



## Fall Newsletter 2020

Brought to you by the  
Hot Springs Tourism Association

### Town of Hot Springs, NC

#### Autumn Events

It's finally Fall in the Bald Mountains of the Pisgah National Forest. Soon we will see a spectacular splash of color over every peak and valley. At the Hot Springs Welcome Center we can show you the best Scenic Drives throughout the area.



Photo by Alicia Araya

While you're here you'll find some traditional events in and around our mountain town this time of year. Many of our autumn activities include - *camping, rafting, horseback riding, hiking, dining, shopping, mineral water soaks, gem mining, zip-lining* and more!

*Dates and times are subject to change. Check ahead for any cancellations or rescheduling of events prior to arrival.*

*October & November*      *Hot Springs Corner Artisan Market*  
*Visit our Street Vendors every Saturday*

*October 3*      *Spring Creek Community Yard Sale*  
*October 10*      *BBQ for Books Virtual Fundraiser*  
*December 5*      *Town Christmas Parade* - Tentatively Scheduled.  
Check Their *Facebook Page* for Updates.

*December TBA*      *Spring Creek Christmas Bazaar*

#### *Whats New in Town Now*

Year 2020 is one year that many of us

will never soon forget. So far Madison County has been spared the worst of the Covid-19 contagion. We are grateful to live in such a beautiful and healthy place where social distancing is easy to do. We are also thankful to our local businesses who have stepped up to provide services and goods safely. Their actions have allowed the people who live here and those that visit the option of not having to travel into the larger, more populated towns & cities. This has helped many of us to realize and appreciate that with cooperation & community, we really do have all we need in our little town.



Photo by Ruth Gallagher

So, in addition to some of your old favorite places to stop, we are excited to announce the newest businesses to open in our downtown area. Welcome to:

### **Sara Jo's Station**

Featuring friendly staff, fuel, beer, snacks, local market items like homemade pot-pies, cheesecakes, ice cream and other desserts.

### **Vaste Riviere Provisions**

Hot food served daily. Drinks, wine, groceries and smoked or canned gourmet & wild meats.

### **Trailside Bakery & Cafe**

Hearty breakfast special served all day along with other delicious meal choices. Beer & wine selections.

### **Big Pillow Brewing**

Opening soon. Onsite micro brews with 16 taps – and tacos from Grey Eagle Taqueria too.

Find out more about these and our other businesses at our website: [HotSpringsNC.org](http://HotSpringsNC.org)

**Saturday, October 10, 3 to 8 PM**  
**First Ever Live Stream for the**  
**HOT SPRINGS LIBRARY**



A live-feed from the Laurel Community Center in Shelton Laurel will be the location for this year's broadcast of this unprecedented event! Watch live and pre-recorded content from the comfort of your own home. In addition to great entertainment, tune in to donate online, or donate by visiting participating restaurants in Hot Springs to help support your local library.

**This years event features live & pre-recorded local music by**

**PIERCE EDENS**  
**JOSH GOFORTH**  
**ASHLEY HEATH**  
**75 SINGLE WIDE**  
**&**  
**SUN AND MOON DANCE**

In addition, some of Hot Springs' restaurants will be offering their own personal version of traditional, pork Bar-BQ platters.  
Try one or try them all!

Sales proceeds will support the Hot Springs Library Building Fund

[Read Interview with Event Organizer, Mary Dixon on the Azule Blog](#)

**[For more info see the Event Website](#)**

## **Hot Springs Welcome Center**

Now open daily from 10am to 5pm in downtown Hot Springs. We strive to keep you updated on current events and happenings in our area. Our friendly staff is here to answer questions and make suggestions about **lodging, restaurants, and places to explore**. Inside are photos and exhibits which describe our rich history and the amazing, natural world around us. Stop by or give us a call at 828-622-9932.



Our recently added **[Blog Page](#)** shares



local stories, events and articles about our mountain community. If you have a story you would like to share, please send it to us so we can include it in our next blog. The latest story details how local residents have been participating in an incredible effort to catalog 1150 species in a brief 2 weeks. Take a look at our most recent Blog at:

[Exploring Nature at Broadwing Farm for BioBlitz](#)

<https://www.hotspringsnc.org/discovering-biodiversity-in-hot-springs-nc-with-the-2020-madison-county-bioblitz/>

*The Welcome Center is operated by the non-profit organization - Hot Springs Tourism Association, with support from the Town of Hot Springs as well as the Madison County Tourism Development Authority.*

***[Learn More at HotSpringsNC.org](https://www.hotspringsnc.org)***

**[Vibrant Leaf Season Predicted](#)**

The weather in September is a big factor in how bright and colorful our changing leaves will become, and this season is shaping up to be near perfect.

According to the '[Fall Color Guy](#)', Dr. Howard Neufeld of Appalachian State University, cool temperatures at night, sunny skies, and low humidity are what we need for bright fall colors. [Read his predictions and weekly posts here.](#)

The mountains and numerous hiking trails in the surrounding Pisgah National Forest & the National Appalachian Scenic Trail (the AT) are open to the public and make for some spectacular picture taking opportunities. The US Forest Service has repaired the Rich Mountain Fire Tower.

Views of the surrounding Bald and Walnut Mountains are absolutely impressive. The tower is near the AT and is open for the public to enjoy



Max Patch in October

and appreciate.

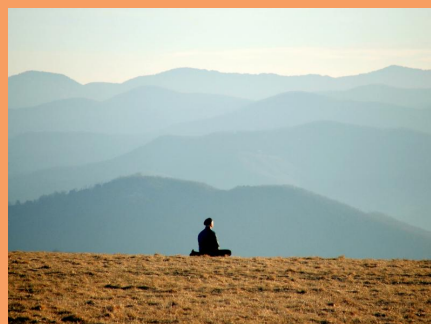
If you need suggestions for places to explore, stop by the Welcome Center for directions and maps detailing the local trails and roads.

**Note:** Leaf season is also a busy time of year for tourism and many area cabins and rooms reserve quickly. You can research and reserve online the many local places available to rent at :

***HotSpringsNC.org***

## Local Sunday Worship Services

There are several houses of worship in our neighborhood that are open to the public and are happy to receive you as a guest.



**Dorland Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
61 Bridge St. Downtown Hot Springs

**Hot Springs First Baptist Church**  
35 Meadow Lane, Downtown Hot Springs

**Solid Rock Full Gospel Church**  
4154 NW Hwy 25-70, Hot Springs, Phone: (423) 972-2944

**Fairview United Methodist Church**  
202 Fairview Loop, Hot Springs, Phone: (828) 622-7272

**Antioch United Methodist Church**  
44 Grassy Creek Rd, Hot Springs

**Hot Springs Freewill Baptist Church**  
772 River Road, Hot Springs

**Walnut Presbyterian Church**  
270 Barnard Rd, Marshall, Phone: (828) 280-3929

*Also, see our Website for Service Times and Photos*

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***Give us a call or  
stop by today!***

and Stacey Geyer, HSTA Administrator

If you would like a story or event listed here,  
please contact us at the  
Hot Springs Welcome Center.



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