

PEARISBURG TODAY

T O W N O F P E A R I S B U R G

APPALACHIAN TRAIL RELOCATION

This year will see a great deal of activity on the AT as work continues on relocation of the Trail from Peter's Mountain to Route 634 on Pearis Mountain. Between May 31 and August 13 trail crews from the Konnarock Trail Club will work on two separate relocation projects.

The first work area involves a permanent trail from the New River Bridge to the Rice Fields on Peter's Mountain. This work moves the Trail off its current path through land owned by Celanese. Work crews will be in the area May 15-19, May 23-27, and August 9-13. Once completed this section will follow the New River and then cross Pocahontas Road as it climbs the mountain.

On July 11-13 a three day seminar is planned to teach advanced rock work. A New York based team called the Jolly Rovers will lead the workshop. This will be in prepa-

ration for relocating the Trail out of the Bluff City residential area from Route 634 to Route 100. The area is steep and requires more advanced trail building. This relocation will move the Trail out of the residential area and make this section more in line with the ATC policy of making the hike more of a wilderness experience. Work teams will then be on site July 16-20 and August 1-5 building trail on the bluffs. The new trail will then use the Pearis Cemetery parking area and trail to connect back into the existing Trail near the New River bridge. The Pearis Cemetery Trail was built by volunteers several years ago in anticipation of this relocation taking place.

Several meet and greet activities are being planned for this summer to allow local and work groups to interact. Many fun activities are in the works and citizens are encouraged to contact the Town Office for information on how you can be-

NEW WALKING TRAIL

The Town has begun work on a new walking trail planned for the Dogwood Farms property behind Wal-Mart. The first phase of the trail is completed and links the Appalachian Trail hostel at Holy Family Catholic Church to the sidewalk in Boxwood Lane near the entrance to the hospital. This will allow hikers staying at the hostel to access the shopping center without crossing the hospital parking area.

The second phase is under construction and will create a loop through the open meadows that will connect to Box-



wood Lane behind the shopping center. When completed this summer a loop of about a mile of mulched trail will

be available for the public to use. Two wooden walkways will be constructed to cross wet weather streams and will be completed in the near future.

The Plan for Dogwood Farms calls for several future extensions of the trail connecting into a one acre picnic site and park on the property. The trail is available to use although work will continue to make it more accessible. On site parking is limited at this time, but the trail can be reached from the sidewalk on Boxwood Lane behind Wal-Mart.



BUSINESS NEWS!

We are very pleased that Grant's Supermarket will be moving into the space vacated recently by Sav-A-Lot. Be sure to watch for their opening. Also open in Pearisburg is Zeppa Studios. Be sure to check out their web site for custom items. Pearis Mercantile is open and has a variety of gift items and hiker supplies. Watch for Pam's Mobile Bait and Tackle to serve your needs for outdoor fishing supplies. Also new to downtown is a hiker dormitory recently added to Holiday Motor Lodge. We welcome all these new businesses to Town. Be sure and keep these and other fine local stores in mind. Remember.....Shop Pearisburg First!

HOLIDAYS

Independence Day- Friday—July 4,
2014

Labor Day—September 1, 2014

You can now pay Water/
Sewer bills by e-check. Also
Camping Fees at Whitt -
Riverbend Park.

Check the new web page:

www.pearisburg.org

OLDE TOWNE SECTION

The popular historic articles included in this newsletter are being suspended until further notice. The articles were written by Temple Lawrence, a member of the Olde Towne Committee. She has decided that she will not be able to continue writing the quarterly article. Therefore this newsletter will no longer contain this section unless the Committee is able to find another way to produce the articles. Current stories of interest will continue to be published under the Pearisburg Today section. Ideas and articles are welcome to be submitted for consideration of being published in future newsletters.

