

Monthly news, updates & more from **VPC!**

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## Sophisticated Sky-High Retreat



This Sophisticated Sky-High Retreat can be found atop one of Eagles Nest's many stunning peaks. **VPC Builders** was excited for the challenge of building such a unique contemporary footprint, using overhead walkways like the one pictured here. Working at extremely high elevations comes with risks and requires highly technical skills. The **VPC** team has the grit and experience necessary not to just survive but thrive in these extreme temperatures, sustained hurricane strength winds, and subsurface rock conditions. If you're chasing a killer view, and want a real leader in mountain building, call us to discuss your new home today at 828-295-0707.



[Click Here](#) for more project photos!



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# What We Have Been Up To

## Updates from the VPC Team

### Season of Giving

**VPC's** Internal Care Team put together a beautiful 3 ft tabletop tree decorated in a Construction Theme, Tim the Toolman Taylor. The gifts under the tree include a nice Kobolt toolbox and tool set worth \$80, a Lowes Gift Card, and a Cedar Humidor to hold your fine cigars, including accessories equal to \$160 in value. Please help VPC raise money for Children in our Community by bidding on this cute one-of-a-kind man's man Christmas Tree! You can stop by the office to view the items or checkout the [Link Here!](#)

**Western Youth Network's  
FESTIVAL OF TREES**

NOV. 16 - DEC. 1, 2022

**BID!** 100+ trees and wreaths—  
Online auction!

**GIVE!** \$20k-in-One-Day Campaign  
Sponsored by Festival Champion: Chetola Resort

**JOIN!** 4 fun events

- Wreath Making Extravaganza
- Hot Chocolate Social
- Share the Spirit: Breakfast
- Festival Finale

It's everywhere!

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**Festival Star Special Event Sponsors:**  
Candice West Whitson • Dr. Adam Hill General Dentistry • Mountain Lumbar  
The Spiced Trout Restaurant and Botta Shop • Spickee's Trout Outfitters

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[www.westernyouthnetwork.org/festival](http://www.westernyouthnetwork.org/festival)

**VPC Free Food Pantry**



Few things are more important to **VPC** as a firm than community involvement. Each year, as a company we contribute to our local community through cash donations, volunteering and participating in local projects and events. Our goal is to support the local charities, organizations and clubs that make the High Country such a wonderful place to live.

We are particularly proud of our involvement building and instilling the new free food pantry at the **WAMY** organization, to support the Newland community. Pictured here is one of VPC's Superintendents and food truck craftsman, Brian Mitchell.

If you would like to donate food or household items, please come by VPC, we have a donation box in our lobby or stop by **WAMY**.

Items needed include: Baby Formula, Diapers, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Honey, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Fruit Juices, Crackers, Cereal, Oatmeal, Rice, Canned goods such as soups, beans, tuna, ham, and fruit.

## Welcome to the Team!

**VPC** is pleased to announce that **Tyler Blalock** has accepted the position of Project Manager specializing in Residential Construction. Tyler is a native of Avery County, where he was born and raised. After attending college, he went on to work for his brother, an electrician, where he learned the skills of the trade. Tyler worked in and on **VPC** custom houses for the last 3 plus years, getting to know our team and process. After recently marrying the love of his life, a delivery nurse, Danielle, he decided it was time for a change. We are thrilled to have Tyler on our team!



## Community Corner

**HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER  
BENEFIT CONCERT**



**Hope for the Holidays Benefit Concert, featuring Sandra McCracken**  
Prolific songwriter, modern-day hymn writer, and record producer Sandra McCracken will celebrate the holiday season with a special family-friendly Christmas concert at Alliance Bible Fellowship on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds from the concert will benefit The Hope Center, which seeks to educate, support, and empower women and families facing unexpected pregnancies in the High Country. Doors open at 6pm, concert begins at 7pm.

- Date/Time: **December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**
- Cost: \$15/ticket; \$13/ticket for groups of 10 or more
- Ticket reservations: <http://abfboone.ticketleap.com/sandra-mccracken/>

Please click [HERE](#) for ticket information!

## LIFE Village

LIFE Village offers affordable, inclusive housing options in Boone, N.C. for adults with Autism and Autism-related challenges. They are working on a video series that will be available to current residents at LIFE House, prospective clients of the LIFE House program, and local organizations that support adults with I/DD in the community.

If you are interested in partnering with them in their mission, please click the link here to find out more info: [LIFE Village!](#)



## VPC Builders + Wine to Water



Let us help you with your home projects and we'll donate 1% of the building cost to Wine to Water! W|W is an international nonprofit organization committed to providing sustainable clean water solutions to those who need it most: individuals, communities, schools, and healthcare facilities without clean water access.

W|W enlists the support of thousands of people around the globe who are committed to loving, serving, and giving. To learn more about their mission, the impact they are making, or how to get involved, visit [winetowater.org](http://winetowater.org) or follow @winetowater on **Instagram**, **Twitter**, **LinkedIn**, and **Facebook**.

