

PEARISBURG TODAY

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY START TO 2016 WITH A NUMBER OF NEW BUSINESSES JOINING THE PEARISBURG COMMUNITY. DAHLIA'S DELIGHTS IN ON MAIN STREET ACROSS FROM THE COURTHOUSE. SPECIALTY CAKES AND ASSORTED PASTRIES ARE MARY GILLESPIE'S SPECIALTY. BE SURE AND STOP IN AND TRY THIS BAKERY OUT. JUST UP THE ROAD IS MATTHEW'S JEWELRY. FINE CUSTOM MADE PIECES AS WELL AS REPAIR SERVICES MAKE THIS A GO TO PLACE TO SHOP. UNDER PAPA'S PIZZA IS GEARHEAD JUNCTION. THIS NEW SHOP PROVIDES MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIAST WITH A PLACE TO BE. OUT IN PEARISBURG SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER IS DOLLAR TREE IN AN EXPANDED STORE WAITING TO SERVE YOU. ON WENONAH AVENUE THE NEWEST SHOP IS GINA'S PRIMITIVES. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR UNIQUE HOME DÉCOR ITEMS, BE SURE AND STOP IN AND LOOK OVER THE OFFERINGS OF THIS STORE.

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT NEW RIVER OFFICE SUPPLY IN ITS NEW STOREFRONT AT MAIN AND WENONAH. IMAGINATION STATION IS UNDER NEW OWNERS AND CONTINUES FINE CHILDCARE SERVICES. REMEMBER. . . SHOP PEARISBURG FIRST!

THIRD THURSDAY RETURNS

THE THURSDAY EVENING FARMERS MARKET RETURNS JUNE 16. BACK FOR A SECOND YEAR WILL BE BELIVEAU ESTATES WINERY SELLING WINE BY THE GLASS OR BOTTLE IN THE WINE GARDEN. THIS WILL BE THE 2016 CROOKED ROAD "MOUNTAINS OF MUSIC HOMECOMING WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM SUGAR RUN BEGINNING AT 6 P.M. ALL THIS PLUS FOOD BY THE FARM TABLE AND FRESH PRODUCE FROM THE MARKET VENDORS AND IS FREE.

JULY 21 IS MUSIC BY THE PAN JAMMERS STEEL DRUM BAND. THEN AUGUST 18 COME OUT AND ENJOY MUSIC OF THE 60'S AND 70'S. SEPTEMBER 15 SEES JAZZ BY RATATOUILLE RETURN TO THE MARKET. OCTOBER 20 IS DIXIELAND NIGHT TO WRAP UP THE SEASON.

BE SURE AND WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE 2ND ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL.

FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 17 AND 18 FOR ANOTHER FANTASTIC FESTIVAL. THERE WILL BE FOOD, RIDES, GAMES, MUSIC, AND FIREWORKS. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. BANDS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM INCLUDE RYZ (BLUEGRASS), URGE, AND CROSSROADS. BE SURE AND SEE UP AND COMING LINDSAY ELLYN ON FRIDAY EVENING. THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL INCLUDES THE STATE OF VIRGINIA'S LOVE SCULPTURE. BE SURE AND GET YOUR PICTURE IN FRONT OF THIS DISPLAY. INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Department News

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Pearisburg Pool is open for the 2016 season with a new fee structure.

FEE STRUCTURE:

Daily admission is \$2.50/person

Season Passes are \$80.00 for the first person and \$35.00 for each additional family member.

Swim Lessons are \$35.00 for two weeks instruction.

POOL PARTIES:

The Town Pool is available to rent for pool parties. Pool parties on weekdays will be from 7-9 pm and 9-11 pm. Pool parties on weekends will be from 6-8 pm and 8-10 pm.

Fees for Pool Parties:

0-50 people—\$80.00 for 2 hours

51-100 people—\$125.00 for 2 hours

101-150 people—\$175.00 for two hours

All parties must be booked in advance by calling the Town Pool at 540-921-2357 (921-ADIP).

