



Fall & Winter Newsletter 2022/2023

New Parks and Recreation Director

We are so excited to announce the new Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Pearisburg.

Please join us as we welcome Scottie Potter to the Town of Pearisburg, also known as Coach Potter to most of the youth in our community.

Scottie lives in the Town of Pearisburg with his wife Tiffany and their two children. He comes to us with a great deal of education and experience. He is a graduate of Radford University with a master's degree in Educational Leadership. Most people may know him from our local school system. He was a former teacher at Giles High School where he spent several years as the head coach for the boys' varsity basketball team. He was also the vice principal at both Macy and Eastern Elementary/middle schools.



When asked what led him to apply for the Director position he said, "sports can help people learn important life lessons, like how to work hard, be a team player, and promote lifelong physical activity."

Since his onboarding at the end of August, he has already started off strong and has some good ideas for the Rec. Dept moving forward. He plans to add some bleachers at the new Slab Basketball Court, add a Field Goal Post in the park and add a new Beach Volleyball Court.

We are so excited to have him onboard and look forward to his success in our program.

Pearisburg Public Library

Stay cozy this winter with the Pearisburg Public Library!

We have a special game night for teens on Thursday, December 29 at 6 p.m. Come out and play board games with your friends!

Of course, be sure to catch story time every third Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

The Giles County Bookworms will hold their December meeting on Tuesday, December 27 to discuss *Holiday Romance* by Catherine Walsh. Follow the group on Facebook @gilescountybookworms to join and get the latest info on what we're reading!

In the new year, we are excited to announce a new crafting program – dates and times to be announced – so be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram @pearisburgpubliclibrary for the latest information about upcoming library events, programs, and more! You can also search the online catalog and find lists of new titles at www.pearisburglibrary.org.

NEW RIVER Community College

Free GED Classes

Pearisburg Community Center

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The NRCC Adult Education program provides multi-level and evening classes with individualized learning plans to help students increase their educational skill levels and prepare for GED tests. NRCC is a certified GED testing site for individuals 18 years old and older and serves as the regional provider of adult education services in the New River Valley.

For more information, please contact the NRCC Office of Transitional Programs at

(540) 674-3682 or at GED@nr.edu



Town Offices will be Closed

Friday, Dec. 23rd

Monday, Dec. 26th

2023 Holiday Closures for the Town of Pearisburg

We will be closed on

- Monday, Jan. 2 CLOSED
- Monday, Jan. 16 CLOSED
- Monday, Feb. 20 CLOSED
- Monday, May 29 CLOSED
- Monday, June 19 CLOSED
- Tuesday, July 4 CLOSED
- Monday, Sept. 4 CLOSED
- Monday, Oct. 9 CLOSED
- Tuesday, Nov. 7 CLOSED
- Friday, Nov. 10 CLOSED
- Wednesday, Nov. 22 CLOSE @ NOON
- Thursday, Nov. 23 CLOSED
- Friday, Nov. 24 CLOSED
- Friday, Dec. 22 CLOSE @ NOON
- Monday, Dec. 25 CLOSED



Payment Information: We have a drop box located outside the Town Office Pay online at www.pearisburg.org

Keep Your Money Where Your Heart Lives and Support NEW Local Business in Town.



Back Country Farms LLC
621 South Main St.

Connie Fisher Hopkins, LCSW
712 Wenonah Ave.

J&J Auto & Custom Performance
1550 Curve Rd.

Lupo's Medical Transportation
806 Church Ave

Tarah Carrico
@Simply Charming Salon
110 S Main St.

Pearisburg Dental Center
300 Tazewell St.

Bubba's Barn
Food Truck

Gwenderland Grooming
307 Wenonah Ave

Lydi B's
103 South Main St

Morgan Boroski
@Simply Charming Salon
110 S Main St.

Tiffany Wright
@ Simply Charming Salon
110 S Main St.

The Center of the Heart
204 Douglas Lane



Shop LOCAL, Eat LOCAL, Spend LOCAL, & Enjoy LOCAL

It Takes YOU to Start a Trend.

Pearisburg Police Dept. & FOCUS (Focus on Community Utilizing Services) Community Kids Christmas



We are asking for your help!!!!

Help make a difference to a child in your community.

We need donations for: Toys, Crafts, Gift Cards, Etc. for kids of all ages.

We are so thankful for the donations we have already received.

We are low on gifts for older children ages 12 and up.

Please bring all gifts unwrapped so that can distribute evenly and ensure gifts are age appropriate.

Drop off will be at the Pearisburg Police Dept., located at 1611 Wenonah Ave. Please contact Officer Cohen or April Williams at 540-921-0340 or 540-921-1222 with questions or to schedule a drop-off.

