

### **Calendar of Events**

#### Oct 2-5:

Music on the Rock Concert **Series**, Flat Rock Playhouse

### Oct 2-6:

100th Annual Centennial Cherokee Indian Fair, Cherokee

### Oct 4, 11, 18, 25: Tuxedo Tailgate Market, 3pm-7pm

Oct 5, 12, 19: Biltmore Concert Series,

# BIRTHDAY! Oct 6: Ed Carlson

Biltmore Estate

Ribs at the Lodge, Pinnacle Falls Clubhouse, 11:30am. Give your orders to Carol Fife. Ribs will be delivered; bring your own beverages.

Farm City Day, Jackson Park, Hendersonville, 10am-

Art on Main/Fine Art/Craft **Show**, Downtown Hendersonville, 10am-5pm

#### Oct 12-14:

Taste of Greenville, Downtown Greenville, SC

# BIRTHDAY! Oct 16: George Rash

#### Oct 20:

Pinnacle Falls POA Board Meeting, Clubhouse, 10 am

Pinnacle Falls-Style Oktoberfest & Birthday Party, 6pm. Details coming via email.

#### Oct 31:

Trick-or-Treat Street, Downtown Hendersonville

# Residents give input on plan for GRTZ area

Nearly 80 area residents attended a Public Input Session on September 11 to discuss a Plan for the Green River, Tuxedo, and Zirconia area.

The meeting was held at the Tuxedo First Baptist Church. Pinnacle Falls property owners in attendance included Ralph Johns, George Rash, and Rhonda Hertwig.

The Green River-Tuxedo-Zirconia (GRTZ) Community Plan, which is part of the Henderson County Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2004, outlines the future goals as it relates to Land Use and Development, Community Character and Design, Community Facilities and Public Services, Transportation, Economic Development, Agricul-

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Rhonda (far left) listens as her group's facilitator asks for feedback on the future of the GRTZ area.

# More beer, please! We're thirsty!



(L-R): Gayden, Janell, and Carol give a salute while at the Cragge Brewing Company in Asheville.

Fourteen Pinnacle Falls residents and area neighbors attended the Asheville Brews Cruise on Sunday, Sept 2. Breweries toured were the Asheville Brewing Co. and Cragge Brewing Co. in Asheville, and the Pisgah Brewing Co. in Black Mountain.

The Pinnacle Falls group included: Ron & Rhonda Hertwig, Gayden & Janell Gauthier, Abe & Rosemarie Shor, Carol Fife, George & Yvette Rash, Greg Meuwissen & Linda Brett, Audrey Snyder, and Chris Tesauro & Courtney Jackson.

"It was strictly educational and had absolutely nothing to do with the 15 to 16 free four-ounce samples given throughout the tour, " says George Rash, explaining why he and his wife attended.

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Linda (left) and husband Greg (center) talk beer with fellow beer enthusiasts, Courtney and Chris.

# Pool season ends with cookout,

# birthday party

Now that fall weather is upon us, the 2012 pool season has come to an end.

More than 20 residents and area neighbors gathered at the Clubhouse on Friday, September 14 to mark the closing of the pool and hot tub, as well as celebrate the September birthdays of four PF residents. The birthday honorees included Abe Shor, Greg Meuwissen, Linda Brett, and Andy Kinigson.

Although Abe was the only birthday honoree who could attend, he did blow out a candle on a birthday cupcake on behalf of Greg, Linda, and Andy.

Pinnacle Falls attendees included: Abe & Rosemarie Shor, Ralph & Sallie Johns, Kris Kinigson, Gayden & Janell Gauthier, George & Yvette Rash, Rod & Jean Patteson, Carol Fife; A.J., Theresa, & Nick Ball; and Ron & Rhonda Hertwig. Area neighbors who attended included: Jim & Jeannette Cole and Danny & Laura Austin.



Abe blows out the candle of his birthday cupcake.

