



Bent Creek Community Park

Fall 2012

Dates to Remember:

August 25: Noon until dark

Crafts at the Creek
Music! * Food! * Shopping!

September 8:

Cyclocross Bike Race
Times and categories to be
announced at www.avl.cx.com

Sept. 22 : 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Yard Sale at Bent Creek
Baptist Church
(frame building)
Drop off 9/20 & 9/21:
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sept. 29: 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Dinner and a Movie & Chili
Cook-off. Bring a covered
dish, or favorite Chili,
blankets & chairs

December

(Date to be announced)

Christmas Caroling in the
Neighborhood

2012 - 2013

Board of Directors:

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Community Liaison: Amy Pugh

Bent Creek Community Park and Gardens turns 10 years old!

By Faisal Mohammed

Nestled between NC 191, the North Carolina Arboretum and Bent Creek Experimental Forest, one may find a bedroom community of approximately 350 homes. If one looks more closely it may become apparent that the neighborhood of Bent Creek is more than just houses. The word "community" comes to mind but just does not seem to do justice. At the heart of it all, one will find Bent Creek Community Park and Gardens, a 23 acre piece of land owned by Buncombe County Parks and Recreation.

Ten years ago this land contained a marsh, a grassy field, some overgrown basketball courts, some broken up tennis courts, a swimming pool full of grass and a rusty old swing set, and was becoming a haven for undesirable activities. On January 20, 2002 a group of neighbors met to discuss a revitalization of the land. This group later evolved into the Board, which was made up of 5 members who came together to share ideas and breathe life and energy into the park's development. Since then, the Board has been responsible for the organization of many fundraisers, park work days and social functions that have transformed that old, broken down play area into a beautiful, open, well maintained area that offers friends and neighbors a safe place to congregate and nurture the true feeling of community that the neighborhood possesses.

As you take a moment to wish a Happy 10th Birthday to Bent Creek Community Park and Gardens, revel in the accomplishments of the last 10 years:

- Land cleared of brush, debris, trash, rocks, old tennis court and even removal of a diving board
- Erection of the swing sets and playground equipment
- Creation of a hiking trail around the marsh
- Restoration of the basketball courts
- Addition of multiple sports areas including roller hockey, volleyball, horseshoes, pump track, biking trails and disc golf
- Lobbying of Buncombe County Parks and Recreation to lease the park land to an Incorporated Bent Creek Community Park and Gardens which is managed by the Board of Directors
- Collaboration with Mountain Wild and the County to build the picnic shelter pavilion
- Provision of water and electricity to the park
- Support of the creation and cultivation of a co-operative vegetable garden
- Acquisition of a shed to provide storage of park equipment
- Development of a website
- Constant beautification projects including the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers with the support of Asheville GreenWorks
- Building a pergola with climbing vines over the sand box
- Resurfacing the parking lot
- Installation of a drinking fountain and cover for the bulletin board

The 2012-2013 Bent Creek Community Park and Gardens Board of Directors would like to extend a giant THANK-YOU to any and all who have contributed their time, efforts, supplies, money, goodwill and love over the past 10 years!

Bent Creek Community Park (www.bentcreekpark.org)

Look what's New! A drinking fountain and a cover for the Bulletin Board with shelf for Park Produce



Dinner and a Movie: Please join us Saturday September 29th from 6pm to 10pm for a fun night out with family and friends. Our movies will start with a Charlie Brown movie followed by a movie appropriate for all ages. The potluck with Chili Cook Off begins at 6:00pm, the movies will begin at dusk. Bring a covered dish or favorite Chili, blanket and chairs. Popcorn will be served at the movies. See you there! P.S. Rain (or gusty wind) date for this event is October 6th.



Crafts at the Creek: August 25th from Noon until Dark
Because we have so many talented neighbors and friends in our area Bent Creek Community Park is hosting a craft fair for these people to sell their wares.

Come and join us for:

* Music * Food * Shopping * Family Fun *
You just might find that perfect treasure!

"I feel privileged to be a new addition to such an incredible neighborhood. I understand the many different attributes that make Bent Creek such a unique and desirable place and am proud to now be able to call it home. I have enjoyed meeting many of our great neighbors and I look forward to meeting many more.

The market is changing: please contact me for a free analysis."

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***** visit our website for upcoming information, pavilion rental or to place an ad *****

Thanks to your contributions, a matching donation from Carolina Water (Utilities, Inc) and Lowe's giving us the materials at cost, the Parking Lot Makeover is complete! During the month of June about 30 people pitched in, both kids and adults, to help wash, weed, patch and repair. Then finally on Fathers Day weekend sealant was applied to the asphalt parking lot using over 60 five-gallon buckets. For a few years folks have talked about contracting this work out but in the end it was decided to go ahead and do this work ourselves using good old Bent Creek sweat. This was truly a group effort, thanks to all who came out and pitched in for this project. Special thanks to Amy Holguin for getting the donation and discounts to make our money go further!



Asheville Cyclocross: Saturday, September 8th

Free Kids Race. Other races: \$20 prepay, \$25 day of race

Beginner class for anyone who wants to try it

Coffee Truck and Food Vendors Pisgah Brewery with adult beverages

Extremely spectator friendly; fun to watch or participate in

Times and categories to be announced

For more information visit www.avlcx.com or

on facebook www.facebook.com/AshevilleCyclocross



"CRAFTS ON WEDNESDAY" FOR BENT CREEK KIDS

Neighborhood kids gathered at the park on Wednesdays this summer for craft time fun. We did many exciting projects involving the natural world around us. We hope to carry on this fun activity next summer.



