

SPRING CREEK

COMMUNITY CENTER



A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Spring Creek Community Center has had a bustling year of activity. From weekly events to monthly activity nights, these halls were full of laughter and connection. We also hosted special events throughout the year:

- Market Days once a month May - October
- Community Service Agriculture (CSA) weekly veggie deliveries during the summer
- Library Services and Kith & Kin
- Veterinary clinics
- Community yard sale in the spring
- Car Show and Pie Contest in the fall
- Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Thanksgiving Breakfast
- Christmas Bazaar

And a number of educational events (for example):

- County Manager presentation on property revaluations
- VFD-led AED Training
- AARP presentation on Social Security and creating a safe home
- Pisgah Legal lawyers presented on Wills/Powers of Attorney
- AB-Tech listening session

There were six blood drives with The Blood Connection, primary and presidential voting, the Spring Creek school reunion, and a booth at the Bluff Mountain Festival with sales of community donated sweets and hot food donated by Trust Cafe.

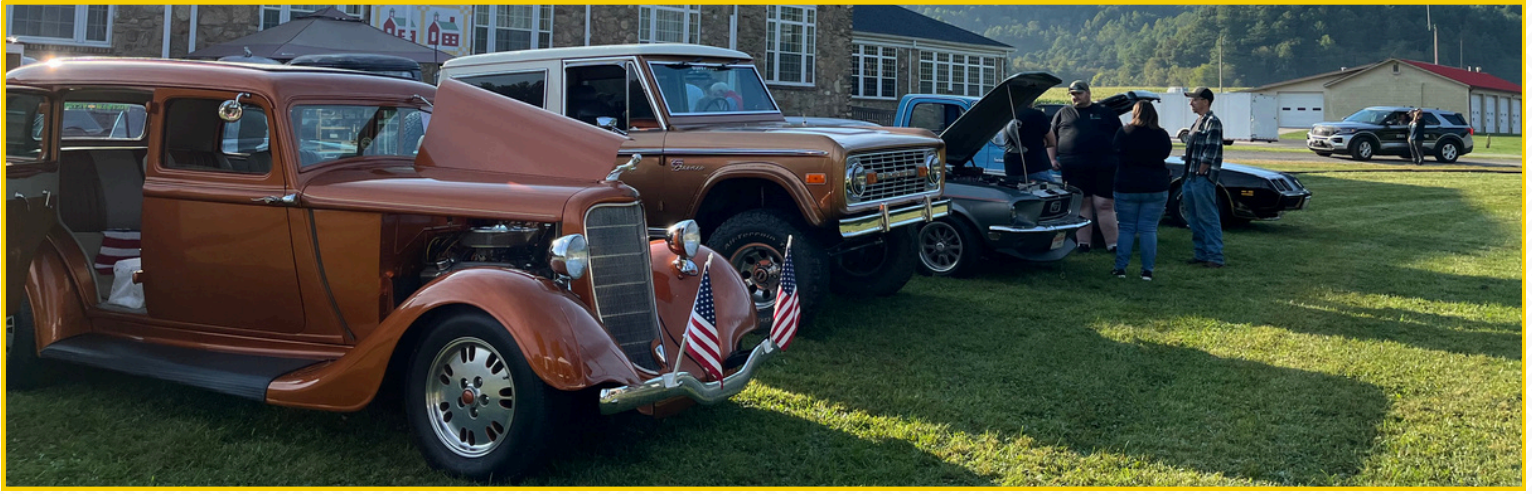
Can you believe it has been a year since we received the new roof and tin was distributed to the community? The deck out front of the building looks better than ever, compliments of our community volunteer hours.

HURRICANE RELIEF

During October, November, and December, the Spring Creek Community Center was transformed into a donation center to receive and distribute donated food, clothing, medical equipment, toiletries and additional supplies in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. The community center has served hundreds of individuals through the donation center and our volunteers have logged over 2,500 service hours. Thank you to everyone in the community who has stepped up to assist, sort, organize and distribute the overwhelming supply of donations. We have all benefited from the kindness and generosity that our Spring Creek community has been shown.



Throughout the hurricane recovery, the SCCC applied for grants and received private donations to help the residents of Spring Creek. To align with the SCCC's mission of improving the economic circumstances of the community, we mailed a letter and application to every household in Spring Creek township (600 total) to better understand your needs. Our goal was to distribute these funds directly to those who had damage to their property or loss of income. The board received 38 applications and thoroughly reviewed all of the information provided. As a result, \$106,000 is being distributed directly to Spring Creek residents for hurricane relief.



NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

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| ➤ Website: | springcreek-nc.org - You'll never miss a social event again! |
| ➤ Dedicated email and phone: | springcreekcommunitycenter@gmail.com or 828-585-7703 |
| ➤ Peter Kennedy: | We hired Peter as a part-time administrator in September and he is doing great. |
| ➤ OTC medications: | Over the counter medications will be available beginning in January in our library during regular open hours. These medications are provided by MedAssist and are dependent on supplies being available, but could save you a trip to town for ibuprofen, cough drops, or Tums. |
| ➤ Visitor Center | The Spring Creek Community Center has partnered with the Tourism Development Authority of Madison County to become the county's newest Visitor Center, joining Mars Hill, Marshall, Hot Springs, and the Blue Ridge Parkway as a hub for information about local hikes, events, history and self-guided tours. Next time you visit the center, grab a brochure, a map, and a magazine! Materials are in the hallway outside of the library. We have hired local carpenters to build custom display cabinets. |



UP AND COMING

We are so excited to share that Phase 3 of our community center development project is ramping up and construction should begin as early as February! Phase 3, or SCORED! (Spring Creek Office for Rural Economic Development) is a buildout of the final wing of the community center. This empty space served as our donation distribution center for the past three months. Once complete, this space will include a business center, high-tech classroom, rentable office space to help empower our community, and possibly a Value Added Kitchen. Follow along with our progress as we share updates on our website to keep you informed and up-to-date once construction begins. We can't wait to turn this dream into a reality!

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