Onlookers include (I-r) Ralph, Janell, Gayden, AJ, Nick, and Theresa.



Rod and Danny catch up on neighborhood news.



Property manager, pool man, and great griller. A.J. does it all!



Apparently only Theresa, Nick, and Jean got the memo about wearing blue & white stripes.



Gayden & Kris joke around on the back deck



(L-R): Laura talks with Jeannette & Jim

### **Beer cruise**

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During the tour, attendees learned about the brewing process, differences between the various types of beer, and why Asheville has the most breweries per capita than any other state. Reason: Asheville has some of the purest water in the country. See, educational! We actually learned something.

# White squirrels are among us

Dan Hanlon reports that his kids and grandkids spotted a white squirrel on Pinnacle Mountain Road on Aug. 24. Just a few months earlier, Yvette Freeman Rash spotted one near the bottom of neighbor Audrey Snyder's driveway on Pinnacle Falls Road.

If you've never seen a white squirrel, they are truly a sight to see. You will actually do a double take because it will catch you completely off guard. At first glance, you wonder, "Did I really see that? Was that really a white squirrel?"

Well, if you happen to catch sight of one, stop and try to get a photo and send it in for inclusion in this newsletter. Sightings in this area are very rare and we'd love to have a photo confirming our very own white squirrel. We could even have a naming contest!

If you'd like to see more white squirrels, be sure to visit the town of Brevard, which reportedly has quite a few. Brevard is only about 30 miles from Hendersonville, and every year during Memorial Day Weekend, the town has a White Squirrel Festival.

Below is the history of the white squirrel and how it became such a beloved creature here in Western North Carolina, courtesy of The Official White Squirrels Website of Brevard, NC at http://whitesquirrels.com.

### **About the White Squirrel**

Legend has it that Brevard, North Carolina's White Squirrels arrived here over 50 years ago via a circus truck. Now



Yvette & George Rash spotted this little fella on Kanuga Road on Sept 29.

this story is so strange is almost has to be true. So here goes...

It all started with Mrs. W.E. (Barbara) Mull, a long time resident of Brevard, North Carolina. Her brother-in-law, H.H. Mull, was given two white squirrels by a Mr. Black of Madison, Florida way back in 1949. The pair of white squirrels had been squirreling around in Mr. Black's pecan grove ever since a circus truck had overturned near his home. H.H. Mull then gave the little white critters to his niece Barbara Mull up in North Carolina. She kept them inside and hoped they might even breed, but alas, no such luck.

In 1951, Barbara Mull got married and went her way. In her absence, one of

the white squirrels escaped outdoors. Not long afterwards, Mr. Mull (Barbara's father) let the other heart broken and love stricken white squirrel go free. A short time later, little white squirrels began appearing in various parts of town – apparent direct or indirect off springs of this "Adam and Eve" pair.

The White Squirrels of Brevard, North Carolina have become so famous that in 1986, the Brevard City Council unanimously voted for an ordinance that established a sanctuary for all squirrels. The ordinance reads, "The entire area embraced within the corporate limits of the city is hereby designated as a sanctuary for all species of squirrel (family Sciuriadae), and in particular the Brevard White Squirrel. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, kill, trap, or otherwise take any protected squirrels within the city by this section."

Other towns also lay claim to having white squirrels as residents. These include Olney, Illinois, Marionville, Missouri, and Exeter, Canada. Unlike some of these squirrels, Brevard's White Squirrels are not albinos squirrels, but a variant of the Eastern Grey Squirrel. And since an amazing 27% of Brevard's squirrels are white squirrels, and since only Brevard has an annual White Squirrel Festival, The White Squirrel Institute, and The Squirrel Box Derby downhill race, this is why Brevard, NC is often referred to as the "White Squirrel Capital of the World."

# **GRTZ** community mtg

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ture, Natural and Cultural Resources, and Housing.