Gifts are due no later than December 12th

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!

Outdoor Recreational Improvements

Permanent lighting has been installed on the Walking Trail. These lights were installed to increase the accessibility and safety of the trail. Also, new electrical access points have been installed that will make it possible to expand the Holiday Walking Trail decorations. We look forward to seeing everyone on the Walking Trail this holiday season. Please join us on December 4th for the lighting of the Second Annual Holiday Light Trail.

Staff are preparing to install a new outdoor beach volleyball court this spring. The court will be regulation size and located beside the new outdoor basketball court. We anticipate that construction will be completed by the end of May and just in time for the summer season. We look forward to seeing residents of all ages enjoying some outdoor volleyball!

Home for the Holidays

Pearisburg Jr. Woman's Club asks for your help to provide food bags for children of Giles County. Sadly, many in our community depend on school meals, our goal is to ensure they do not go without during winter break.

* All Giles County public school children, including Head Start programs, are included to be recipients of this program

How can YOU help?

1. Sponsor a child for \$30.00 and PJWC will assemble a bag on your behalf
 - Provide a check to PJWC and Mail to: PO Box 3, Pearisburg, VA 24134 with HFTH in the memo
 - Have your business or employer provide a corporate donation of any amount
2. Assemble your own bag and drop it off with a PJWC member or at any of the following drop off locations: Pearisburg Town Hall, Castle Rock Insurance, Rich Creek Municipal Building, Sugar and Flour, Guys and Dolls, Pearisburg Library and Celco Community Credit Union by **December 9th, 2022**. Bags must include the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cans of Ravioli | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of cereal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of saltines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 6-pack of applesauce | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of pop-tarts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes of Mac & Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of instant oatmeal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar of peanut butter | |

Thank you in advance for your caring support!



Town of Pearisburg
Recreation Department

\$35
Registration
Fee

**BOYS BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION**

\$35 Grades 4th - 7th

Sign-up from 11-09-22 to 12-02-22

Sign up online at www.pearisburg.org
or in Person at the Town Hall
Forms will be given out at Macy and Eastern

Do You Need Assistance Paying Your Past Due Water Bill?



DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PAYING YOUR PAST DUE WATER BILL?



Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help!

LIHWAP is a program that will help eligible low-income households by providing a one-time payment directly to their water and/or wastewater provider. LIHWAP runs through September 2023 or until the funds are exhausted. The Virginia Department of Social Services has selected Promise Network to administer LIHWAP.

How Do I Know if My Household Qualifies for LIHWAP?

If your household water or wastewater services have been cut off or you have received a disconnection notice, you may be eligible!

Local departments of social services will not be accepting or processing applications for this program.

Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Benefit Programs



Eligible households must have at least one U.S. citizen or eligible legal permanent resident and:



- » Have household income below 150% of the federal poverty level,
- » Have water or wastewater services that are disconnected or be in danger of being disconnected,
- » Be responsible for paying the water bill.



To apply for the LIHWAP or for questions about the program visit VirginiaLihwap.com or call 1-888-373-9908.



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

RX Drug Drop Boxes

Starting that spring cleaning early?

Have old medications lying around you need to dispose of?

We can help! Just bring them to one of our RX drug drop boxes and we'll take care of the rest!

The boxes are located inside at:

Pearisburg Municipal Building
112 Tazewell St.

Pearisburg Police Department
1611 Wenonah Ave

We would like to say “Thank you” to Mike Wade and the Giles Youth-Adult Partnership for their donation and to Chief Martin and Mike Wade for obtaining, designing, and placing the boxes.



If you would like to stay up to date on your local news and events, please follow us on social media.

Town of Pearisburg Website: www.Pearisburg.org

Town of Pearisburg @TownOfPearisburg

Town of Pearisburg Recreation Dept. @pearisburgrecreation

Town of Pearisburg Police Dept. @PearisburgPolice

Pearisburg Community Market @pearisburgcommunitymarket

Pearisburg Public Library @PearisburgPublicLibrary

Pearisburg Festival in the Park @PearisburgFestivalinthePark

***We are very responsive to messages, so please message us on Messenger if you have any questions or concerns. ***





The Town of Pearisburg is currently seeking applicants for the following positions.

Full time Finance Clerk position in the Treasurer’s Office

This position’s primary function is receptionist and cashier for business in the Treasurer’s office, delinquent collections and assisting the Town Treasurer with other duties in the office.