CAMP OUT IN THE PARK WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Our first camp out in the park had lots of neighborhood kids enjoying hot dogs, roasting marshmallows and camping under the stars. Later in the evening the adults enjoyed sharing music by the fire. A good time was had by all!

Easter was celebrated by Bent Creek Neighbors

On Saturday there were many children of all ages hunting for Easter Eggs throughout the park. On Easter Sunday friends and neighbors celebrated a Sunrise Service in the park with speaker Pastor Tommy Bridges from Bent Creek Baptist Church. What a great way to kick off Spring!





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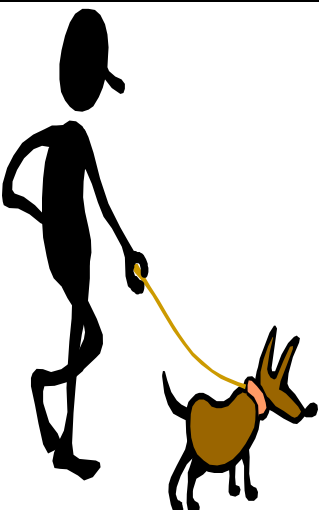
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Schools out Party!

Our kick-off to summer was a huge success. Although the clouds threatened rain, nothing could threaten our fun, especially on the last day of school. We had a generous sundae bar and a super-fast slip 'n slide ... even some adults braved the slippery slope! We hope all the Bent Creek kids take these memories with them when they recall the start of this years summer.



***To all those over the years who have pitched in to make
Bent Creek Community Park a wonderful place to enjoy, Thank You!***



Restraint of Animals

"The city and county animal ordinances mandate that every person owning or having possession, charge, care, custody or control of any animal shall keep such animal exclusively upon his premises. However, such animal may be off such premises if it is under the physical control of a competent person and restrained by a chain, leash, harness or other means of physical control. Beginning October 15, 2007 any animal found running at large, in accordance with the ordinance definition, will be impounded. If an owner can not be easily found the animal will be taken to the county animal shelter and will be micro-chipped, at the owners expense, before being released to the owner." Animal Control can be reached at 828-250-6670.

Bent Creek Community Park is not considered a "dog park". Dogs in the park are required to be on a leash as mentioned in the above ordinance. Please be considerate of your neighbors, both in the park and out ... keep your dogs under control. Thanks.



Spring Fling 2012: Enjoying one another's company and...



dancing the night away with Emporium ... oh what a night it was!



Just a friendly reminder, the speed limit for our neighborhood is 25mph.

We are lucky to be a neighborhood of people who love to get outdoors. Many people walk their dogs, or just like to go for a walk. Without sidewalks to use, the streets become our walkways. Children play and ride their bikes in our streets. Please be considerate and drive slow to protect the children, adults and pets.

Forest Service Information:

There was a community "walk-in-the-woods" this spring with forest service researcher Henry McNab. He talked about forestry ecology in general and explain the research they are conducting with prescribed burns. There will be another walk this Fall, but only after the prescribed burn is done this Summer or Fall. The Fall walk will be announced through our email posting and on our website. The meeting place for this walk is at the Rice Pinnacle Road parking lot, just off Wesley Branch Road (past the Arboretum back entrance).

For more information contact Henry at hmcnab@fs.fed.us or call 828-667-5261 ext 119.

"I grew up in the Bent Creek neighborhood, and my mother is still here. I have a personal interest in the families who live here and their financial futures. I pledge to give you the best investment advice available. When you are deciding how to invest, keep me and Edward Jones in mind. Thanks."

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Community Yard Sale Fundraiser: Saturday September 22nd from 7am - 1pm, stop by to help or shop to find a perfect treasure. Drop off Thursday & Friday evening from 6pm-8pm; come on by with your sellable items. If you would like to help set up for the sale drop by Thurs. or Fri. evening. Any questions call 828-667-1048.



Bent Creek Community Park (www.bentcreekpark.org)

Bent Creek Community Park Association

322 Donnybrook Dr
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Bent Creek Community Park Association is a nonprofit, grassroots organization which is dedicated to the building of community values through recreational and social activities. The association serves 380 homes in the Bent Creek area. Our annual operating expenses are \$2,400.

If you are not currently on our email list but wish to receive periodic updates on park events, please send your request to:
info@bentcreekpark.org

Old Bent Creek Lodge



Our park is funded solely by contributions from friends & residents of Bent Creek

Please consider contributing so we may continue our efforts to improve Bent Creeks' community park and gardens.

Your contributions are tax deductible!

Please make check payable to "Asheville GreenWorks". Be sure to include "Bent Creek Park" in the memo line.

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Bent Creek Community Park Pavilion

The perfect place for your summer gathering, birthday party, family reunion, work party, or any celebration! Please make reservations for parties of ten or more to ensure availability. Cost is \$25 for Residents of Bent Creek and \$35 for Non-residents. Prepayment is required. The reservation is for up to 3 hours and must end at dusk. Pavilion reservation forms are available at the park bulletin board or go to our website for more information.

Bent Creek Neighborhood Cookbook

Lets make a collection of favorite recipes from our neighborhood. You know, the recipes you bring to our pot-lucks and "3:00 Sundays at the park" get together (YUM)! Email your favorite recipes to our website at info@bentcreekpark.org, the park will do the rest to put them together in a cookbook.