

# PEARISBURG TODAY

## TOWN OF PEARISBURG TOWN ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the winners of the November 5 Town Council election. Mayor Robert Dickerson won a new four year term. He was unopposed and received 705 votes. In the five way race for the three council seats Kristi Eaton was re-elected with 494 votes. Also winning four year terms were Mary "Susie" Journell (455 votes) and Cathy Clark (339 votes) These three candidates will take office on January 1, 2014.

Danny Robertson and incumbent Charlie Via fell short in efforts to win seats on the Town Council.

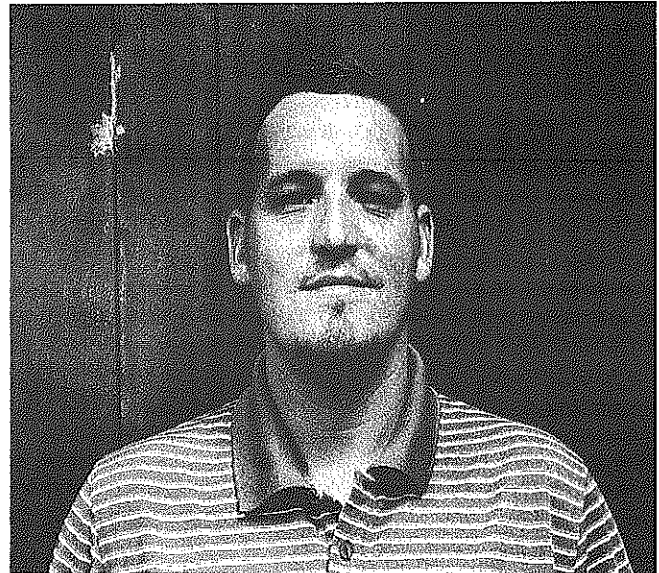
Via leaves Council after serving two terms in office. George Psathas did not seek another term on the Town Council after serving on Town Council a total of 36 years. Both men's final day in office will be December 31, 2013. Council will recognize their service at the December council meeting.

### RECREATION DIRECTOR STARTS WORK

The Town has hired Anthony Myers as the first full time Director for Recreation. The Department has always been run with a part time Director. Due to expanding facilities and demands the council decided that the position needed to be moved to full time. Myers was hired from a field of over thirty applicants and started work October 1st.

Anthony is a resident of Pearisburg and has been the Recreation Director for Pembroke the past five years. The Town was impressed with the enthusiasm and effort he showed in building Pembroke's program during his tenure there. We believe that he can bring these skills to revitalize and build the Pearisburg program into a model recreation program.

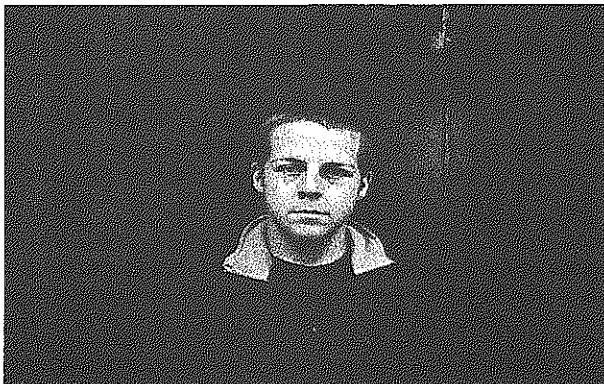
In his first month he has started volleyball leagues and camps. Upcoming programs involve basketball leagues, indoor walking programs, and other exciting opportunities for local residents to participate in fun recreation. Anthony will also be working towards being certified in Lifeguarding, CPR, and Lifeguard training. He promises to be a hands on director and available to citizens. He will maintain an office in the Community Center.



### MEET ADAM NIECE

Adam Niece joins the Town as its newest employee. He fills a vacancy at the Waste Water Treatment Plant as a trainee to become a licensed operator. Adam worked for the Town as a part time employee this past summer and was deemed a good fit to fill this opening. He is a resident of Pearisburg.

His duties include assisting with the operation and maintenance of the treatment facility. He will be involved in testing and all other facets of operation. Adam will also study and test for licenses necessary to become an operator.



## BUSINESS NEWS I

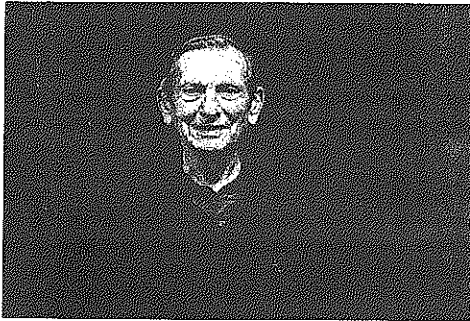
Please be sure to visit Little Nicky's and Nagles Restaurant on Main Street. Both are open under new management and offer great food. Again and Again has moved from Main Street to Woodrum Street. Soon to open is Precision Car Wash next to Wal-Mart. The new Carilion Clinic is taking shape across from the hospital. Coming soon will be Papa's Pizzeria which is being remodeled and will have new management. We welcome all these new businesses to Town. As you look for holiday gift ideas be sure and keep these and other fine local stores in mind. Remember...Shop Pearisburg First!

