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Manager's Monthly Report August 19, 2025

Golf Course: Construction continues on the golf course with the rebuilding of the bunkers. Wildlands Construction is on site beginning to repair the drain across the fairway on hole 15 and installing a temporary bridge for access between holes 15 and 16. Upon completion of this work, the course is expected to be open with 17 of 18 holes for play by the first of September. Hole 16 will not be in play this season.

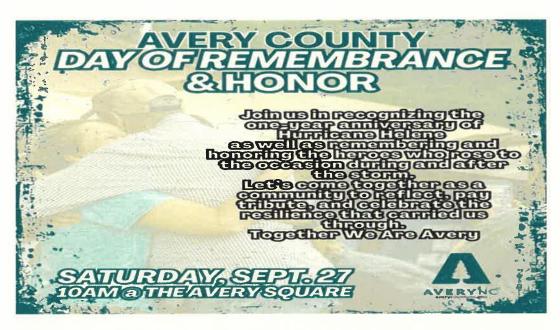


Tennis: Tennis continues to be busy with the July revenue showing an increase of \$3,321 in comparison to July 2024. Overall, there has been a decrease of \$4,281 or 12% in revenues for the period May - July 2025 in comparison to the same period in 2024.

Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board Meeting: The TDA Board met on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. The Board approved funding of a Fall video marketing proposal from Bramble Marketing in the amount of \$10,000. Dalton Kilby of Bramble Marketing submitted the attached July 2025 marketing update. The June 2025 collections of the occupancy tax showed an increase of 3% in comparison to June 2024. The occupancy tax collections for the period July 2024 through June 2025 (\$730,889) have shown a \$125,474 or 14.65% decrease in comparison to the same period of 2024 (\$856,363).

Summer Grillin'& Chillin' Events: The summer Grillin' & Chillin' Events will continue every Wednesday this summer through Labor Day, September 1st. The events are every Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30. Wednesday, August 20th will feature the "DJ Pete with Welter Entertainment". This is the eighth year of the event. With the excellent food and the great entertainment that has been offered, these summer events add much to the Village summer season. I would encourage each of you to attend a great evening with fellow residents and guests of the Village.

Property Tax Collections: Of the \$1,438,887 total 2025 levy, \$248,796 or 17.29% has been collected with a balance of \$1,190,090 uncollected through August 13, 2025. A balance of \$5,734 remains uncollected for the 2016-2024 tax years.



Administrative Matters: The Village office will be closed Monday, September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday. The Police Department will be on a regular schedule throughout the holiday weekend. All Avery County Trash sites will be closed on Sunday, August 31st and Monday, September 1st. The Public Works staff will pick up curb side residential trash on Tuesday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 4th.

The NC High Country Council of Governments will hold its 50th Annual Banquet and Meeting at the Grandview Ballroom at Appalachian State University on Friday, October 10th at 6 pm. Please RSVP to Tammy prior to September 24th if you would like to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Phillips



AVERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY SATURDAY, September 13th, 2025 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Location: N.C. Cooperative Extension -Avery County Center 661 Vale Road, Newland, NC 28657

THE AVERY COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE THIS ONE-DAY EVENT FREE OF CHARGE FOR AVERY COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY.COMMERCIAL WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

CO-SPONSORED BY THE AVERY COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE OF NC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE CONSUMER SERVICES PESTICIDE ASSISTANCE DISPOSAL PROGRAM SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AT THE ROADSIDE INDICATING THE COLLECTION AREA.

COLLECTION ITEMS

PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES
ALL TYPES OF PAINT
PAINT STRIPPERS
STAINS AND CARNISHES
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
CLEANERS AND DRAIN OPENERS
ALL TAYPES BATTERIES
OLD GAS AND OIL

Please call 828-737-5420 or 828-260-9205 for additional information.