A High School diploma or equivalent is preferred. This position includes a comprehensive employee benefits package including state retirement, Anthem health insurance as well as a pay band of \$29,813 to \$43,581 depending on qualifications and experience. Completed applications may be returned in person or by mail to the Town of Pearisburg Municipal Building located at 112 Tazewell Street, Pearisburg Virginia 24134. The deadline for acceptance of applications will be 4:00 p.m. December 21, 2022. Review of applications will begin December 21, 2022. Applications may be obtained at www.pearisburg.org or picked up in person Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 112 Tazewell Street, Pearisburg Virginia. A full job description may be found on the Town of Pearisburg website. E.O.E

Full time Janitorial position in the Buildings and Grounds Department.

The position is primarily responsible for performing custodial care of municipal buildings and grounds. Applicants must possess and maintain a valid driver’s license. A High School diploma or equivalent is preferred. This position includes a comprehensive employee benefits package including state retirement, Anthem health insurance as well as a pay band of \$27,836 to \$39,561 depending on qualifications and experience. Completed applications may be returned in person or by mail to the Town of Pearisburg Municipal Building located at 112 Tazewell Street, Pearisburg Virginia 24134. This position will remain open until filled. Applications may be obtained at www.pearisburg.org or picked up in person Monday through Friday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 112 Tazewell Street, Pearisburg Virginia. A full job description may be found on the Town of Pearisburg website. E.O.E

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online at www.pearisburg.org
email awilliams@pearisburg.org or info@pearisburg.org for more information

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!!!

Pearisburg Christmas Parade



Parade Route: Start on Mountain Lake Ave-Left on Main St.-Left on Wenonah Ave.-Left on French St.-Left on Mountain Lake Ave

THE TOWN OF
PEARISBURG

Christmas
Light Trail in
the Park

Will begin Sunday,
December 4th at 5pm!!!
Hot Chocolate & Treats will be
available at the concession stand on
December 4th.

The trail will be open every evening
through December 31st

Trail will begin on Wenonah Ave.
and end at the Gingerbread House Concession
stand in the Park!



Pearisburg Police Department

Calls and Arrests

January – October 2022

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	13
RECKLESS DRIVING	35
SPEEDING	412
MOVING VIOLATIONS	127
NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS	428
DRIVING SUSPENDED	72
FELONIES	91
MISDEAMENORS	181
INTOXICATED IN PUBLIC	13
GENERAL CALLS	2,569
DOMESTIC CALLS	106
LARCENIES	97
ANIMAL RELATED	80
ASSAULTS	30
JUVENILE INCIDENTS	80
NOISE COMPLAINTS	38
MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORTS	28
NARCOTICS	64
TRESSPASSING	44
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES	112
ALARMS ANSWERED	62
ASSISTS MOTORISTS	87
ASSIST FIRE AND EMS	76
ASSIST OTHER POLICE AGENCIES	133
DOORS-WINDOWS UNSECURED	132
NIGHTLY BUSINESS CHECKS	33,954
COURT FINES AND FEES	\$43,279.43
MILES DRIVEN BY OFFICERS	69,688
FUEL USED	5,222 GALS.
COMMUNITY POLICING HOURS	610
HOURS SPENT IN COURT	172 HOURS



Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall season. It has been wonderful seeing so many Spartan faces cheering on the GHS football and volleyball teams. Congratulations to the GHS Volleyball team for another successful season and making the state semifinals.

The Scarecrow Festival was a hit despite the rain. Thanks to all the merchants who participated.

The Town Council and staff are planning our holiday season events. The Christmas Parade and Lighting of the Holiday Light Trail in the Town Park will take place on December 4th. The parade begins at 4:00 pm in the downtown with the lighting of the trail immediately following in the Town Park.

Permanent lights have been installed on the walking trail. These lights will remain in place throughout the year to light the trail at night and make it more accessible. This is part of our plan to continuously improve the Town's outdoor recreation spaces. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the walking trail and enjoy the beautiful scenery of our community.

The gym floor in the Community Center has been refinished and a new scoreboard has been ordered. We anticipate installing the new scoreboard prior to the beginning of basketball season. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Community Center supporting all the youth who participate in our recreation programs this winter.

Town staff are making plans to construct an outdoor volleyball court at the Community Center. It will be a sand court that is regulation size. We anticipate completing this project in the spring and just in time for summer season.

Please join me in supporting our new local business: Back Country Farms LLC, Bubba's Barn, Connie Fisher Hopkins LCSW, Gwenderland Grooming, J&J Auto & Custom Performance, Lydi B's, Lupo's Medical Transport, Morgan Boroski, Tarah Carrico, Tiffany Wright, Pearisburg Dental Center, and The Center of the Heart. Please remember to support our new and existing businesses by shopping and buying local.

As always, Please let me know if I can be of service.

Sincerest Regards,

Robert L. Dickerson

Mayor

