



Hot Springs, NC Welcome Center

Summer Newsletter 2023

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

~ John Lubbock, *The Use Of Life*

Summertime is here. So much to do! Remember to add relaxing and having fun to the 'to-do list'.

Scroll down to find out what's new in town, fireworks celebrations, and things to do.



View from the Lover's Leap Trail, part of the Appalachian Trail. Looking at the French Broad River, one of the oldest rivers in the world.

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Hot Springs History of Gentry Hardware

Anyone who has visited Hot Springs, NC knows of this iconic rock building on the banks of Spring Creek. Gentry Hardware is literally a cornerstone of our community and history.



Keith Gentry shares stories from the old days, the flood on Spring Creek in 1977, and how he got to be in the hardware business.

He and his wife, Jeanne, continue to help us solve problems and, in the process, inspire us to do better for each other and community.

[Click here to read the article, written by Wendy Stancil, and see some cool ol' pics!](#)

[Read About Gentry Hardware!](#)

The interview with Keith Gentry was recorded, and can be listened to on

[Listen to the Interview on StoryCorps](#)



Bluff Mountain Festival

This Saturday, June 10

Foot-tapping bluegrass and old-time music, a silent auction of beautiful regional items, an artists' market, good food, a beautiful setting, and much more make the Madison County Arts Council's Bluff Mountain Festival a special community event.

This year's annual festival will be held **Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 10am through 6pm** on the grounds of the Hot Springs Resort and Spa. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for seating in front of the stage and in the shade of elegant magnolias.

Fireworks Celebrations

Saturday, July 1- Fireworks in downtown Hot Springs

Afternoon: Bringing back the Bed Race! 2pm along Andrews Ave South.

The incredibly talented Ashley Heath will perform later in the afternoon on the lawn of the Alpine Court! Bring a blanket or chair. Sponsored by the Hot Springs Entertainment Committee.



All day: Stroll around town and explore the shops, eateries and market vendors.

Evening: Fireworks display by the VFD. View them from downtown and the HS Elementary grounds.

Also on July 1- Freedom Festival in Laurel Community

Morning: Run or walk the 5K Road Race on a flat course from Hickey's Fork to the Community Center. Learn More and Sign Up for this fun and healthy event!

Evening: Music, Food, Friends and Fireworks.

Tuesday, July 4- Fireworks in Spring Creek Community Stay tuned for details.



Fireworks Photos Courtesy of Tonya Thomas

For more events, workshops and live music,
click the button below to view our Events Calendar on HotSpringsNC.org

Visit our Events Calendar

Hot Springs Library Events Summer Performances & Workshops

June 8 - 1pm - Pine Hall - Home Canning 101
with Author and Homesteader, Ashley English
Register to Attend at <https://bit.ly/canning-101>



June 9 - 1pm - Pine Hall - Reptiles Rock with Shark Lab
Live reptiles and fun discussion with Hendersonville Shark Lab

June 16 - 1pm - Hot Springs Library - "The Moozic Lady"
Fun, interactive music program for kids, with Sonia Brooks

June 17 - 1pm - Pine Hall - Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament
Your team can consist of up to four members and you will have 2 hours to put together a 500 piece puzzle. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Sign up your team at <https://bit.ly/puzzle-com>

June 23 - 11am - Hot Springs Library - Meet Smokey the Bear

June 23 - 1pm - Pine Hall - Summer Preserves Canning Workshop
with Ashley English, learn to preserve summer fruit harvests!
Please Register to Attend at <https://bit.ly/summer-preserves>

June 29 - 1pm - Pine Hall - Appalachian Performing Arts
Learn about the native and original clogging from our area and enjoy the live performances.

July 13 - 1pm - Hot Springs Library - Bandanas for Buddies
All Ages may join in for a fun time decorating pre-made bandanas for the animals at the Madison County Animal Shelter.

July 13 - 2pm - Pine Hall - Home Apothecary: Natural Health
with Ashley English, learn how to create fall and winter remedies.
Sign up at <https://bit.ly/nat-health>

July 15 - 2pm - Bugs n Brews - Fish Like a Pro
Inside Vaste Riviere Provisions. Check out the new local fly-fishing shop in Hot Springs as they host this special program about local fishing with presenter Josh Garris and shop owner Keith Calloway.
Sign up at <https://bit.ly/fishlocal>

July 19 - 1pm - Hot Springs Library - NC Arboretum: Insects
Learn about local bugs and their habitats!

Shops and Markets

Laurel Community Market will take place on the last Saturday of the month, May through October. Stop by between 3-7pm.

Spring Creek Community Market, First Friday of the Month, from Noon to 6pm. On scenic Highway 209, about 20 minutes South of downtown Hot Springs.



Downtown Hot Springs, most Saturdays and holidays, find makers, artists, and growers on the lawn of Hot Springs Rafting and across from Town Hall.

Makers and Growers Market at Gallery339HotSprings also near downtown Hot Springs, next door to the Laughing Heart Lodge.
Happening this Saturday, June 10th and Saturday, July 1st, 10am-3pm.

Browse all the Shops in Hot Springs by clicking the buttons below.

Shopping in Hot Springs

Business Hours for Shops & Eateries



Get out on the river this summer for a calm float trip, tubing, or guided whitewater adventure!

Schedule a trip with one of our local outfitters: [Blue Heron Whitewater](#), [French Broad Adventures](#), [Hot Springs Rafting](#) and [Nantahala Outdoor Center](#).

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