

# PEARISBURG REGISTER



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## The Woman Who Wrote the Battle Hymn of the Republic

Two of the most iconic anthems in American history were originally poems that were later set to music. We are all familiar with the story of Francis Scott Key watching the 1814 bombardment of Fort McHenry from the deck of a ship in Baltimore harbor as the words that became our national anthem

formed in his mind. Julia Ward Howe was influenced by a visit to a Union Army camp in 1861 where the rallying song for northern troops was "John Brown's Body." A friend suggested she call upon her skill at writing poetry to replace the words in the camp song. She described waking early the next morning and in the dim light of dawn, writing the verses that became the inspirational song of the American Civil War. Her poem, "The

Battle Hymn of the Republic," was published in the Atlantic Monthy magazine and shortly thereafter her poetry replaced the dirge for John Brown with the magnificent:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath have trod

He has loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword...

Before publication of the Battle Hymn, Julia Ward Howe had achieved some minor fame as a poet and playwright due to her involvement with the abolitionist movement and the woman's suffrage cause. The words she wrote early that morning in an

army camp on the Potomac River made her an instant celebrity.

Julia Ward was born in 1819 into the family of a wealthy Boston banker. She was a bright, curious child and difficult for her strict Calvinist father to understand and control. She quietly read novels by famous authors that he would have never approved. Her interests in writing and the more radical political ideas in the public square were growing. When her father died in 1839, she went to live with

her brother, Sam, whose friends were some of the leading writers and thinkers of the time. She was introduced to society befitting her status as a wealthy heiress.

She married Samuel Gridley Howe against the wishes of the family in 1839. Perhaps, her interest in the social issues of the day was the attraction for her marriage to Howe who was a well known activist in prison reform and education for the blind.



JULIA WARD HOWE 1819-1910

The marriage was a disaster. Howe was twenty years older, a very strict husband who believed his wife's place was at home with the children. They lived in quarters provided by Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts where Samuel taught. Julia was isolated and lonely, caring for the first four of their six children all the while resenting her loss of independence. Her escape from the depression she suffered was reading philosophy.

In 1850 the couple separated and Julia and two of the children traveled to Rome, Italy to live with her sister. During her stay she indulged her thirst for knowledge by studying Hebrew with a rabbi.

When Julia returned in 1851, she asserted her independence by anonymously publishing 'Passion Flowers," a collection of poems about marital infidelity and personal relationships that shocked Boston society. Although anonymous, there was little doubt about the author's identity among her peers. Samuel was devastated.

In spite of Samuel's objections, Julia continued on her own path. She became an outspoken advocate for women's equality, the abolition movement, education and prison reform. Her activism brought her into contact with many of Boston's intellectual elite. Although displeased with his wife, Samuel accepted her help as the editor and writer for his newspaper espousing abolitionist causes. The couple worked for the Sanitary Commission during the Civil War, raising money and supplies to improve the living conditions for the Union troops.

Samuel Howe is believed to be one of the "Secret Six" backers of the abolitionist John Brown that funded Brown's failed raid at Harper's Ferry. He fled to Canada for a time. Meanwhile, Julia continued her studies of philosophy, became fluent in seven languages, and became and open an ardent supporter of woman's suffrage. When the Battle Hymn of the

Republic was published, she became famous.

The troubled marriage reached an accommodation allowing Julia the freedom she desired to work for the social movements she supported. She became a sought after speaker, preacher, writer and poet. When Samuel died in 1876, she wrote in her diary, "Start my new life today."

Widowed and short of money due to the mismanagement of her inheritance by a cousin, Julia supported herself by writing - biographies, travel books, children's stories - and speaking in churches and forums about the social issues that were so important to her.

She traveled to Europe and went on a lecture tour through the American west. She co-founded the New England Woman's Club and the Association for the Advancement of Women. She helped with the organization of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. She partnered with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association. In 1893, she spoke to the Congress of Representative Women at the Chicago World's Fair.

Her experience with the Sanitary Commission and charity work with the veterans of the Civil War led to her efforts to recruit women worldwide to her Mother's Day for Peace organization that advocated peace instead of war as the way to resolve social and political issues.