During the meeting, which was organized by county planning staff, attendees were broken into small groups with a facilitator and asked to identify the community's strengths and assets, local concerns, and how they envision for the GRTZ area in 15 years. Preserving the area's undeveloped character was a high priority for many attendees. Other top concerns included a lack of public water,

few retail stores, over-regulation, too much development, and a lack of DSL and cable TV access.

Looking 15 years ahead, many of the residents said they would like to see improvements to basic community facilities, with a park on the site of the former Tuxedo Mill at the top of the list.

Input provided by the residents will be used to develop a more comprehensive plan for the area.

### Pinnacle Falls Gazette

Editor: Yvette Freeman Rash

If you have a news item, article, photo, or recipe you'd like to share in this newsletter, please send it to: contactynf@gmail.com

November Deadline for Submissions: Oct 25

# Out & About

# Shor family rides in Labor Day Parade



Abe & Rosemarie Shor's daughter, Jennifer Furr, and grandkids Elijah, 5, and Allison, 2, got the chance to ride in the Etowah fire truck in Hendersonville's Labor Day Parade.

### Ball family enjoys Alaskan cruise

A.J., Theresa, and Nick Ball recently returned from a week-long Alaskan cruise in September. The photo below was taken during a stop at Mendenhal Glacier in Juneau.



## Rock wall climbing in Pinnacle Falls

Apparently Pinnacle Falls is also good for rock climbing. Jim and Ceille Welch took this photo of their grand-daughter, Erin, as she climbed the rock wall in the back of their cabin on Juniper Berry Lane. Don't worry, the wall's not as tall as it looks, but it still gives a great workout for the young and young at heart.

### Pattesons sail in Maine; Visit Ireland



Rod & Jean aboard the Angelique



The fishing village of Roundstone near their Irish home.

Rod and Jean just returned from a three-week, three-inearly-fall vacation: A road trip to Maine, stopping off at such iconic sites as Gettysburg, Harper's Ferry and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; a sailing adventure among Maine's coastal islands aboard the Angelique, a two-masted ketch in the Windjammer fleet -- complete with a lobster bake on an isolated beach, and bunk beds in a tiny cabin that gave new meaning to the term 'roughing it.' And finally, a week at their Irish hideaway in Connemara, plus a couple of days in Dublin. Jean says it was "Wonderful, beautiful, memorable -- but there's still no place like our Pinnacle Falls home."

# Social Committee needs your ideas

The Social Committee is planning a Progressive Dinner to be scheduled sometime in December. If you have ideas or suggestions, for the dinner please send them to any member of the committee.

Social committee members are: Jean Patteson, Carol Fife, and Gayden Gauthier. Also, please submit any other suggestions for get-togethers, excursions, entertainments, etc. to them at:

> Jean: jean333@aol.com

> Carol: ncfife@gmail.com

Gayden: GJ.Gauthier12@att.net

# Pinnacle Falls Pet Directory



<u>Sam & Adam</u> Ron & Rhonda Hertwig



Sandy & Danny
Renee Kidwell



<u>Trooper Blu</u> George & Yvette Rash



<u>Chloe</u> Abe & Rosemarie Shor





<u>Tig & Carly</u> Jim, Shawn, & Delaney Blackburn



<u>Mia & Abigail</u> Dennis & Linda Mitchell



<u>Jeb & Zsa Zsa</u> Jim & Ceille Welch



<u>Angeline</u> Carol Fife





<u>Simba & Aby</u> Rod & Jean Patteson



<u>Ike</u> Ralph & Sallie Johns





Bonnie & Clyde & Spats

Debbie Hayden





Roger & Trevor

Beverly & Mike Spreng

### Neighborhood Pets Outside of Pinnacle Falls





Radar & Turbo
Chris Tesauro & Courtney Jackson
Fortescue Rd







<u>Honey Bunny</u> Audrey Snyder Pinnacle Mtn Rd