

TOWN OF PEARISBURG NEWSLETTER

September 21, 2018

MAYOR'S CORNER

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is ready for the beginning of a new school year! The Town Council, staff, and volunteers have been busy working on several projects to advance the beauty and utility of our facilities. I would like to thank Ms. Trish Poole and her student volunteers for all their hard work planting flowers around downtown. Giles County has placed a new "LOVE" sign next to the courthouse. I encourage everyone to set aside time for a peaceful walk through our downtown to enjoy these new additions. The Community Center has been improved with the installation of a new set of exterior steps and a new climate control system for Room 2.

The police officers have begun using the new Police Department facility located at 1611 Wenonah. Once they are completely moved, we will be hosting an open house for residents and other stakeholders to visit and tour the facility. I appreciate the members of the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club for all their hard work on the flower beds at the Police Department.

I would also like to thank everyone who has been working on fundraisers for the Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Scarecrow Festival, sponsored by the Pearisburg Merchants Association, will be held on October 13, 2018. Come on out for a wonderful day of music, food, and fun activities beginning at 9 a.m.!

Please join me in welcoming the following new businesses to the Town of Pearisburg: Green Clean, Giles Tobacco Outlet, Gypsy Rose's Treasures, Kut-N-Klip, Sylvia's Café, and Kountry Boy Photography.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Giles Spartan football games this fall. Let me be the first to say, "Go Spartans!" As always, don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Best Regards,

Robert L. Dickerson
Mayor

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Be on the lookout for scarecrows! Preparations are underway for the annual Pearisburg Scarecrow Festival. Sponsored by the Pearisburg Merchants Association, this event will be held on Saturday, October 13 along Wenonah Avenue and Tazewell Street. Fun and entertainment is guaranteed for all ages! In addition to wonderful vendors, the festival will showcase music, food, a cruise-in car & bike show, wrestling, petting zoo, and much more. You also won't want to miss the History Day Camp Event sponsored by the Giles Historical Society. End your evening on high note with Ride N Shotgun Band at Gearhead Junction from 5pm to 8pm. A Beer Garden will be available sponsored by Rotary!



TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Halloween is just around the corner! The Pearisburg Merchants Association will host the annual Trick-or-Treat Trail on October 31 from 3-5 p.m. Last year, Town Hall had the largest turnout ever with approximately 400 trick-or-treaters. Can we top that number this year? Come out and enjoy time in the community with friends and family.

UPDATE ON THE NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Renovations are nearly complete on the new Police Department located at 1611 Wenonah Avenue. The Town's police officers have moved into the new facility and Town staff are working to install a new sign and flag poles in front of the building. Once complete, an open house will be held for residents to tour the facility. Be sure to watch the Town website and Facebook page for more information in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATIONS

Town Council and staff continue to work on renovating and improving the Community Center. This year, a ductless heating and cooling system was installed in Room 2. This energy efficient system has been working well to cool the room for residents attending activities. In addition, new exterior steps have been installed at one of the side entrances, improving both appearance and safety.

PEARISBURG MERCHANT'S BUSINESS CORNER

Labor Day marked the 41st anniversary of John's Auto Parts as the oldest locally owned business on Wenonah Avenue. In 1977, John Spaur graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Industrial Arts and the idea that he would become a high school teacher. But John's dream of owning his own business and being involved in the automotive industry quickly altered his plans. John began working at his present-day garage during his sophomore year at Giles High School. Charlie Weaver owned and operated the garage and employed John for eight years. Charlie and John were both car enthusiasts and loved to work in the garage. Finally, John was able to convince Charlie to sell him the business that they both enjoyed. John is married to another talented mechanic minded soul, the former Mary Mann. Their son Nicholas works with his dad and enjoys tinkering with electronic systems on the side. The car enthusiast family loves collecting all kinds of automotive memorabilia. Searching for relics from former gas stations, along with items from days gone by, is a favorite pastime that they readily enjoy.

John's Auto Service proudly serves our town and county citizens. John has observed many changes over the years, especially the influence of the Internet on diagnostic work. Longtime customers who no longer sit in the shop on a long afternoon are deeply missed, but their memories are not forgotten. Stop by and congratulate John on his dedication as a Pearisburg business owner.

PEARISBURG PARKS AND RECREATION REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Fundraising continues for the Pearisburg Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project. Community support has been tremendous. To date, the Town has raised approximately \$30,000.

This is a strong start, but more funds are needed to begin construction of the project. Donations, big or small, may be made by returning a check or money order payable to "Parks & Rec Revitalization Project" at Pearisburg Town Hall, 112 Tazewell Street. Tax receipts are available. In addition, a t-shirt fundraiser is underway to aid the Revitalization Project. Shirt order forms are available at Town Hall or the Pearisburg Public Library.

The Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project intends to support and provide high quality outdoor athletics, recreational programs, and facilities to all Town residents. This project is an ambitious investment in our community, future, and quality of life. Be sure to stay up to date on progress by reading the Town newsletter, following the Town on Facebook (@townofpearisburg) or visiting www.pearisburg.org for the latest information.

PEARISBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY



Fall in love with the library!

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month. If you don't have a library card (or if it's been awhile), come in to see all that the library has to offer. Be sure to check out the Bi-Annual Book Sale which will take place during Banned Books Week – September 24-29.

Looking for a way to get involved with your community? Consider the Library Advisory Board! The Library Advisory Board oversees the mission of the library to provide a comfortable learning environment for residents of all ages. If interested, please email rharless@pearisburg.org or call the Town Office at (540) 921-0340.

Get ready for a monstrous Halloween! All Hallows Read at the library will be on Halloween night from 5-8 p.m.! Come out for games, story time, treats, and a costume contest! Trick-or-treaters will find books and candy galore!

Think you can write the Great American Novel? Give it a try this November during NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month)! Follow the library Facebook page for more details and updates.

The #50statesreadingchallenge is still on! Read 25 books to receive a road atlas, and 50 books to receive a gas card and a chance to win an Amazon Kindle. Carry over up to ten books and finish the rest by December 31 to be eligible. Find the checklist at the library or online at www.pearisburg.org/library.

And don't forget the Teen Advisory Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 4 p.m. This club helps plan exciting things for the library. Have questions? Email along@pearisburg.org for more information.

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

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