PJWC TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL LUNCHEON CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

The GFWC Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club will hold its second annual ladies luncheon celebrating outstanding volunteers in Giles County. Last year the club organized the lunch in honor of club member Kristin Alls-Wallace who passed away in 2012 from cancer. The club wanted to celebrate Kristin's memory by recognizing ladies in our community who give of themselves, their time, talents and resources helping worthy causes.

This year's lunch will be held on Sunday, August 24th at 2:00 pm at Giles Country Club. Tickets will be available at the Pearisburg Town office or from any Junior Woman's Club member.

If you know someone who may deserve the award for "Outstanding Female Volunteer" in Giles County, please fill out a nomination application that can be found at www.pearisburgjuniorwomansclub.org. Applications are due by August 1, 2014 and can be mailed to PJWC, PO Box 3, Pearisburg, Virginia 24134.

**IT'S SUMMER TIME
REMEMBER ALL THE
CHILDREN OUT PLAYING
AND ADHERE TO THE
25 MPH SPEED LIMIT
IN THE RESIDENTIAL
NEIGHBORHOODS
OF TOWN.**

THE MOWING SEASON IS UPON US. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT MOW THEIR LAWNS BEFORE THE TOWN INCURS



THE EXPENSE OF SENDING OUT LETTERS AND HAVING PUBLIC WORKS MOW THE GRASS. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR TOWN WELL MAINTAINED .

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Mayor's Corner

I am pleased to see that spring is finally here and with it many projects will start up. I am excited to see the first cooking classes at the Community Center are filling up and promise to be a popular addition to the Town's recreation program. Be sure and check out the new programs in the flier enclosed in this newsletter.

I also join many of you in welcoming the many hikers who are now passing through on the Appalachian Trail. We are proud to be a Trail Town serving hikers of this national treasure. This year we will also see the Jolly Rovers and several Konnarock Club work groups coming to work on two trail relocation projects between Peter's Mountain and Angel's Rest. The town has a Committee that works on ways to connect the Trail and the Town. If you are interested just give me a call and join in the fun.

The Community Center is opening again for the warm weather months after being closed for the winter. The Town is working on a study that will hopefully give a long range solution to the buildings heating system. As I said before the solution may not be cheap, but the building is important to our recreation programs.

Robert L. Dickerson

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COMMUNITY CENTER

Time has caught up with the Community Center. Broken steam pipes, asbestos, and other problems caused the shut down of part of the building for the winter. The cafeteria, auditorium, and gym remained in use. Council has authorized a study to look at options to renovate the building. The firm of CHP will work with the town to develop preliminary plans and cost estimates. Included in the study will be asbestos removal, mechanical and electrical upgrades, and improvements to the basic facilities of the 70 year old building. The first phase of work will be completed by June. It is hoped that a construction project can be approved this year and work on improvements start by the end of this year. The facility will be used for public programs depending on weather and construction schedules. The project is being designed as a design build project with CHP doing the construction. It is anticipated that this will control costs.

The classrooms will be available for public use and meetings during the spring summer and fall until the project is completed. Due to the problem with heating systems the classroom sections will be closed during winter months. Please contact the Town for more details.

SPRING PAVING

The Town will begin annual paving of streets in May and June. Each year the Town budgets for around \$120,000 in asphalt work on town streets. The Town has designated Woodrum Street, Tazewell Street, and Church Avenue for projects. Additional streets may be added depending on cost. The contract was awarded to Virginian Asphalt Paving LLC of Princeton. The work should take about three weeks to complete by mid-June. This work will involve minor traffic disruption and truck traffic. We ask citizens to be careful when in the work zone and to be patient while these improvements are made. Look for further information in the local paper closer to start of the construction. Thank you in advance your patience. Please call Town Engineer Rick Tawney if you have any questions at 921-0340.