### HOLIDAYS

Christmas—December 24-25

New Years—January 1, 2014

## GEORGE PSATHAS RETIRES



December 31, 2013 will mark the last day of service on Council for George Psathas. George began his career on July 1, 1976 and retired for the first time on June 30, 2004. He returned to fill an unexpired term on April 13, 2005 and went on to serve two terms. He wanted to see the downtown renovation project completed before stepping down. He will have served on council over 36 years.

During his many years George has worked on many of the standing committees as well as being the alternate delegate on the PSA Board of Directors. George will be missed for his calm approach to thorny issues as well as his historic knowledge of town services. Town Council will recognize George at the December 10 meeting, which will be the last regular council meeting for him.

## SERCAP GRANT

The Town has been awarded a grant from the South East Regional Community Action Program (SERCAP) in the amount of \$20,000. This will allow the Town to continue our evaluation process on our sewer system. This grant allows us to perform Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) investigation on portions of our 25 miles of gravity sewer. We will also be using the CCTV to physically inspect approximately 20 manholes.

The data that is gathered due to this grant will allow the Town to implement a plan that will outline a schedule and an estimated construction cost to replace and or repair problems that were located.

## ARTS GRANT

The Town has given a \$3000 sub-grant to Giles Arts Council for another public arts project. In the past funds from the Virginia Arts Commission and National Endowment for the Arts have been used to create five murals on downtown buildings. This year the funds will be used to commission a sculpture by a local artist. The Town has appointed a Committee headed by Colin Munsey and Kristi Eaton to work with the Arts Council and the artist on finalizing a design for the new piece of public art to be located at the Town Hall. The Town has also been awarded grant funds for 2014 totaling \$8000 to be used for projects in the upcoming year. Part of these funds will assist with entertainment at Festival next June as well as additional public art projects. Watch the local paper for more on this project.

## PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

The Town continues to attempt to negotiate solutions to several issues that separate Pearisburg and the PSA. The Town is making efforts to reduce water loss by testing the system, reviewing computer billing system to reduce errors, and upgrade to leak detection equipment. Water loss is coming down, but work continues to make further improvements. The water rate for the Town is set by contract and how this is interpreted is being reviewed to determine the correct rate Pearisburg should be charged. In addition to these issues the parties continue to discuss the River Withdrawal Project. Pearisburg continues to see this as an expensive project that will raise rates significantly. The PSA considers it an essential project to insure safe and adequate water supply. The town is requesting that fairer voting rights be established by the PSA Board to give weight to the fact that Pearisburg represents about 40% of the system customer base, but has only 12.5% of the vote on the Board. This has led to Narrows, Pembroke, and Pearisburg being outvoted on the River Withdrawal despite accounting for 65% of the users of PSA water. If the project moves ahead those who think it is needed would end up paying a third of the cost. All of these issues will require negotiations and compromise to resolve. The town remains optimistic that this can be accomplished and expensive legal proceedings will be avoided.

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# Mayor's Corner

Thank you for your vote of confidence on November 5th. I am very pleased to accept the challenge of another four years as Mayor. I look forward to working with council and congratulate the winners of the three council seats, Kristi Eaton, Susie Journell, and Cathy Clark. I also want to thank George Psathas and Charlie Via for their years of service on the council. I will miss their experience, expertise and input on business that comes to council.

I am optimistic that the disagreement between the Town and the Public Service Authority can be resolved. The Town will continue to advocate for fair and reasonable rates and to protect the town's contract. There is reason to believe that efforts will be made to reach reasonable and fair compromises. I want to thank all of you who support the Town.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I hope to see you at the annual Christmas parade on December 1st. I believe that 2014 will be a very good year for the Town and its citizens. Thank you for your support and let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

