

Hello Friends and Welcome to April. Apologies for missing the March Bell – March came in like a lamb for me but quickly started to roar and scratch and was quite frazzled as it went out like a lion or lioness. So ya’ll are going to get a lot packed into this little piece. Again, 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 well as other items of interest. We want you to continue 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:

We have been having so much FUN with these events. If you check out the Face Book Page, you can find pictures of us joining together having fun and being creative!

There are 3 Painting Socials remaining to be held scheduled with a fee of \$15 per person to include painting supplies and refreshment with a limit of 12 people per session.

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

Painting Social
 Thursday, April 7, 2022
 6:30PM - 8:30PM
 \$15 Fee for Painting Supplies
 Refreshments Served

Easter Cross
 is the 3rd in a Series of 5 Painting Socials
 to be held monthly at the
 Brasstown Community Center, Brasstown, NC
 (Each Painting Social in the Series will have a \$15 fee for Painting Supplies)
 These socials are for fun and laughter, meeting new people or
 reconnecting with those we already know and for being...
CREATIVE! & MAKING MEMORIES!

Seating will be limited to a maximum of 12 people so that we can
 keep respect COVID-19 protocol.

Please visit the Brasstown Community Center Face Book Page for
 more information or to send a message.

To register for this event, please call or text Angie at 828-541-2271.
 Reservation & Fee Payment Deadline is Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Brasstown Fire Department Spotlight:

Those who have felt the warmth of a fire and enjoyed its friendly glow understand that fire is not always a devastating blaze. Our ancestors considered fire to be a basic element, the same as air, water, and earth. Long ago, they learned to use fire and to control it. Fire was, perhaps, their first tool.

Most of us are careful with fire. We build fires in the right places, at the right time. We keep a fire at the proper size and put it out before leaving it. Some of us don't, which can result in

catastrophic wildfires. Wildfires can do terrible damage. With North Carolina's growing population and wildland urban interface, wildfire risk also grows. You are the best defense against wildfire.

CARELESS DEBRIS BURNING IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF WILDFIRES IN NORTH CAROLINA.
 Don't be careless. Be ready.

Check for any **burning bans or fire restrictions** that may be in effect for your area. Make sure you have a **valid burn permit**.

Keep an eye on the weather. Don't burn on dry, windy days. Keep your burn pile **not** tall. It is illegal to burn anything other than **natural vegetation**. Household trash must be hauled away to a trash or recycling station.

Never use:
 - Kerosene
 - Gasoline
 - Diesel fuel
 - Other flammable liquids to speed up debris burning

Have a:
 - Water hose
 - Bucket
 - Steel rake
 - Shovel for tossing dirt on the fire (Keep a phone nearby, too.)

Never leave a fire unattended. Call **911** to report a wildfire.

www.ncforestservice.gov
 For tips to create a fire-resistant home and landscape, visit www.registwildfire.nc.gov.
 The NC Forest Service is a division of the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, State Budget Commission.

🎵 SUMMER CONCERTS ARE BACK! 6pm - May 7th - JUST US



NC Homeowners Assistance Fund (NCHAF):

Established through the American Rescue Plan of 2021, the NC Homeowner Assistance Fund (NCHAF) was created for homeowners in North Carolina to help prevent mortgage delinquencies, defaults, displacements, and foreclosures for eligible homeowners experiencing financial difficulties due to the coronavirus pandemic. If financial hardships related to the pandemic have made paying your mortgage difficult, it is important to know your options to protect your home. Please go to their web site for more information and to see if you are eligible or to register. <https://nchaf.gov/> You can also watch the video at https://youtu.be/Ze_MnQBRORY for more information.

Brasstown Community Center Potluck's Are Back!

Our first Potluck will begin at 6pm on Tuesday April 19th
Bring your favorite covered dish and join us.
The Community center will provide drinks and table ware.
The April BCCC Board meeting will be held immediately following at 7pm.



“Active April” from WNC Nonprofit Pathways

Brasstown Community Center, which is a 501 (c) (3) corporation operated and maintained by donations and proceeds from concerts and other fundraisers, utilizes various resources to bring the best to our citizens. One such agency is WNC Nonprofit Pathways. Nonprofit organizations form the backbone of communities across the mountains of Western North Carolina.

WNCNP assists organization become stronger and sustainable so that they can fulfill their mission.

Active April 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Commit to being more active this month, starting today	2. Spend as much time as possible outdoors today	3. Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do	4. Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water	5. Turn a regular activity into a playful game today	6. Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels	7. Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening
8. Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh	9. Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise	10. Have a day free from TV or screens and get moving instead	11. Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge	12. Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside	13. Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time	14. Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation
15. Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)	16. Go exploring around your local area and notice new things	17. Be active outside. Dig up weeds or plant some seeds	18. Try a new online exercise, activity or dance class	19. Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often	20. Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today	21. Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day
22. Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it	23. Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour	24. Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting	25. Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself	26. Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes	27. Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil	28. Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat
29. Become an activist for a cause you really believe in	30. Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today					

WNCNP's mission is "Strengthening the organizations that help our Western North Carolina communities succeed."

So, to help strengthen our Brasstown Community I encourage you to check out the Action for Happiness April Calendar! It's a great way to get back in motion!

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS
Happier · Kinder · Together



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! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.
- 4) **VOLUNTEER** – The Brasstown Community Center is always looking for new faces to help with the many projects and events we have going as well as share expertise and knowledge. We are also hoping to start a Volunteer Teen Leadership Team. So, if you have any interest, please let us know we would love to have you.

The Brasstown Community Center which is a 501 (c) (3) corporation operated and maintained by donations and proceeds from reservations, fundraisers, concerts, and other events. 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, Love
and Let's Get Active!!

Angie Jaco,
BCCC Board President

SNAPSHOT
of
Clay County History
Historic Beal Center
April 7, 2022
7pm
Speakers:
Jerry Taylor
Reflections of the construction
of Chatuge Dam
Ed Roach
Memories of the Peavine Railroad
These speakers will bring the past into focus for all.
Annual Membership Drive
Sponsored by: Clay County Historical & Arts
COUNCIL with support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a
division of the Department of Cultural and Natural Resources.
Everyone Welcome - Come, Bring a Friend
www.ncarts.org