All you need to do today is contact **VPC Builders** for any home project, reference this article, and we'll donate 1% of the building cost - **it's that simple!**



## Don't Miss Out on These Local Events



### Boone Holiday Parade

The Boone Holiday Parade will take place on **Saturday, December 10th** at 2 p.m. Watch and wave on marching performances, decorated floats, Christmas costumes, Santa himself & our own VPC team!

[More Info](#)

**A Carolina Snowbelle Christmas**



The High Country's newest holiday tradition continues with the return of the Carolina Snowbelles to the Appalachian Theatre in downtown Boone. The dance troupe high kicks and pirouettes their way through holiday classics in their high-energy annual show.

There are four chances to see the Carolina Snowbelles this holiday season at the Appalachian Theatre:

**Saturday, December 3rd** at 7:30 pm  
**Sunday, December 4th** at 2 pm and 6 pm

[Tickets & Scheduling](#)

## Banff Mountain Film Festival

**VPC** is a Presenting Partner at the annual Appalachian State University's showing of the Banff Mountain Film Festival. Screenings will happen on **Friday, March 31st** and **Saturday, April 1st, 2023**.



Tickets will be available at the Schaefer Center Box Office starting **December 5th** at 9:00am. Tickets are \$10 for App State Students (with App State ID) and \$15 for all others.

[Ticket Information](#)

## Is it Time to Update Your Commercial Space?



As the calendar year ends, this may be an excellent time to assess if your commercial space could benefit from a renovation. Renovating your commercial space can increase productivity, client satisfaction, efficiency, and revenue; however, there are Pros and Cons to consider:

### PROS

- **Energy efficiency** can be gained by replacing an aging, undersized heating and cooling system and dated appliances with 5 Star Energy Rated ones. According to Energy Star. Gov, high-efficiency HVAC units can save up to 20 percent on your heating and cooling costs.
- **Office Space Efficiency & Balance** - Reconfiguring your existing space to be more in tune with your office processes and procedures and customer needs can be an opportunity to convert wasted space into more functional space that will allow you to expand your workforce and/or handle more clients during the workday.
- **Tax Deductions** – Seek out the advice of a professional tax consultant to see how much of remodeling costs that can be deducted from your taxes, and what return on your investment you can expect with the tax savings, and any resulting increased business revenue.

### CONS

- **Construction takes time**, and there can be unexpected delays. Be sure that you work closely with a seasoned commercial contractor who will be transparent and manage expectations up front about the project timeline and how it needs to align with your business cycle.
- **Construction can involve noise, dust, and other inconveniences** – have a plan during certain phases of construction where employees can work from home or be relocated to temporary office space and rotate once the other space has been complete.
- **Complexity of plan reviews, permits, and approvals** – hiring a competent commercial building contractor who is experienced and well-



versed in the commercial building codes and works closely with authorities having jurisdiction will minimize noncompliance issues and project delays.

To learn more about VPC's Commercial Division click [Here](#).

**Looking for a contractor to assist with an upcoming new residential, remodeling or commercial project? Our experts can help. Contact VPC at our office 828-295-0707 or by email at [info@vpbuilders.com](mailto:info@vpbuilders.com).**

## Thor's Thoughts & Huk's Hints

Greetings!

'Tis the season to be jolly, that's for sure. But it's also the season to take care of all of those home maintenance jobs you've been avoiding.

You're probably having a lot of company over for the holidays. It would be a real shame if Christmas dinner were remembered for a broken-down furnace or a burst water pipe. Socializing with friends and family is always a great excuse to do a big cleanup around the house and it's also a good opportunity to check off some of those bigger items.

- 1. Get your fireplace checked.** Even if you don't use your fireplace often, leaves and other debris can plug up the chimney.
- 2. Check your furnace.** Your furnace or heating system is one of those home features you really take for granted until they break down and you're sitting in a deep-freeze.
- 3. Insulate your home.** Drafty walls, doors and windows can bleed heat from your home. Calk up those cracks and seams and put in insulation.
- 4. Install or check your security system.** Check that your alarm system is working and consider whether you might want to augment your security with a CCTV-camera system just to be on the safe side.
- 5. Keep that walkway shoveled and salted.** Nothing ruins a holiday like a relative breaking their hip on the way into your place.

When it's time for you to be away from your home, [VPC Builders Homewatch](#) team is here for you. Whether you're on a short trip or an extended leave, our professional team will inspect your home and keep a close eye on what's most important to you.

We take your trust seriously. We'll care for your property with the same diligence and attentiveness as we would with our own homes.

To learn more about [VPC's Homewatch](#) Program click [Here](#) or email [info@vpbuilders.com](mailto:info@vpbuilders.com).

To conclude, here is a little dog wisdom:

**"Silent Night, Howwwwly night; dogs are calm, birds are alright..."**

Have a Pawsitively Happy Holiday!



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## QUOTE of the MONTH

Get Inspired By This Quote  
From Our Office  
Chalkboard Walls

**"Wake up early and tackle the day before it tackles you. Be on offense, not defense."**

— Evan Carmichael

# About Us

**VPC Builders** is a full-service construction firm specializing in commercial and residential construction in North Carolina. **VPC Builders** offers quality craftsmanship with exceptional customer service with an in-house design team specializing in drafting and interior design. If you need additional information about our services please don't hesitate to call. We promise to be there for you every step of the way.

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