For thirty-four years after Samuel's death, Julia skillfully used her celebrity to promote the causes she believed in. When she died in 1910, she was the most famous woman in America.

## PEARISBURG TODAY

The Town elections will be held on November 5th this year. On the ballot will be the Mayor's Office and three of the six Town Council seats. Robert Dickerson will be unopposed in his race for Mayor. Two incumbents will be on the ballot for council seats: Charlie Via and Kristi Eaton. Also qualifying for a spot on the council ballot are Danny Robertson, Kathy Clark, and Susie Journell. The top three candidates will be awarded seats for terms beginning January 1, 2014.

George Psathas will not seek another term on the Town Council. George served on Town Council from 1976-2004 and from 2005 -2013 for a total of 36 years. His final day in office will be December 31, 2013. George has been active on many council committees over the years. He is currently on the Public Works and Public Safety Committees. Be sure to get out and vote on November 5th.

### **PSA WATER RATE**

On August 8 the Public Service Authority Board of Directors The PSA produced water totaling 374 million gallons in 2011held a Public Hearing attended by over 100 persons. The vast 12. Of this 140 million gallons or 37%, was from the cheaper majority of those in attendance were in opposition to a proposal sources. To calculate the new rate the PSA uses 100% of the to raise water rates for Pearisburg customers only. The Town expense of producing water but spreads that cost across only presented its case to oppose this unilateral action and to offer to water from the Main Well. The resulting production cost is artinegotiate with the PSA on this issue as well as others sharply ficially inflated and not based on the actual production costs of dividing the two entities. Unfortunately the PSA again took uni- the PSA. lateral action and approved the rate increase without responding. The Town realizes that the existing formula for rates is difficult to the offer to discuss and amicably settle differences.

If enacted the increased cost to town citizens would be approxi- ate. But also why the Town wants to settle other issues with the mately \$11.25 per month based on what the Town paid to the PSA as well. Representation on the Board is also unfair. Pearis-PSA for water last year. However, the town will continue to resist burg represents about 40% of the revenue base of the PSA. By this increase and to protect the best interests of our customers.

tion only and does not include paying for transmission. This pro- Lynn 12.5%, and Giles County 37.5%. Is this fair? vision makes the rate for Pearisburg lower than that of other PSA Does this mean that water rates to town customers will go up customers. Pearisburg has paid \$1.68 per 1000 gallons plus \$.25 and that the Town will pay this new rate? Not necessarily. The voluntary assessment between 2007 and 2013. We feel that \$1.68 Town will continue to pursue fair resolution of the rate issue and is the proper rate until changed legally in accordance with the to secure its contractual rights with the PSA. The offer to nego-

Water rates in the contracts with the other towns include both tion to the PSA for water regardless of what is billed until the production of water and transmission. The current rate for those issue is settled. The Town believes the PSA did not satisfy legal communities is \$2.78 per 1000 gallons. The proposed new rate requirements for advertising the proposed rate increase. Unless for the Town is \$3.33. This makes the cost of production higher the PSA agrees to resolve this through negotiations, this may than the cost of production and transmission. This makes no require legal resolution. That is the more costly and, from the sense mathematically and clearly indicates an attempt to artifi- Town's viewpoint, least desirable way to resolve the issue. cially set a high rate. The Town feels this is unjustifiable and However, the Town is prepared for that alternative as well if it

In the original contract with the PSA, the Town leased the Tan-sire for cooperation and a willingness to compromise. We still nery Well to that body. This well requires minimal treatment and hope that this may come to pass. does not require filtration. This makes the water from this source This is a complicated and difficult to understand issue. For the cheap to produce. When the Town operated the well this cost was citizen it is confusing. Town Council is very concerned and is less than \$1.00 per thousand gallons. The PSA also uses the Nar- taking steps to protect the interests of our citizens and to oppose rows Orchard Well, which is also cheaper to use because it re- this unjust, unnecessary, and unfair action. Council believes this quires little treatment. Water from the PSA well has to be treated is the proper course of action and thanks all of those citizens

and cumbersome to use. That is why we have offered to negoticontrast Glen Lyn about 1% and Giles County less than 20%. By contract, the town water rate is based on the cost of produc- However on the Board Pearisburg has 12.5% of the vote, Glen

> tiate still stands. The Town will pay what it considers its obligacannot be avoided. But negotiations take two and require a de-

more extensively making that water more expensive to produce. who came out and supported the Town at the public hearing. It is important to continue to hear from you.

