



Dates to Remember

Saturday March 30th:

11:00am

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday March 31st:

7:00am

Sunrise Service

Saturday April 13th:

7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Yard Sale at Bent Creek
Baptist Church frame building
(drop off Thursday 4/11 &
Friday 4/12: 6-8pm)

Saturday May 25th:

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Spring Fling Pot Luck and
Election of New Park Board

Meet Your Neighbor

Beth Wyche and her husband Shaloot Mughanna just moved to Bent Creek last June from East Asheville. We got a chance to chat with her about her new address:

- *What made you decide to move to Bent Creek?*

Beth: We heard great things about the neighborhood and we loved the location and the house.

- *What is your favorite thing to do in Bent Creek?*

Beth: We like to use the trails.

- *Did you find any unexpected bonuses in the neighborhood?*

Beth: Yes, the people are so friendly and the events at the park are a lot of fun.

Look for Beth and Shaloot at our park events and give them a friendly, welcome wave!

Easter Events:

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30th 11:00 am

Please bring one dozen candy or toy filled eggs for each child to the park by 9:00am Saturday so that we may have time to hide them. If you would like to stay and help that would be great! If you need to bring your eggs before Saturday, feel free to leave them on Amy Pugh's porch at 300 Foxcroft Dr.

Sunrise Service Easter Sunday, March 31st 7:00am

There will be a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning at the Park Pavilion with Pastor Tommy Bridges from Bent Creek Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend. During the service take time to notice the beautiful flowers that will be blooming. We planted some 300 bulbs last fall in hopes that they will bloom in time for Easter.

Community Yard Sale Saturday, April 13, 2013 Drop-off and set-up 6-8pm Thurs & Fri

Did you know that our Spring and Fall yard sales are the main way we raise funds to pay our bills? Here's how it works: Anyone who can help gets together on the two evenings leading up to the sale to receive and organize the many generous donations brought to us by you! Then, with the help of many, we open the doors at 7am and get busy! Our profits have ranged from \$500 - \$2000! This is the money used to meet our annual operating costs for water, electricity, port-a-potty, insurance, social events, ground maintenance, park improvements, etc... So, save the date, help out if you can, and by all means ... bring us some good stuff to sell! It is always appreciated.

Spring Fling May 25, 2013

Hello Neighbors! As the weather warms it is time to shake off our winter blues and celebrate the height of spring with our annual Spring Fling in the Park! Festivities will include food, friends, music and fun for the children and adults alike. Come out and see what's new, what's gotten better with age and what is to come this summer. For those who are itching to be involved, annual elections for the new Board of Directors will be held, so bring your ideas and enthusiasm to help keep the park great!



We kicked off our summer season with our annual School's Out Party. The giant Slip N' Slide survived another year of excited children!



Kids cruised through the summer with family centered events, such as Crafts on Wednesdays. Chalk painting the wall was a fun event.



This was our First Annual Family Camp Out.



"Crafts at the Creek" was a great success.



The Garden Harvest Party had many tasty treats.




Keeping warm at Dinner and a Movie.

Our Fall Pumpkin Carving Party was cancelled due to unseasonably cold weather. We did manage to squeeze in Dinner and a Movie / Chili Cook-off before the cold weather arrived.





We wrapped up our year with a night of neighborhood Caroling, Hot Chocolate and Fun!

<p>Michael J. Sanders, AAMS® Financial Advisor</p> <p>Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING</p>  <p>Westridge Market Place, Suite C-4 PO Box 2139 Candler, NC 28715 Bus. 828-665-2320 Cell 828-775-5781 Fax 877-234-2181 TF. 888-665-2320 michael.sanders@edwardjones.com www.edwardjones.com</p>	<p>"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."</p> <p><i>Michael Sanders</i></p>
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Pavilion Reservations Make Your Park Party Perfect!

The park has become a very popular place for celebrations! Reserving the pavilion is the way to go if you want to ensure that it will be available for your party. There are picnic tables, a drinking fountain (in the warmer months) and electricity. The fee (for any 3 hours between morning and dusk) is \$25 for Bent Creek Community residents (those in the newsletter delivery route) and \$35 for others. Information can be found on the bulletin board or on our website at www.bentcreekpark.org.

<p>YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD REALTOR Justin Purnell moved with his family to the Bent Creek neighborhood in 2006. He has been in Real Estate for over six years. His passion and award winning customer service skills and leadership are just a part of the hands on services he will provide. He also runs an international school called "Teach The World Online". A graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Justin is the President of the Asheville Adult Soccer Association here in Asheville, where he plays on a regular basis. He is <u>never</u> too busy to assist you with your Real Estate needs. Feel free to call him with any question.</p>	  <p>Justin M. Purnell Broker /REALTOR® justinpurnell@gmail.com</p> <p>828.551.3542 Cell 828.232.2879 Office 828.225.1886 Fax 800.238.7056 Toll Free</p> <p>www.townandmountain.com</p> <p>261 Asheland Avenue Suite 103 • Asheville, NC 28801</p>
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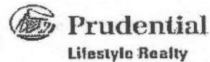
Robert and his family live in the Bent Creek Neighborhood. He can't think of anyplace else he'd rather live!

Ask him about getting your family and belongings insured by someone who will treat you the way neighbors should.

He is located right next to Jim Barkley Toyota. See him for a personalized insurance analysis!

