



Town of
PEARISBURG *Virginia*
 **Spring 2019 Newsletter**

Sewer Project

The Town of Pearisburg is finalizing plans to begin construction on the RD UV/Sewer Project. This project is broken into two divisions. Division I will replace approximately 6,000 linear feet of the sewer collection system. Mendon Pipeline, Inc. will work within existing easements to complete the replacement of current sewer lines. This will increase the capacity and functionality of the Town's sanitary sewer collection system. Division II will replace the current chlorine disinfection system at the sewer plant with a safer and more effective UV disinfection system. Division II will be completed by William G. Simmons Company, Inc. Both parts of the project are expected to begin this spring.

Please expect some light traffic delays and digging in the construction area.



Parks & Recreation Revitalization Project



Conceptual plans provided to the Town by Virginia Tech Community Design Assistance Center (CDAC) have redirected the scope of the Parks & Recreation Revitalization Project. Due to concerns over potential conflicts affecting the walking trail, sewer lines, and other Town amenities, the Town has determined that a second baseball field adjacent to the Community Center is not feasible. The Town wants to ensure that any improvements to outdoor spaces serve all residents.

By keeping this goal in mind, staff recommended to Town Council on February 12, 2019 that the Town move forward with a feasibility study to redesign the current large field adjacent the Community Center and to increase its size to 300 ft. Other possibilities being explored include adding a t-ball field adjacent to the existing field. This alternate plan would better position the Town to preserve existing amenities and improve our recreational facilities for residents of all ages.

The feasibility study will survey the area adjacent to the Community Center to determine if and how the expanded baseball field and tee-ball field will fit into the space. The study will also

provide a cost estimate for this project. Please note that the feasibility study will not require any funds to be expended from the donations made to the project. Once completed, Town Council will review the study for its fiscal and operational suitability.



Mt. Lake Avenue is scheduled for paving this spring. Work is anticipated to be completed before June 30, 2019. A request for proposals to complete the paving has been published and bids received. Town Council will review the proposals at its regular meeting on May 14, 2019.

Please refer to the Town's website and Facebook pages for more information as it becomes available.

Police Department Open House May 15

Come out to see the new Police Department located at 1611 Wenonah Avenue! An Open House is scheduled for May 15 from 4 – 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided by the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club. Don't miss this fun event!



Pearisburg
Public
Library

@pearisburgpubliclibrary

Spend Your Summer at the Library!

It's SHOWTIME at the Pearisburg Public Library this summer! Join us for our summer reading program on Thursdays from June 19 – July 24 at 2 p.m. The kickoff includes a theatre workshop with Joelle from JoEloe Productions! Parents with small children will love the Preschool Summer Storytime every Wednesday from June 19 – July 24 at 10:30 a.m. Regular storytime continues the third Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Family READS, a program with the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley, begins June 13 through July 25. Families looking to strengthen their reading skills are invited to this seven-week program that combines fun and learning! Family READS is held Thursdays from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided, as well as activities for children ages 3-8. For more information on this program, please email info@lvnrv.org or call (540) 382-7262.

Be sure to enjoy the library's new reading garden! The reading garden was made possible by the New River Valley Master Gardeners, the American Heritage Girls, as well as our patrons and neighbors – creating a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy!

Finally, do you want to win \$1,000 or a Kindle? Beginning May 1, the Friends of the Pearisburg Library are selling 250 raffle tickets for \$20 per ticket. One lucky winner will receive \$1,000 and two other winners will win an Amazon Kindle. All proceeds go to the library's building fund. Please note that if 100 tickets or less are sold, the raffle will become a 50/50. Visit the Pearisburg Public Library to purchase a ticket! Winners will be drawn on June 1.

As always, for the latest information about upcoming library events and programs, follow us on Facebook or Instagram @pearisburgpubliclibrary.



Yard Sales and the Town Code



Family yard sales can be a lot of fun, clear clutter, and generate revenue. To make the most of your yard sale, be sure to follow the Town of Pearisburg ordinance and guidelines.