## BUSINESS NEWS!

We welcome Dr. Chad Johnston who opened River Ridge Dermatology on Buchanan Street. Be sure and stop by Again and Again on Main Street. Also open in Pearisburg Square is Danny's Auto Loan. Under construction at this time are a new car wash and the new Carilion Clinic. Both of these businesses are on Boxwood Lane and join Davita Dialysis in that growing area of town. We are also happy to see Tractor Supply and Harvey Street Electronics open for business. Coming soon will be Papa's Pizzeria which is being remodeled and will have new management. We welcome all these new businesses to Town. Remember...Shop Pearisburg First!

#### HOLIDAYS

Labor Day-September 2, 2013

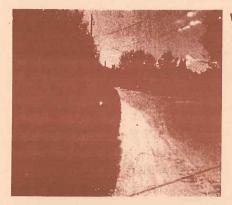
Columbus Day-October 14, 2013

Veterans Day-November 11, 2013

Thanksgiving-November 27-29, 2013

Christmas-December 24-25

New Years-January 1, 2014



## WATER UPGRADE

Jack St. Clair, Inc continues work on replacing water lines in Town. All construction is finished except for work on Mayo Circle. The Town was able to add Mayo Circle, Tyler Avenue and Woodrum Street to the project with remaining funds from the Rural Development loan.

This work is part of \$1.5 million in new lines that will replace worn out

parts of the system. The project is funded by a low interest loan from Rural Development and is part of the federal stimulus program. This work is part of an on-going effort by the Town to tighten its system and reduce water loss. The Town urges you to be cautious and careful when utility work is underway. All construction should be completed this fall. Thank you for your patience while these important projects are completed.

### RECREATION

Town Council included funds in the budget for a full time position to lead the Recreation Department. Applications are being taken in August to fill this position. The part time position will be eliminated later this year. As the Town's needs have grown and its recreation program expanded the need for this change became apparent. The work now includes oversight of the Community Center and Whitt-Riverbend Park in addition to the Town Park and Pool. The Council believes a full time director will be able to grow new programs and expand services to meet future demand for services. WR Johnston has served as part time director since 1980 and will retire from the Town once the new position is filled. He is the second recreation director for the Town. Mullie Mulheren held the position prior to WR taking over. Making the change was not easy and Town Council wishes WR the best and thanks him for his service.

## **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 picking a design and location for the new piece of public art. 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.

## NEW CARILION CLINIC

Construction is underway on a new doctor's office building to be located on Boxwood Lane near the hospital. Carilion Family Practice in Pearisburg will be relocated into the new facility which will provide room for future expansion on the property. Along with the new hospital, the doctor's offices will join Davita Dialysis as new medical facilities on the former Dogwood Farms property. The development plan for the area allows additional office and medical facilities as well as commercial and residential development. Giles County through the Industrial Development Authority owns the surrounding property and has worked with Pearisburg on a plan for development to maximize the potential for this property. The plan also calls for a walking trail and small park that will be open for public use. Other development announcements are anticipated as interest grows in this area.



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## TOWN OF PEARISBURG

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## Mayor's Corner

I am very pleased to inform you that the Town has completed work on refinancing most existing debt. Interest rates on two loans for the sewer plant were reduced and will save nearly \$10,000 a year on the remaining terms of these loans. We were able to refinance the loan on the new fire station and lower the rate from 4% to 2.85%. By doing this the Town will reduce the mortgage on the building by five years. This loan is now placed with National Bank, a local institution. We also refinanced a loan by combining the town's fire truck and renovating the town municipal-buildings at a much lower rate. All of this will save our taxpayers money.

