



# THE VILLAGE GREEN

*A Village Conservancy Project*

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**Big things are happening at The Village Green**—The Village Green is holding a **Bare Boards Party** on Sunday, June 14th at 4 pm on the former site of the Summit Charter School. The entire community is invited to come enjoy food, music, children's crafts, hot air balloon rides over the green and learn about the plans for the site.

The party is to be "bare boards" in order to bring attention to this site as a future multipurpose open-air facility. **Village Green** Board member and acting co-chair, architect Dan Duckham, will be on site to explain the plans. The below drawings illustrate the potential of the site with its four existing turrets and covered walkways. These structures remain intact after the former Summit Charter School classrooms were removed. Summit recently moved to its new campus on Zeb Alley Road after 10 years at **The Village Green**.

Plans call for a large grassy lawn in the former courtyard. The removal of a portion of the old boardwalk enables the future lawn to open onto the adjoining **Village Green** woodland and walkways. This "Great Lawn" will provide a large 75' x 150' grassy area for daytime play, concerts and various open-air events, similar to those currently held at the Crossroads. This area can easily accommodate a large 60' x 120' tent for large community events and parties.

The four existing turrets can provide 23' x 23' meeting rooms, slide/lecture facilities, set-up for benefit meals and lockable space during events. Each turret needs remodeling to achieve this purpose, thus **The Village Green** has giving options for someone wanting to "Adopt a Turret".

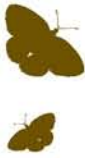
The site was slated for complete obliteration according to the original plans. But in the fall of 2008, as the school prepared to move, **Village Green** chair, Wesley Wofford and architect, Duckham, reviewed the site to determine what, if anything, was salvageable. They determined that the condition of the turrets and boardwalks was good. This gave rise to the thought of repurposing and recycling rather than removal.



Now the VG Board is embarking on the challenging task of making addition to the green possible. According to Mary Palmer Dargan, ASLA who is interim co-chair of the VG Board with Duckham. (VG Chair, Wofford is temporarily out-of-state on a film assignment.) "The Village Green is completely community supported. **The Joy Garden Tour**, held bi-annually, is our largest source of funds. We also have **Greenie Membership Dues** and other Patronage levels. It may come as some surprise to the community, but we usually run out of funds around May every other year. **The Joy Garden Tour** funds are crucial to our existence."

Events at the party include hot air balloon rides, compliments of VG Board member Brian Renfro of RE/MAX Summit Properties. A pot painting station for children to decorate recycled pots, strolling blue grass musicians, yummy food and refreshments and information about **The Village Green**. VG Greenie membership packages will be available for those who have not yet renewed or joined for 2009. Watch "The Giving Tree" come to life. Help the future unfold by bringing your children, dogs, family and friends to the Frank Allen Road site on Sunday, June 14 from 4-8 pm. For further information call 828-743-3434 or visit the website at [www.villagegreencashiersnc.com](http://www.villagegreencashiersnc.com)

- Mary Palmer Dargan, Dan Duckham and Wesley Wofford, Chairs



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## Bare Boards Party

At the Old Summit Campus



Music, hot air balloon rides, children & pet activities, great food, drinks and more. Come learn about the future of the old charter school site!

**June 14, 2009**  
**4 pm - 7 pm**

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*Everyone Welcome*

**Please Support The Village Green  
by Joining or Renewing your Greenie  
Membership for 2009.**

**Please call 828-743-3434  
or visit our website  
[www.villagegreencashiersnc.com](http://www.villagegreencashiersnc.com)  
And join today.**

**We desperately need your support.  
Whether you join at the \$25 level or the  
\$1000 level, please consider what The  
Village Green means to you and to our  
village and give accordingly.**

**The Village Green park does not receive any tax dol-  
lars or government support. The 12 acre park is  
maintained by a volunteer board with dollars that are  
donated by hundreds of community members.**

**Please become a Village Greenie!!!  
Join Today!!!**

## Did You Know?

-That the new Village Green web site is up and running? Visit [www.villagegreencashiersnc.com](http://www.villagegreencashiersnc.com) and let us know what you think and please sign up to receive our newsletter by email.

**-We Need YOU to Join The Village Green!!! Become a Village Greenie.** Please Support **The Village Green** by **Joining or Renewing your Greenie Membership for 2009**. Please call 828-743-3434 or visit our website [www.villagegreencashiersnc.com](http://www.villagegreencashiersnc.com) and join today. We desperately need your support. Whether you join at the \$25 level or the \$1000 level, please consider what **The Village Green** means to you and to our village and give accordingly. **The Village Green** park does not receive any tax dollars or government support. The 12 acre park is maintained by a volunteer board with dollars that are donated by hundreds of community members. Please become a **Village Greenie!!!**

-That **The Joy Garden Tour** is July 17-18. The tour is a bi-annual event to support **The Village Green**. The funds raised at this event support ongoing improvements and pay the majority of the Green's operating expenditures that include landscaping, maintenance and trash removal. The events for the tour include a patron's gala, a lecture and floral demonstration by a nationally known designer, garden shops, luncheons, and a tour of outstanding local gardens. This year the gardens shops will also be open to the general public. **For tickets and information please call 828-743-4345.**

-That you can **hold your party at the Green**. If you would like to reserve a date for a private or non-profit function, visit the calendar page at [www.villagegreencashiersnc.com](http://www.villagegreencashiersnc.com) or call 828-743-3434.

-That **The Village Green** partners with **The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust** to present **The Village Nature Lecture Series** each summer. This year the topics will include a focus on green, local farm market and sustainable farming. Visit our website at [www.villagegreencashiersnc.com](http://www.villagegreencashiersnc.com).

## Calendar

**June 12-14**—Rotary Spring Fling weekend festival event

**June 14**—VG Community Bare Boards Party 4-8 pm

**June 24**—Village Nature Series Lonesome Valley 6:30 pm

**July 3-5**—Chamber of Commerce Music Festival

**July 17, 18**—Joy Garden Tour  
For tickets and information call 828-743-4345

**July 29**—Village Nature Series Lonesome Valley 6:30 pm

**Aug 9**—Highlands Plateau Audubon Society

**Aug. 26**—Village Nature Series Lonesome Valley 6:30 pm

**Sept. 5-7**—Rotary Fall Fling weekend festival event

**Sept. 30**—Village Nature Series Lonesome Valley 6:30 pm

**Oct. 4**—Church of Good Shepherd Blessing of the Animals