TOWN COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2014 LIBRARY ACTIVITY REPORT

1st Quarter

Circulation	12,599
Book Acquisitions	298
Membership	7,473
Total Volumes In Library	35,877
Library Donation Account	\$15,189.54
Number of Internet Users	1,335

2014 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

1st Quarter

Structure Fires	9
Automobile Accidents	7
Brush Fires	7
Total Calls	42
Mutual Aid Received	5
Mutual Aid Given	7
Calls In Town	17
Calls In County	20

2014 POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

1st Quarter

Driving While Intoxicated	3
Reckless Driving	3
Speeding	62
Moving Violations	72
Non-Moving Violations	64
Assists and Other Calls	103
Alarms Answered	11
Driving Suspended/Revoked	16
Seatbelt	13
Felonies	41
Misdemeanors	67
Drunk In Public	9
Domestic Calls	12
Vandalism/Larceny	48
Animal Related	24
Total General Calls	806
Accidents	25
Traffic Control	72
Warnings	6
Total Service Calls	9,761
Total Fines and Fees	\$16,201.03
Miles Logged	19,062

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

February 2014 to April 2014

- * Council held a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.
- * Council held a Public Hearing and approved a Conditional Use Permit for an electronic sign for Grant's Supermarket new store.
- * Council approved a Memorial Wall design for the Fire Station.
- * Council approved parade permits for Macy 5K Race.
- * Council approved a Resolution recognizing the Giles Football Team.
- * Council accepted a water rate of \$1.96 per 1000 and waived any public hearing irregularities by the PSA.
- * Council approved using a donation to the Fire Department to purchase bunker gear.
- * Council approved surplus of a dump truck as scrap.
- * Council approved Small Business Assistance Grant for Zeppa Studios.
- * Council approved call for Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing in April 2014.
- * Council approved a contract for \$19,100 with CHP to begin a study of renovations of the Community Center.
- * Council approved Budget Amendment 2014 -02 to allocate Safe Route to School Grant funds.
- * Council accepted the Audit for Fiscal Year 2013.
- * Council approved Walk for Autism Permit.
- * Council approved Resolution declaring Local Government Education Week for April 1-7, 2014.
- * Council approved contracting with Tony's Amusement Co. for Festival Rides.
- * Council approved an Agreement with New River Community College for Use of Space.
- * Council went on record opposed to elimination of fluoride from PSA supplied water.
- * Council approved new series of Farm to Fork Cooking Classes.

2014 BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

1st Quarter

New Residential/Commercial	1
Additions	2
Total Permits	9
Total Construction	\$ 51,950

FARM TO FORK PROGRAM

Join us at the Farm to Fork Program where our team of guest chefs, instructors, and local food artisans share their knowledge and experience with food in a fun and relaxed setting.

We offer classes in a variety of food styles from Appalachian to ethnic, from local to international, and for kids to adults. Come smell the aromas and taste the results – whether it's from a hands-on class, demonstration class or a tasting!

COOKING FRESH, GOING LOCAL

Whenever possible, our guest chefs and instructors will select fresh and local ingredients as available. So, your experience will be healthy as well as entertaining. In the future we hope to offer some classes that will involve trips to local farms and markets where you can hand pick your ingredients!

What is a hands-on class? Our hands-on cooking classes are limited to a specified number of people to ensure that everyone gets to participate. The classes are designed for cooks of all levels of experience and interests: whether you are just a beginner, would like to improve your cooking skills, or just have an enjoyable night out – there is a class for you. Participants are actively involved in preparing the food and every class ends with a tasting.

What is a demonstration class? Our demonstration classes are a feast for all your senses! Participants will hear the meat sizzling, smell the cookies baking and most importantly taste the delicious outcome! Our chef/instructors do all the work offering informative tips along the way. Participants are offered samples of taste and the printed recipes to take home.

Visit www.pearisburg.org for a full class listing and description with chef biographies or call 921-0340 for registration information. A listing of courses has also been included in this newsletter.

*Farm to Fork is a program of
Pearisburg Recreation Department, 1410 Wenonah Avenue, Pearisburg, VA 24134.*



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