Unfortunately the rate disagreement between the Town and the Public Service Authority is not getting much better. The Town opposes a costly rate increase as it is unnecessary, unfair, and violates the contract. This and the River Withdrawal Project would significantly raise water rates to you, and we do not think that is a good thing. I want to thank all of you who supported the Town at the August 8 public hearing. I still hope the PSA will negotiate with the Town and avoid costly legal fees. Thank you for your support.

## Robert L. Dickerson

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## 2013 REFINANCING COMPLETE

The Town has completed refinancing of existing debts and saved significant current and future interest costs. The work was coordinated by Davenport Associates over the past four months and completed in early July. In all five separate loans were involved in this complex maneuver.

Two sewer plant loans with the Virginia Revolving Loan Fund had interest rates re-set for the remainder of their term. A 2004 loan was lowered from 3.1% to 2.1% through its 2026 payout. A 1996 loan was lowered from 3.0% to 1.55% through its 2018 payout. The interest savings is estimated to be about \$10,000 annually.

The Town has also refinanced the new Fire Station loan through National Bank. The Rural Development loan was for 4.0%. The new loan will be at 2.71% for 10 years with a floating rate that is capped at 4.0% after that. This move has been used to reduce the term of the loan by five years.



The town also refinanced a fire truck loan (3.38%) and a Rural Development loan (5.0%) with Carter Bank at 2.1%. The terms of these loans remain the same and this debt is scheduled to be paid off by 2022.

The Town's loan for the Public Works Shop will be paid off in April 2014. The Radio Read Meter Lease will be paid off in June 2016. These short term debts were not refinanced in this project. Also not included in refinancing was the Rural Development Loan for Water and Sewer Line Improvements. This project is currently under construction and has a 2% interest rate.

The object of this refinancing was to take advantage of a very good loan market and lower interest rates. The project will save significant interest costs and allow the Town to pay off the new Fire Station five years early. Savings will total between \$539,100 and \$759,000 over the lifespan of the loans.

## **BOAT RAMPS**

The firm of Anderson and Associates has been awarded the contract to design boat ramps on the New River. Bluff City and Whitt-Riverbend Park will benefit from upgrades provided by funds awarded in January by 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 First Half

Circulation	27,714
<b>Book Acquisitions</b>	685
Membership	7,242
<b>Total Volumes In Library</b>	35,877
<b>Library Donation Account</b>	\$13,521.20
<b>Number of Internet Users</b>	3,023

## 2013 FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Structure Fires	9
Automobile Accidents	31
Brush Fires	5
Total Calls	102
Mutual Aid Received	8
Mutual Aid Given	15
Calls In Town	29
Calls In County	58

## 2013 POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

First Half	
Driving While Intoxicated	11
Reckless Driving	6
Speeding	135
Moving Violations	117
Non- Moving Violations	167
Assists and Other Calls	176
Alarms Answered	27
Driving Suspended/Revoked	70
Seatbelt	24
Felonies	79
Misdemeanors	106
Drunk In Public	30
Domestic Calls	44
Vandalism/Larceny	73
Animal Related	28
<b>Total General Calls</b>	1431
Accidents	60
Traffic Control	117
Warnings	74

Total Service Calls
Total Fines and Fees

Miles Logged

19,673

\$22,443.54 36,893

## TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS June 2013 to August 2013

- Council approved a Conditional Use Permit for storage buildings granted to Troy Williams for property on Main and Orchard.
- Council approved surplus of a 1989 dump truck and its sale to Town of Pembroke.
- Council approved purchase of a zero turn mower in Public Works.
- Council approved a contract addendum with Anderson Engineering for additional inspection services.
- Council approved a Comprehensive Plan Review application form.
- Council approved opting out of VRS retirement disability program.
- Council appointed citizens to various committees to fill vacancies.
- \* Council approved issuance of up to \$4.2 million in Refunding Bonds to refinance debt.
- \* Council approved resetting interest rates on two loans for the sewer plant.
- Council approved the FY14 Budget.
- \* Council approved an Ordinance to increase water rates.
- \* Council approved adding three lights to the exterior of the Fire Station.
- Council approved paying an assessment to VML/VaCO for assistance with AEP contract negotiations.
- \* Council appointed Danny Robertson to Giles County PSA.
- Council approved adding Richard Mastalski to the Board of Giles Health and Family Center.
- Council approved rescinding a voluntary water rate increase and to pay for part of a well development to the PSA.
- \* Council approved deferring Storm Water management to Giles County.
- \* Council approved a subgrant to Giles Arts Council for a public arts project.
- \* Council participated in PSA Hearing to oppose rate increase to the Town for purchase of wholesale water.

