



**September 27, 2024**

**A beautiful evening sky offered comfort after a stressful day. Locals gathered near Gentry Hardware to view the receding floodwaters.**

Photo by Stacey Geyer

## **Updates after Flooding from Hurricane Helene**

**It has been over 4 months** since downtown Hot Springs was inundated by floodwaters from Spring Creek and the French Broad River. Since then, we have been working tirelessly together to rebuild.

We want to check in with all you folks who know and love Hot Springs, NC and share updates for 2025 and let you know that you're still very much on our minds!

**Businesses downtown** are still working hard to renovate their spaces and reopen this year. And others- like the Smoky Mountain Diner, Hillbilly Market, Sara Jo's Station, Gallery 339, and Tobacco Road- have been open and serving the community throughout this recovery.

**Read on for more updates and how to plan your next visit to Hot Springs, NC!**



## **How to Visit and Enjoy Hot Springs While We Rebuild**

...just a few of the ways you can help and have a good time!

- **Stay in a Vacation Rental or Suite-**[Browse Hot Springs Lodging](#)
- **Hike Max Patch** or one of the many other trails that are open!
- **Take a ride out to Spring Creek Community** and stop by [Trust General Store](#) or [Dave's 209](#).
- **Eat! Have a sit down meal** at [Smoky Mountain Diner](#) or the new [Vaste Riviere Outpost](#) in Pine Hall. **Grab a sandwich to-go** at [Hillbilly Market &](#)

Deli and treats to go along with it at Sara Jo's Station, Tobacco Road Burley & Brew, and the new location for Artisan Gallery & Cafe.

- **Shop** at places like State Line Antiques and Gallery 339.
- **Special Events-** Our Events Calendar is starting to fill up again! Woodson Branch Nature School is hosting spring workshops, Vaste Riviere Outpost in Pine Hall is hosting Contra Dancing on 3rd Fridays and other special shindigs.

Business Hours for Shops & Restaurants



## Volunteer While You're Here!

**Make new friends and really get to know some of the locals!**

Most of our progress in town has been made with the help of generous volunteers. The Hot Springs Welcome Center alone has logged 235 volunteer hours and would not be

reopening on February 9 without their help.

If you would like to help, or have any questions or comments, please contact our Disaster Relief Administrator, Sena, at [volunteer@hotspringsrecovery.org](mailto:volunteer@hotspringsrecovery.org) or text (828) 539-0037.

### **Ask about discounts for volunteers at vacation rentals!**

*\*\*\*Vacation Rental Owners- please contact Sena if you would like to offer discounts for volunteers\*\*\**

Hot Springs Recovery Volunteer Info

## Hot Springs Resort & Spa

...updates on their [Facebook Page](#)

Quite literally the heartbeat of our town's economy- the Spa and Campground were flooded beyond anyone's imaginations.

Their progress since then is nothing short of amazing!



### **Ways to help the Spa recover-**

- Buy a gift card for a future appointment- call 828-622-7676
- Call to make a tub appointment- limited availability starting February 14!
- Book Lodging in Deluxe Cabin #10 or The Sandbar House
- Volunteer to help clean up debris or help rebuild structures

Hot Springs Resort & Spa Facebook Page

# REBUILD HOT SPRINGS

**Rebuild Hot Springs Area**  
... a new nonprofit formed to aid recovery

We received many generous donations shortly after the disaster- thank you to everyone who contributed! This official 501(c)3 nonprofit was formed swiftly by community volunteers (thank goodness there are quite a few smart and capable folks settled into this mountain nook)!

You may also donate directly to your favorite local business by contacting them directly through their website or social media. Many have venmo or gofundme pages dedicated to their rebuild or employee welfare.

[Donate to Rebuild Hot Springs](#)



**Remember this Beautiful View-  
the Mountains will be Greening up again  
in April!**

Photo by Mary Helen Adamson,  
co-owner of [Hot Springs Getaway](#)

[Hot Springs, NC Website](#)

## More Links and Information

[The French Broad River](#)

[The Appalachian Trail](#)

[Hot Springs Blog](#)

[Places to Eat](#)

[Places to Stay](#)

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**[Hot Springs Welcome Center](#) is  
open daily from 10-5pm  
starting on Sunday, February 9.**

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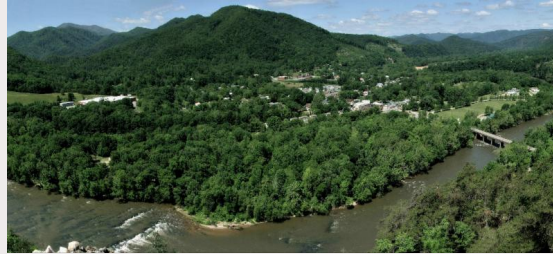
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