Sec. 26-3. Yard sales and garage sales.

(a) **Definitions.** The term "yard sales" or "garage sales" as used in this section refers to the display and sale of tangible personal property conducted in residentially zoned areas by the owner or occupant of such property. The term "yard sale" or "garage sale" does not apply to the incidental sale of one or two items of personal property when such sale is not part of a general sale of several items of personal property.

(b) **Regulations.** All yard sales and garage sales shall be subject to the following rules and regulations:

- (1) **Permits.** No person shall conduct any yard sale or garage sale without first obtaining a permit to do so from the town clerk. The fee for such permit will be \$2.00. The permit shall be conspicuously displayed upon the premises during the sale.
- (2) **Consignment sales prohibited.** In conducting any yard sale or garage sale, no one shall accept or take in for sale any goods from any commercial business or enterprise on a consignment basis.
- (3) **Limitations.** No permit shall be issued for a yard sale or garage sale on the same property or to the same individual or other persons residing at the same location in excess of three times per calendar year. No sale shall be allowed to continue for more than two consecutive days, and such sale shall be conducted during daylight hours only.
- (4) **Exemptions.** The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to:
 - a. Sales conducted by a corporation, church, association, United Way, fund or foundation organized and operated for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, community or educational purposes, of tangible personal property to obtain money for some charitable purpose when such sale is conducted upon property owned by an organization of this nature.

b. Sales conducted pursuant to an order of a court or persons acting in accordance with their powers and duties as public officials

(c) **Penalties.** The violation of any provision of this section shall be a class 3 misdemeanor. Each day's continued violation of this section shall be a separate offense.

(Code 1979,s 14-29)



Inoperative Motor Vehicle Ordinance



The Pearisburg Police Department would like to remind Town residents of the Inoperative Motor Vehicle (Junk Car) ordinance. This provision in the Town Code gives the Town and its agents the authority to enforce against the improper storage of inoperative vehicles in our community. The Police Department will be diligently enforcing this Town Ordinance. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the Town Code section below and ensure that you are compliant with its provisions.

Sec. 46-3. Inoperative motor vehicles on private property.

(a) No person shall keep, except within a fully enclosed structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned for residential or commercial or agricultural purposes any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, as such as defined in the Code of Virginia, § 46.2-100, which is inoperative. As used in this section, an "inoperative motor vehicle" shall mean any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition; or which for a period of 60 days or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires and wheels, the engine, or other essential parts required for the operation of the vehicle or on which there are displayed neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed business which on June 26, 1970, is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor.

(b) The owners of property zoned for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes shall, upon the written demand of the chief of police, remove therefrom any such inoperative motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers that are not kept within a fully enclosed building or structure. The town through its own agents or employees may remove such inoperative motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers whenever the owner of the premises, after reasonable notice, has failed to do so.

(c) In the event that the town through its own agents or employees removes any such motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers after having given such reasonable notice, the town may dispose of such motor vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers after giving additional notice to the owner of the vehicle.

(d) The cost of any such removal and disposal shall be chargeable to the owner of the vehicle or premises and may be collected by the town as taxes and levies are collected; and every cost authorized by this section with which the owner of the premises has been assessed shall constitute a lien against the property from which the vehicle was removed, the lien to continue until actual payment of such costs has been made to the town.

(Code 1979, § 14-16; Ord. No. 88-04, § 1, 9-13-88)

Cross references—Nuisances, § 30-31 et seq.; traffic and vehicles, Ch. 70.

State law reference—Authority for above section, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-11.1.



Water for Swimming Pools

Summer is almost here! Before you fill up your pool, please remember to check out a water meter from the Town office. Measuring the amount of water used with the water meter is the **ONLY** way to receive a bill adjustment. Meters help the Town to ensure accurate billing for your water service.

