

Hello Friends of the Brasstown Community and Happy February.

As we begin this new year, we would like to welcome everyone back and encourage everyone to take part in the many events and activities planned for the upcoming year. In this addition of the Brasstown Bell, you will find information pertaining to several upcoming events sponsored by the Brasstown Community Center. As you know it is Flu Season and COVID-19 is still an ongoing issue. We want you to feel safe so please feel free to wear a mask if you choose to any event as well as practice social distancing as much as possible at the event. Also, please be kind and respectful of the decisions and opinions of others.

Painting Socials:

These socials are for fun and laughter, meeting new people or reconnecting with those we already know and being Creative! You don't need Picasso-like art abilities to have a blast, create something unique, and make memories. Angie, a member of the BCCC Board will be leading this event. She is rekindling her creative side for 2022 and is eager to share her learning experience with her community. She wants everyone to know, "I am by no means a professional artist or art instructor, but I love to learn and share and create!" "Let's join together have fun and be creative!"

There are 5 Painting Socials scheduled with a fee of \$15 per person to include painting supplies and refreshment with a limit of 12 people per session.

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February 10th Session 1 "Love Birds" - 6:30pm-8:30pm

March 10th Session 2 "Whimsical Clovers" - 6:30pm-8:30pm

April 7th Session 3 "Cross" - 6:30pm-8:30pm

May 12th Session 4 "Sunflower" - 6:30pm-8:30pm

June 9th Session 5 "Fireworks Over A Lake" - 6:30pm-8:30pm



Brasstown Fire Department Spotlight:



Our new station is becoming a reality: we have the deed to the new property near the racetrack, and the necessary septic, building and DOT permits are secured. When you drive by, you'll notice flags marking utilities and the building. We are now seeking bids for the various jobs. Hopefully we can get contractors lined up soon.

We recently received two generous donations that are pushing us nearer our goal. Due to Covid issues, we still cannot have large fund-raisers, but are still in need. If you can help us with a donation, it would be very much appreciated! Please send checks made out to Clay County Fire and Rescue (with Brasstown Building Fund on the memo line) to PO Box 325, Hayesville NC 28904. The more we can raise, the less we must mortgage!

There are very few communities so committed to their citizens and organizations as ours. We are thankful and are fortunate to be a part of Brasstown and Clay and Cherokee Counties.

Please like and follow our Face Book Page for updates.



Cell Phones 2022: Original Public Post by Ann Lukens

“OK friends who have older cellphones? The cellphone carriers are starting to drop 3G service and some older 4G. This means many older phones will no longer be able to make calls, send texts or, most importantly, call 911. AT&T drops 3G at the end of February. Some carriers are later. They need to make bandwidth room for newer phones. If you do not know if your phone is affected, you can check the website of your carrier or call the customer service department for help in understanding if you are affected. Please get on top of this! You do not want to find out that your phone no longer works when you cannot call 911.”

What else might be affected?

Older medical devices, home security systems with a cellphone backup, smart watches, vehicle SOS systems (like Onstar), internet enabled tablets and more devices may also be affected. Please see the following link for more information:

[https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/plan-ahead-phase-out-3g-cellular-networks-and-service?](https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/plan-ahead-phase-out-3g-cellular-networks-and-service?fbclid=IwAR21KOojisDwVuwk8rYrJUekJleizVVN2K2Nf bnp6xsXwkjpWWqkLV2w)

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Community Resource Fair:

Friday, March 11, 2022 –

Community Resource Fair 3:00pm-6:00pm at Brasstown Community Center

This event will be held in conjunction with Four Square Community Action, Inc's (FSCA) Clay and Cherokee County Outreach Offices. Staff will be available to begin the application / referral process to various programs and services available to qualifying low income families for Home Improvement Programs: Weatherization (WAP), Urgent Repair (URP), and Essential Family Rehabilitation (ESFR) as well as Head Start, HUD Section 8 Housing, NC CARES and Direct Services through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). CSBD Director, Angela Jaco, will also be handing out Customer COVID Care Packages including hygiene, cleaning, and personal protection items to those who qualify. Please Check the March [Brasstown Bell](#) for additional Agencies who will be attending.