## 2013 BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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New Residential/Commercial	3
Additions	6
<b>Total Permits</b>	31
Total Construction \$ 60	7,880

#### **BRUSH CHIPPING POLICY**

- 1. Contractors that trim trees should remove all brush.
- 2. The Town crew will give each household 45 minutes per month.
- 3. Any pile of brush that cannot be chipped with in that time limit will be left for the next month or there will be a charge of \$20.00 for every 15 minutes to complete the job.
- 4. If any resident that chooses to have the town go over the 45-minute time limit you will need to make this arrangement by calling the Town Engineer. The Town will bill you for the extra time spent.

If you have any questions on this matter call Rick Tawney, Town Engineer at 921-0340.

## Weather and holidays may alter pick-up.

We <u>DO</u> pick up: Furniture, appliances, white goods, TV's, tires and scrap metal, yard debris and leaves that have been bagged.

We <u>DO NOT</u> pick up: Construction debris, carpet, plumbing material, concrete, used lumber or stumps.

We <u>DO NOT</u> pick up: Household garbage. This is done by the Giles County PSA. Please call 921-2499 for questions about household garbage pick-up or disposal of white goods or other large items.

## **BRUSH & MISCELLANEOUS PICK-UP ROUTE**

1st Friday of the month: Allegheny Avenue, Cherry Lane, Craig Avenue, Curve Road, Douglas Lane, French Street, Fairway Street, Giles Street, Hale Street, Harvey Street, Locust Drive, Lynwood Avenue, Mercer Street, Monroe Road, Mill Road, Mt. Lake Avenue, Old Orchard Place, Orchard Grove Lane, Pearl Street, Pinewood Drive, Poplar Lane, Pulaski Avenue, Oak Lane, Sunset Drive, Valleyview Drive.

<u>2nd Friday of the month:</u> Church Avenue, Cirus Street, Cord Drive, Cross Avenue, Dennis Street, Eagle Drive, Fleeman Street, Grand Avenue, Henson Avenue to Woodrum Street, Hobson Avenue, Iris Street, Johnston Avenue, Lane Street, Lost Lane, Main Street, Maple Street, Martin Lane, Montgomery Street, Morris Avenue, Orchard Drive, Painter Street, Peach Street, School Road, Tannery Road, Tazewell Street, Thomas Drive, Tyler Avenue, Walnut Street, Wenonah Avenue to Woodrum Street, Willow Circle, West Mt. Lake Avenue, Woodrum Street.

<u>3rd Friday of the month:</u> Buchanan Street, Caudill Street, Chapman Drive, Chestnut Street, Country Club Drive, Clifford Street, Darden Drive, Deerfield Acres, Elm Street, Easley Street, East Henson, East Wenonah Avenue, Easton Road, Ft. Branch Road, High Street, Hoge Street, Huffman Drive, Pearis Road, Pembroke Street, Robinhood Drive, Taylor Avenue, Wildwood Drive.

4th Friday of the month: Cabot Drive, Crile Lane, Gale Road, Horsley Drive, Kinter Way, Lawndale Drive, Mason Court Drive, Mayo Circle, McGuire Lane, Woodland Drive.