Festival in The Park Celebrates its 35th Year

Giles County, VA- Up until now, for 34 years, guests have merged onto the Pearisburg Community Center front lawn and surrounding ball fields to enjoy the annual Festival in the Park. That's not entirely true, the event started as 'Festival Around Town' and has since grown into what you have seen the third weekend in June for at least the last decade. This year, the Pearisburg Festival in the Park celebrates its 35th anniversary of bringing carnival rides, live entertainment, special activities, vendors, and crafters to this community in Giles County, Virginia. And we are celebrating all weekend with an 80's throwback theme! Gnarly!

Festival goers can enjoy the bigger, expanded carnival rides beginning on Friday, June 14th at 6pm. For Friday night only, wristbands are available for unlimited riding. Kickoff ceremonies also start at 6pm followed by live gospel music performances on the main stage featuring Abi Lester, Tommy Griffith, and Eddie and Sherry Richards.

A full day of Festival (people who are regular attendees just shorten the name) on Saturday begins with a live auction to support the Castle Rock Masonic Lodge #334. Immediately following the end of the auction guests at Festival will enjoy two local youth dance group performances. Grab lunch from one of the food vendors on the front lawn and enjoy the local talent!

In addition to the food on the front lawn, guests can browse through over 30 vendors and crafters. Vendors include long-time attendees and fresh new participants with gifts, novelties, and homemade wares. The Little Critters Petting Zoo and Pony Rides will be set up at Festival this year from 10am until 3pm on Saturday! Games and rides will be open 11am-11pm on Saturday. There will also be a shuttle service, so no need to worry about parking. Any interested persons can park in the municipal parking lot behind the Giles County Courthouse and catch a ride to the Festival. Those at



Festival might like to stroll downtown as well. The bus will make a continuous loop throughout Saturday until approximately 5pm. Ask the driver when the last trip will circle around.

Back on the front lawn guests can bring a chair or find a picnic table or hay bale to listen to the live musical performances. Saturday afternoon guests are again treated to the local, talented musician performing solo, David Francisco. Then the celebratory fun begins! Because of the 35th anniversary status visitors to the Festival will see a whole lineup of 80's themed activities and contests. Sign up online to participate in the costume contest and brush up on 80's trivia for the competition starting around 4pm, emceed by Fret Michaels! To wrap up the live music performances guests will be entertained by Derrick Davis and Skyline Band as well as returning Nashville artist, Jeremy Michael. All will cap off the evening with fireworks!

What an awesome two days of community spirit, family fun, live music, and great food! The Pearisburg Festival in the Park welcomes over 2,800 people throughout the weekend, and we are all happy to be in countdown mode for another great event. For more information on the Festival, including sponsorship or vendor applications please contact, the Pearisburg Town Office at 540-921-1222.



New Businesses



Four new businesses have recently opened or are in the process of opening for business in the Town:

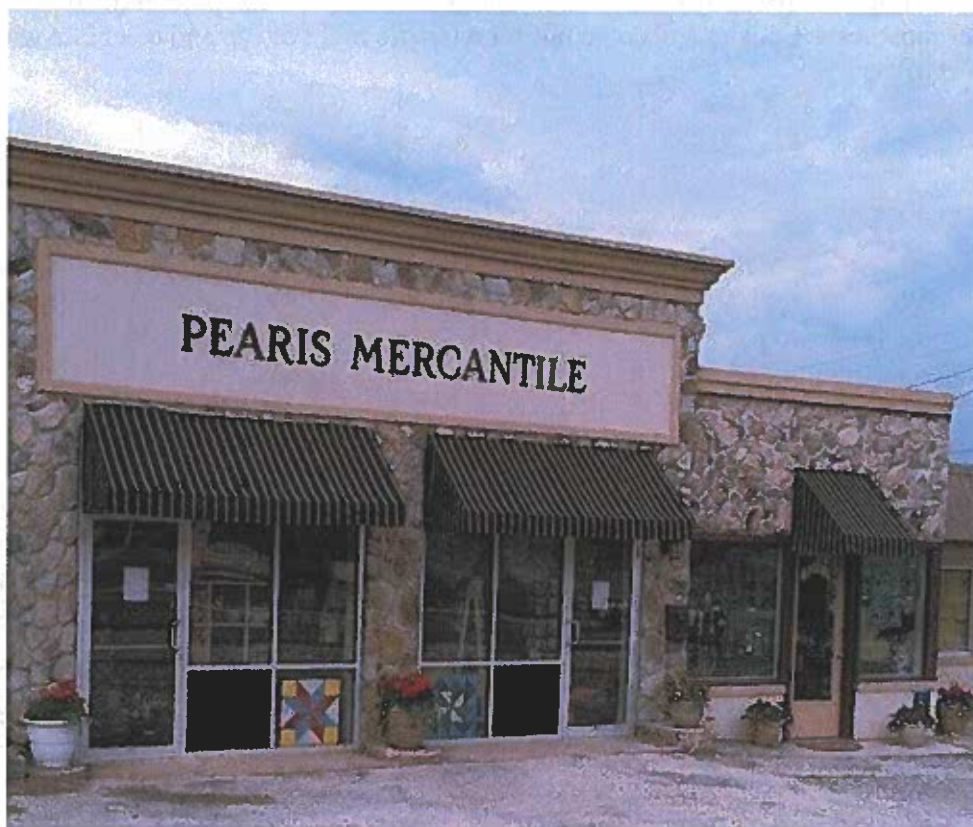
1. Joshua Hollie plans to open "Uppercuts Barber Shop" located at 105 North Main Street in May.
2. "Wilson Auto Supply" is located at 610 Wenonah Avenue.
3. Ronald "Buzz" Johnson has opened "Honeysuckle Bicycles" located at 109 North Main Street.
4. William Gentry has opened "The Peddler" located at 530 Wenonah Avenue.

Be sure to support our new and existing local businesses.

Pearis Mercantile Celebrates Five Years!

Pearis Mercantile will celebrate its 5th anniversary on May 5.

A special celebration will be held on May 24. Be sure to stop by the store and check out the great specials!



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Celebrating 10 Years of La Barranca

Did you know La Barranca will celebrate their 10 year anniversary this June? A BIG Fiesta Party will be held on Saturday, June 1, with music, food specials, door prizes, giveaways, photo ops and even raffles.

Manager/Owner Ruben Cossyleon has even ordered a special prize wheel with prizes like t-shirts and La Barranca gift certificates. There will be a DJ music at 5 p.m. and karaoke at 9 p.m. Wear your most festive colors and come out for a terrific night of fun and celebrate with the La Barranca staff!



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Mayor's Corner

Hello all,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather along with youth baseball and softball. Good luck to all of our young players in the Town as you begin your seasons. The Town pool will be opening on Saturday May 25. Come out and enjoy fun in the sun; or, relax in the shade of our pool umbrellas. I would like to thank the students from Holy Cross who volunteered to work on improvements to the Town's library during their spring break. They did a wonderful job helping staff renovate the downstairs space and restrooms to make them more accessible for all members of the community.

Staff are making plans to refinish the hardwood floors in the gym at the Community Center and replace the current lights with LED lighting. The LED lighting will be more efficient and cost effective. The Town plans to have Mountain Lake Avenue paved this spring. Contractors will also begin construction on the RD UV/Sewer Project soon. Mendon Pipeline will be working on the line replacement division of the project in the Town; so, expect to see them in area this spring and summer. We will be hosting an open house at the new Police Department Facility on May 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club will be providing refreshments for residents and visitors.

I would like to welcome the following new businesses to the Town: "Uppercuts Barber Shop" located at 105 North Main Street in May; "Wilson Auto Supply" located at 610 Wenonah Avenue; "Honeysuckle Bicycles" located at 109 North Main Street; and, "The Peddler" located at 530 Wenonah Avenue.

I hope everyone takes a little time to enjoy the warmth and beauty of the Spring season with friends and family. As always, please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Best Regards,

Robert L. Dickerson
Mayor

