total Number of Sold Lots:**  
69

**Number of Built Homes:**  
20

**Homes Under Construction:**  
1

**Homes Planning to Start  
Construction in 2013:**  
1

**Hiking Trails:**  
5 miles

**Waterfalls:**  
3

**Clubhouse/Pool/Hot Tub**

# Grove Park Inn celebrates centennial

The Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC turns 100 years old this July.

To kick off its centennial celebration, the Inn has planned a Centennial Concert Series. These themed weekends will be full of award-winning music, comedy shows, guided history tours, themed food, drink, and more activities for the entire family.

For more information on the Centennial activities, go to [www.grovecparkinn.com](http://www.grovecparkinn.com), or call 1-800-559-3984.

## History of Grove Park Inn

Edwin Wiley Grove, known as the “Father of Modern Asheville” was born in 1850 on a small farm in Tennessee. After serving in the Civil War, he had a very definite plan for his life and career – the pharmaceutical business and the determination to rise from his early poverty to great wealth and success.

He purchased a pharmacy in Paris, Tennessee in his mid-twenties. He put all of his energy into formulating a tasteless quinine to prevent malaria, a life-threatening disease that permeated the South in the 19th century. After experimenting for several years, Grove introduced Grove’s Tasteless Chill Tonic and experienced immediate success. In the late 1890’s Grove’s Tasteless Chill Tonic, which had become a household staple, sold more bottles than Coca-Cola. After 20 years on the market, Grove has sold over 1.5 million bottles of his Tonic and surpassed his dreams by making millions of dollars.

Grove himself was often ill, afflicted with periods of bronchitis and exhaustion and his doctors recommended the clean mountain air of Asheville, NC to relax and recover. He spent time in Asheville throughout the year and that is where he would realize his next big dream.

While still pursuing new pharmaceutical inventions, Grove met Fred Seely in Detroit, who was making a name for himself in the pharmaceutical business. While working together in Detroit, the two sparked a friendship and



mutual admiration. Grove invited Seely to his summer home in Asheville. One week later he left his position in Detroit to work for Grove and his Paris Medicine Company. But business was not the only thing that interested Seely. When Grove introduced his daughter, Evelyn, to the bachelor, within 24 hours Grove had given Seely permission to wed her.

Seely began working for the Paris Medicine Company in June 1898 and in October of that year married Evelyn. Both men ventured into other businesses including real estate. In Asheville, Grove began purchasing property. He had successfully developed residential neighborhoods in Atlanta and was considering doing the same in prospering Asheville. With the expansion of the railroad and publicity surrounding the opening of George Vanderbilt’s Biltmore House, Grove was positioning himself as a serious investor in the future of Asheville. In 1909, Grove purchased 408 acres in north Asheville, including what would become The Grove Park Inn. But he would concentrate on residential neighborhoods before ever considering building a hotel.

Two years later, Grove began to plan the building of a hotel on Sunset

Mountain. In 1911, Seely became involved with the plans. After reviewing the plans of several prominent architects, Grove did not find any of them satisfactory. The consummate visionary, Seely presented a sketch of the proposed hotel to Grove and he not only accepted the plan, but gave Seely the enormous task of building the hotel.

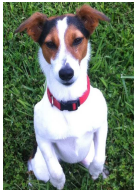
Four-hundred men worked 10-hour shifts six days a week. With only the use of mules, wagons and ropes, granite boulders, some weighing as much as 10,000 pounds, were hauled from Sunset Mountain to build the hotel. Seely kept his promise to be open for business in less than one year from the ground breaking.

Just three days shy of one year, The Grove Park Inn opened on July 12, 1913. Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, delivered the keynote address to four hundred of the most distinguished men of the South, gathered for the opening banquet. He had no idea of how true his words would become when he proclaimed that The Grove Park Inn “was built for the ages.”

*Source: The Grove Park Inn, [www.grovecparkinn.com](http://www.grovecparkinn.com)*

# Pinnacle Falls Pet Directory

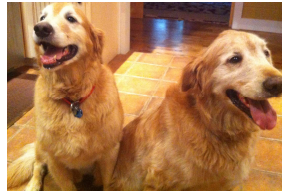
## Full-Time & Part-Time Residents & Visiting Family



**Chloe**  
Abe & Rosemarie  
Shor



**Trooper Blu**  
George & Yvette  
Rash



**Sam & Adam**  
Ron & Rhonda  
Hertwig



**Tig & Carly**  
Jim, Shawn, & Delaney  
Blackburn



**Angeline & Buddy**  
Carol  
Fife



**Sandy & Danny**  
Renee  
Kidwell



**Ike**  
Ralph & Sallie  
Johns



**Duncan**  
Julie  
Johns



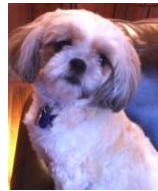
**Simba & Aby**  
Rod & Jean  
Patteson



**Jeb & Zsa Zsa**  
Jim & Ceille  
Welch



**Mia & Abigail**  
Dennis & Linda  
Mitchell

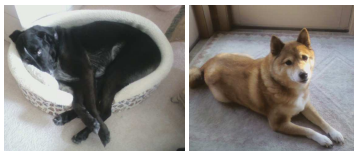


**Lilly**  
Ed Graham &  
Mickey Pickler



**Bonnie & Clyde & Spats**  
Debbie  
Hayden

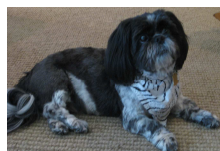
## Non-Visiting Pets



**Roger & Trevor**  
Beverly & Mike  
Spreng



**Mia**  
Terri & Steven  
Schiffman



**Oreo**  
Andy & Kris  
Kinigson

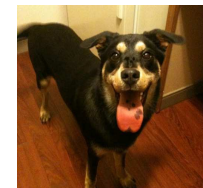
## Neighborhood Pets Outside of Pinnacle Falls



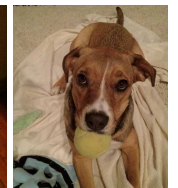
**Sophie &**



**Tipper**  
Danny & Laura



**Turbo & Radar**  
Chris Tesauro & Courtney  
Jackson



**Honey Bunny**  
Audrey Snyder