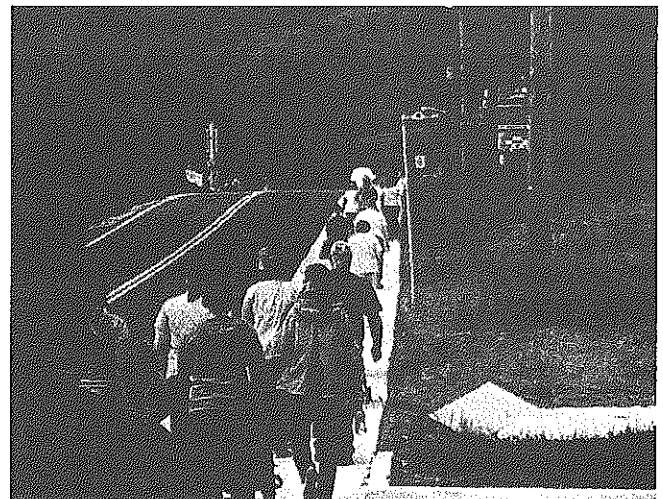
**Robert L. Dickerson**

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## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The Town has received a VDOT Safe Routes to School grant that will be used to continue the Macy Tiger 5K Run. The \$6,000 grant will also fund safety books for the school library and safety improvements to several street crossings used by students who walk to Macy. The 5K race is held in April and encourages students and families to participate in healthy exercise. It is designed as a fun family event, but is also open for more competitive runners.

This year the race is being planned to start and end at the new track that has been completed around the Macy Soccer Field. The route will follow town streets and return to the school. Plans are being developed to dedicate the new track as part of the Tiger Run Day. School and town officials will begin meeting in December to set the date and plan the race day schedule. The school librarian is researching books to be added to the library using the available grant. Watch for details and join in the fun for the 2nd Tiger 5K.



## BOAT RAMP GRANTS

Anderson and Associates has begun survey and design work for two boat ramps on the New River. Bluff City and Whitt-Riverbend Park will soon see improved river access from upgrades provided by grants from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The Town and County are partnering on this work.

The Bluff City landing will be relocated off private land and entirely onto public right of way. The Whitt-Riverbend ramp will include additional parking and a rest room. Town and County equipment and labor will provide the required match for the projects. We are excited to be working with Giles County.

**TOWN COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**2013 LIBRARY ACTIVITY REPORT  
3rd Quarter**

Circulation	42,915
Book Acquisitions	1,044
Membership	7,333
Total Volumes In Library	35,877
Library Donation Account	\$13,632.77
Number of Internet Users	4,520

**2013 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT  
3rd Quarter**

Structure Fires	13
Automobile Accidents	41
Brush Fires	6
Total Calls	134
Mutual Aid Received	10
Mutual Aid Given	17
Calls In Town	40
Calls In County	76

**2013 POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT  
3rd Quarter**

Driving While Intoxicated	17
Reckless Driving	11
Speeding	190
Moving Violations	178
Non-Moving Violations	155
Assists and Other Calls	260
Alarms Answered	47
Driving Suspended/Revoked	102
Seatbelt	39
Felonies	120
Misdemeanors	186
Drunk In Public	36
Domestic Calls	67
Vandalism/Larceny	116
Animal Related	53
Total General Calls	2342
Accidents	81
Traffic Control	167
Warnings	104
Total Service Calls	29,751
Total Fines and Fees	\$29,729.84
Miles Logged	57,251

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS  
September 2013 to November 2013**

- \* Council approved a sub-grant of \$3,000 to the Giles Arts Council for a sculpture project.
- \* Council approved publishing a list of delinquent taxpayers in the local paper.
- \* Council approved final Change Order for Water/Sewer Project reducing the contract price by \$39,511.35.
- \* Council approved a contract addendum with Anderson Engineering for additional inspection services.
- \* Council approved a contract addendum for engineering on the Water/Sewer Project for an increase of \$5760.
- \* Council approved three parade permits in September and one assembly permit.
- \* Council approved a Resolution honoring WR Johnston for 36 years of service.
- \* Council approved a Safe Routes to School grant from VDOT for \$6,000.
- \* Council approved settling a Civil Penalty from EPA for a 2012 chlorine leak at the sewer plant for \$5,000.
- \* Council approved a Conditional Use Permit for Jennifer McCarthy.
- \* Council approved a subdivision plat submitted by Joe Carter.
- \* Council approved donation of a vehicle cage to Pembroke.
- \* Council approved street pavement schedule for 2014.
- \* Council approved SERCAP grant of \$20,000.
- \* Council approved sponsorship of Cast Iron Cook Off.
- \* Council approved resolutions recognizing the service of out-going members Psathas and Via.
- \* Council reviewed the recent ISO rating for Fire Services.
- \* Council held a swearing in ceremony for newly elected members.
- \* Council reorganized membership of the standing committees to assign newly elected members.

**2013 BUILDING PERMIT REPORT  
3rd Quarter**

New Residential/Commercial Additions	5
Total Permits	6
Total Construction	58
	\$ 2,963,839

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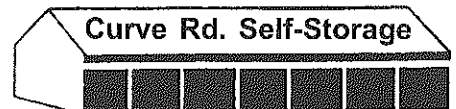


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Wednesday Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

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