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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A WALK IN THE PARK WITH FIDO

So you have brought your dog to the park for a nice walk, but forgot to bring your doggie clean-up bag. No worries, the park will be installing a doggie bag dispenser so you can clean-up after Fido. A clean park is a healthy park, especially when the kids are rolling around in the same grass where Fido has been. Thanks to those who already come with bags, but now everyone can do their part to keep our park clean.

BY POPULAR DEMAND...

facebook

FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

The park is frequently asked to send emails and/or make Facebook posts to help residents with personal communications. We have declined because we assume that people who signed up to these park sites expect only park related information. Recognizing the need for neighbors to have the ability to communicate, an individual in the neighborhood created a Facebook page for announcements and posts by residents of the Bent Creek area. You can go to **Facebook** and search '**Bent Creek Community Posts Asheville**' to join this group. So far the site has helped find lost dogs and cats, post babysitting needs and services, mentioned homes for sale or rent, reminded folks to please drive a little more slowly, etc... This site is not for complaints or opinions. Expressing such easily becomes problematic and could result in the deletion of the site. If you are wanting to start dialogue about the frustration of things like speeding cars, unleashed pets, dog poop, etc... please consider sending private messages or searching Facebook for other Bent Creek sites. If you are looking for Park associated information, you will find us on **Facebook** at **Bent Creek Community Park** (there is also a **Bent Creek Community Garden** page).

THE AIR WE BREATHE...



**I ♥
CLEAN
AIR**

In Buncombe County, the *Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency* monitors air quality and enforces state and federal air quality standards to ensure the safety and purity of the air we breathe.

One of the ways in which they do this, is by maintaining an ozone monitoring station. The station analyzes air quality and sends information to the agency every hour.

An ozone monitoring station is essentially a small building, with a tall slender pipe for air intake, that houses special equipment. Recently the agency was mandated to find a new location, as their previous location no longer met the rigid EPA guidelines for the placement and surroundings of the station. Buncombe County was required to move the station within one mile of it's original location. Our park was the only property they had that could meet the strict criteria.

Because of the supportive relationship we have had with Buncombe County over the years, our park has developed into a clean and open gathering place. We welcome them as they join us and we support this agency whose sole directive is to safeguard our health, the environment in which we live, and the air we breathe.

The presence of a clean and open park greatly improves the home value and safety of all Bent Creek area residents while nurturing a sense of community that can be difficult to find in these busy times.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING REGULAR DONATIONS

Checks should be made payable to Asheville GreenWorks and mailed to:
Bent Creek Community Park * 322 Donnybrook Drive * Asheville, NC 28806

(Please add 'for Bent Creek Community Park' to the memo line to ensure that funds are credited to our park. All contributions are tax deductible.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Request for Receipt: _____ YES or _____ NO

PARK SAFETY

A NOTE FROM THE GATEKEEPER

As more people hear about our park and we see more folks using this space in our neighborhood it is important to remember that although we do not own the land we do lease it and the county has entrusted us to maintain it. It is the product and result of hard work by many and we should be proud of this 22-acre gem we have in the middle of Bent Creek.

Recently there have been groups of individuals coming out who may not have the best interest of the park in mind. Youth that choose to litter their garbage as opposed to using one of the five trash cans. Individuals that drive way too fast with kids biking and playing nearby. Kids with bad language who don't seem to care who's listening.

Let me say the vast majority of those who use the park don't fall into this category and that's the good news. I think as more and more families come out and use the park a positive tone will be set. However, if you see a teen doing something that they shouldn't, and you feel comfortable approaching them, by all means be a diplomat and generate some dialogue. If it is something serious that you feel needs addressing by the authorities then know you can call the 24-hour Buncombe County Sheriff's line at 255-5555.

Bottom line, this is public land, it's a public park, so we don't control who comes to visit. What we can control is how folks behave when they are in our neighborhood and around our children, so asking them to be respectful of their surroundings only seems fair. Let's challenge ourselves to be positive role models along the way as we get out there ourselves and enjoy the park!

Thanks - MT

Community Garden

Last year the Community Garden Club got together with the residents of Bent Creek and cooked up a storm using the "fruits of their labor".

The Community Garden Club is a group of families that garden at the park in a designated area. Each garden row is "rented" and tended by an individual family. The proceeds for the "rent" go toward maintenance of the overall garden as well as saving for future improvements.

If you are interested in "renting" a row in the Community Garden please check our website for time and date of the next meeting.

Park Produce

Every year there is an abundance of produce from the gardens in our neighborhood. The park offers a place to donate your excess produce to be sold by the park. The proceeds from the sales help with the upkeep of the park.

You can find the Park Produce Stand at the bulletin board facing the parking lot. We work on an honor system, there is a jar for cash, with a sign as to the cost of the produce (Karma is watching).

Weather you bring or buy produce we hope to see you there enjoying fresh neighborhood raised veggies.

Bent Creek Community Park and Gardens

Building a Better Community Through Work and Play

We hope you enjoy your visit.
Be safe, respect the park and
have fun!

www.bentcreekpark.org

Please visit us online to:

- Learn about the park's history, activities, goals and ways to be involved.
- See upcoming events
- Be added to the email list
- Make a tax deductible donation

*You may also contact us in
any of the following ways:*

- Like us on Facebook
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Donnybrook Drive,
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- Email us:
info@bentcreekpark.org

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