Pool hours for 2016 will remain the same. The pool will be open Monday—Saturday from noon until 6 pm. Sunday the pool will operate from 1-6 pm. The pool may close due to inclement weather.

We look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer!

TIPS FROM YOUR BUILDING INSPECTOR

The growing season is upon us, and those residing within the corporate limits of Pearisburg are asked to adhere to the ordinance prohibiting grass and weed growth exceeding 12 inches.

Virginia law allows localities to enforce the ordinance as it concerns occupied or vacant developed or undeveloped property within the Town.

A **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** will be sent to responsible persons when a property becomes non-compliant (growth in excess of 12 inches). The notice will state a reasonable time to bring properties into compliance. The Town will enter upon and bring properties into compliance with the ordinance if responsible parties fail to do so, in which event the cost and expenses shall be chargeable to and paid by responsible parties.

CHANGE IN VIRGINIA LAW this year requires the Town to deliver only an initial notice of violation concerning the ordinance for this calendar year. After the initial notice has been sent the Town may enter upon and bring property into compliance at any time there is a violation of the ordinance.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

MONDAY, MAY 30TH—MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, JULY 4TH—INDEPENDENCE DAY

COMING SOON!

Summer Evenings in Downtown

July 19th and August 16th

Details coming soon.

Mayor's Corner

SUMMER IS PRACTICALLY HERE AND WITH IT FESTIVAL IN THE PARK 2016. BE SURE AND COME OUT FOR THIS FUN EVENT STARTING WITH THE JUNE 16 THIRD THURSDAY FARMERS MARKET AND CONCERT. THE FESTIVAL WILL CONTINUE FRIDAY EVENING AND ALL DAY SATURDAY. ENJOY THE RIDES, FOOD, GRAB A FUNNEL CAKE FOR DESERT AND HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE VIRGINIA LOVE SCULPTURE. SEE YOU THERE.

I AM EXCITED TO SEE SEVERAL NEW BUSINESSES JOINING OUR COMMUNITY. BE SURE AND STOP IN AND WELCOME THEM AND PURCHASE ITEMS THAT YOU NEED. MATTHEW'S JEWELRY, DAHLIA'S DELIGHT BAKERY, GEARHEAD JUNCTION, GINA'S PRIMITIVES, AND DOLLAR TREE WILL SOON BE JOINED BY COLONIAL FLORIST OF PEARISBURG. THIS BUSINESS WILL LOCATE ON MAIN STREET AS IT EXPANDS FROM ITS PRINCETON LOCATION. BE SURE TO SHOP PEARISBURG FIRST!

AFTER MUCH THOUGHT COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A PERMIT TO RENOVATE THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING INTO COUNTY OFFICES. THE FACILITY WILL INITIALLY HOUSE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES. IN ADDITION, THE UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GOODWILL STORE ON BOXWOOD LANE PROMISES TO MAKE THE COMING MONTHS BUSY AND EXCITING FOR THE TOWN.

AS ALWAYS LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING I CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.

ROBERT L. DICKERSON, MAYOR

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GRANTED

ON MAY 10TH THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTED TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO GILES COUNTY TO ALLOW CONVERSION OF THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING ON TAYLOR AVENUE TO COUNTY OFFICES. SEVERAL CONDITIONS WERE ATTACHED TO THE PERMIT AND WILL BE USED TO GUIDE AND CONTROL USE IN THE FUTURE. AN APRIL PUBLIC HEARING HIGHLIGHTED CONCERNS FROM AREA RESIDENTS ABOUT THE MOVE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO THIS BUILDING. DUE TO THIS THE MAGISTRATE OFFICE, HOLDING CELLS, BOOKING OFFICE, AND A PROPOSED SALLY PORT WERE DROPPED FROM THE PROPOSAL AND WILL BE MOVED TO THE TIMBERLAKE PROPERTY. THESE CHANGES WERE MADE TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CITIZEN CONCERNS.