Grants & Fundraising:

The Brasstown Community Civic Center has been awarded a Human Services grant from The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. The grant amount for \$20,000 will be utilized to build an outdoor gazebo (\$15K) at the Brasstown Community Center for our concert series as well as purchasing supplies and fresh food (\$5K) for distribution in cooperation with Clay County partners. Construction will be gin soon on the outdoor stage so stay tuned for updates and pictures.

WNC Communities has also Awarded the BCCC \$550. This along with the Freebee Grant of \$8000 and D&M Martin grant of \$9500 will be used for the School House and BCCC Generators.

We would like to thank everyone involved with these awards and grants for their support of the BCCC. Additionally thank you to each and every community member who has in any way supported the BCCC through rentals, fundraising events such as the quilt raffle, or volunteering their time to help. We whole heartedly thank you!



This gorgeous **queen size quilt** can be seen most days at Carolina Crafting located next to the courthouse in downtown Murphy NC. You will also see this quilt show up at numerous events to be held at the community center this year including the summer concert series, summer family movie nights, painting socials, crafters fairs, and Labor Day picnic just to name a few.

Raffle Tickets are \$1 each of 6 for \$5

Tickets are always on sale at Clay's Corner in Brasstown and Carolina Crafting at 49

Peachtree St. in Murphy. Tickets will also be available at events where the quilt makes an appearance; including the evening of the drawing which will be during the Thanksgiving Community Potluck to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Brasstown Community Center would like to thank Deanna Skubal for donating this beautiful quilt. Deanna is a tireless supporter of the Brasstown Community Center and has donated a quilt each of the last 7 years. We truly appreciate her quality craftsmanship, artistry, and her giving heart when it comes to the Quilt Raffle and support of the Brasstown Community Center.

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A Look Forward:

April 2nd –
Easter Egg Hunt
2pm-4pm

April 29th
Spring Crafters Event
5:00pm – 9:00pm

April 30th
Spring Crafters Event
9:00am – 7:00pm



To Reserve the Brasstown Community Center Please follow the instruction on the website at www.brasstowncommunitycenter.org Or Call 828-361-3040

You can also go to our Face Book page:



Until Next Month, Stay Safe, Live, Laugh and Love!

Angie Jaco, BCCC Board President

How Can You Help Support the Brasstown Community Center?

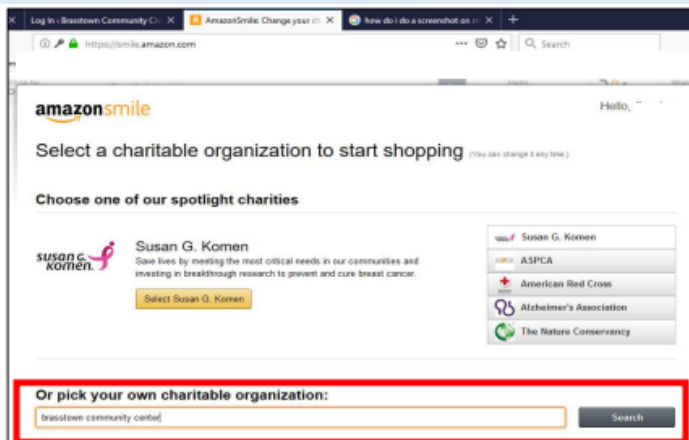
The Brasstown Community Center is a 501C3 charitable organization. All proceeds from donations and fundraisers go towards the Community Center for upkeep, maintenance, and improvements to the facility. Here are several ways that you can help support us so we can keep providing a clean and safe facility for the community.

1) Come to any of our fundraising events throughout the year. Come to a summer bluegrass concert, take a chance on the quilt raffle, participate in any fundraising event throughout the year.

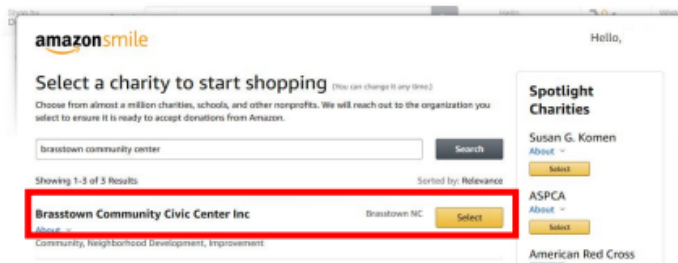
2) Mail a check directly to Brasstown Community Civic Center, PO Box 111, Brasstown, North Carolina 28902.

3) Donate through programs like AmazonSmile. You shop. Amazon Gives!

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