THE COUNTY INTENDS TO MOVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS INTO THE BUILDING OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE INITIAL PHASES WILL INCLUDE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND DISPATCH OFFICE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. LATER PHASES WILL INCLUDE THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION. RELATED TO THIS WILL BE EXPANSION OF COURT SERVICES INTO SPACE VACATED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURTROOM WILL DOWNSTAIRS ALONG WITH THE SERVICES OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DROPPED FROM THE PROPOSAL FOR THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING.

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE PERMIT INCLUDE RESTRICTIONS ON SIGN SIZE ALLOWED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, AGREEMENT ON LIMITED LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING FOR ADJOINING PROPERTY, AND PARKING REVIEW BY THE TOWN FOR FUTURE PHASES. IN ADDITION, THE PERMIT DISALLOWS HOLDING CELLS, BOOKING SERVICES, MAGISTRATE OFFICES, PROBATION OFFICES, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SALLY PORT AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE.

SIGN ORDINANCE

THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TOWN STAFF HAVE BEGUN WORK ON A MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE. IN A RECENT COURT CASE, REED V TOWN OF GILBERT, THE COURT ISSUED OPINIONS REGARDING CONTENT BASED SIGN ORDINANCES THAT HAVE CAUSED MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REVISE AND AMEND EXISTING REGULATIONS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION BEGAN LOOKING AT THE LOCAL ORDINANCE IN MAY AND WILL SEND A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO TOWN COUNCIL LATER THIS SUMMER.



YARD SALE PERMITS

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR YARD SALES CONDUCTED IN THE TOWN LIMITS. THE PERMIT IS TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE PREMISE DURING THE YARD OR GARAGE SALE. COST OF PERMITS IS \$2.00. THE ORDINANCE ALSO LIMITS SUCH SALES TO THREE TIMES EACH YEAR ON THE SAME PROPERTY. SALES MUST BE NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS' DURATION AND BE HELD DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES

TOWN CODE 46-3 STATES THAT "NO PERSON SHALL KEEP, EXCEPT WITHIN A FULLY ENCLOSED STRUCTURE OR OTHERWISE SHIELDED OR SCREENED FROM VIEW ON ANY PROPERTY ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS INOPERATIVE. INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL MEAN ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS NOT IN OPERATING CONDITION; FOR 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 STATE INSPECTION STICKER." PLEASE CONTACT THE PEARISBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CODE SECTION.

BOXWOOD RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONMENT

ON MAY 10TH THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVED A PLAN TO ABANDON EXCESS RIGHT OF WAY FOR BOXWOOD LANE. THE AREA BEING ABANDONED BY THE TOWN IS APPROXIMATELY .452 ACRES. THIS LAND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ADJOINING COMMERCIAL LOT. THIS ACTION IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE GILES COUNTY IDA TO MARKET THE PROPERTY FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE ADJOINING PROPERTY WOULD BE SUBDIVIDED INTO TWO COMMERCIAL PARCELS. COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO THIS ABANDONMENT AND REQUESTED THAT THE IDA PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLAT TO INCORPORATE THE ABANDONED LAND, SUBDIVIDE THE PROPERTY, AND SHOW ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE EASEMENTS. WITH THIS ACTION IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ONE OF THE LOTS WILL BE SOLD AND DEVELOPED OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

BUDGET 2017

THE \$4.3 MILLION BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 IS NEARLY COMPLETE. THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN WILL BE JUNE 14TH AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. THE BUDGET DOCUMENT CONTAINS NO INCREASES IN WATER OR SEWER RATES. PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE TAX RATES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. THE TOWN COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A NEW TAX ON CIGARETTES WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION. THE BUDGET FUNDS REPLACEMENT OF A TRUCK AND POLICE CAR. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE FUNDED TO THE TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER. POLICE RADAR UNIT AND SHOTGUN REPLACEMENT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL AS IS STREET PAVING. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON THE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO JUNE 30.