## **Dear Citizens and Customers of Pearisburg Water System:**

On August 8, 2013 the Giles County Public Service Authority voted to implement a large rate increase on customers of the Town of Pearisburg. This does not affect the rate of the other towns nor of the county. The rate increase would nearly double the current wholesale rate paid by the town for water. The annual cost of this action would increase the amount paid by the town by at least \$200,000 or more. Put another way, this increase would cost each water customer of the town approximately \$11.00 per month. The Town of Pearisburg has offered to discuss rate and other issues with the PSA to reach fair solutions. The PSA has ignored this offer and is acting unilaterally.

The town feels this increase is unfair, unneeded, and violates the contract for service. The result would be purely punitive and places a large and unnecessary burden on the citizens who will ultimately pay the bill. On August 8<sup>th</sup> the town outlined its position and renewed its offer to meet with the PSA to resolve issues. Nearly 100 citizens attended the meeting and voiced support for the town and opposition to the PSA action. Unfortunately the PSA chose to ignore the town and its citizens.

If you agree with the town's position and oppose the rate increase, we ask you to contact the Central District and At Large representatives of the Giles County Board of Supervisors and ask them to influence the county appointed PSA Board members and alternates to vote to rescind the rate increase.

Central District	AT Large	At Large
Barbara M. Hobbs, Chair	Richard "Ricky" McCoy	Paul "Chappy" Baker
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We thank you for your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert L. Dickerson



#### Are You Ready? The Health Insurance Marketplace is Coming

No doubt you've been starting to hear about the new Health Insurance Marketplace (Marketplace), a key part of the health care law that will be open for business on October 1. But you probably still have questions. Like what is the Marketplace, and can you really get health insurance? Well we've got answers.

The best place for the latest, most accurate, information on the Marketplace is the updated website, HealthCare.gov. At the site, you can learn what it is, who can apply for insurance, how to get insurance, how to lower your costs, and more. If you own a small business, there's information for you, too.

Starting this fall, the Marketplace will help you find health insurance that fits your budget and meets your needs, with less hassle. No matter where you live, you may buy insurance from private health plans that cover a comprehensive set of benefits, including doctor visits, hospital stays, preventive care, and prescriptions. And plans in the Marketplace must treat you fairly; they can't deny you coverage because of a pre-existing condition.

With a single application, you can also see if you qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, or savings you can use right away to lower your health insurance premiums.

#### Enrollment Starts October 1, 2013 Visit HealthCare.gov to Get Ready

<u>HealthCare.gov</u> is your best source of information about the Marketplace. You can read information that pertains to you, print checklists, and watch videos to help you get ready to apply and enroll.

You and your family can explore every qualified health plan in your area, and fill out an application when you're ready. You'll be able to take control with better information, including details about benefits and prices presented in clear language you can understand, so you'll know what your premiums, deductibles, and other costs will be before you make a choice.

Once you've decided on a plan, you don't need to go anywhere else. Starting in October, you'll be able to enroll in the Marketplace directly for coverage that begins as soon as January 1, 2014.

## Want help or need more information?

As you explore your options on the Marketplace, you may want to get some help. You can participate in an online web chat on the website; or call a toll free number, 1-800-318-2596, to speak with a trained customer service representative; and there will be people in your local communities who can give you personal help with your choices.

Visit <u>HealthCare.gov</u> now to get all the information you need about the Marketplace. Come back October 1, fill out an application and enroll. It's that easy.

## PROBLEMS WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL OR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE



If a citizen or business has a problem with their water or sewer service after hours or weekends please contact the Sheriff's Office at 921-3842. They will then call a Town of Pearisburg Public Works Employee to come and address the problem.

During working hours call the Town Office at 921-0340 or 921-1222.

If a citizen or business has a question concerning their utility bill please call the Town Office at 921-1222 to speak with Utility Clerk, Angie Kritak (angieK@pearisburg.org).

## RESERVATIONS AND RENTAL



To rent a room at the Pearisburg Community Center or the Picnic Pavilion at the Town Park please contact the Town Office at 921-1222 and speak to Finance Clerk, Mandy Sadler (msadler@pearisburg.org).

To rent the Picnic Pavilion or Camp at Whitt-Riverbend Park please contact the Town Office at 921-0340 and speak to Assistant Town Clerk, Lynne Hazelwood (lynne.hazelwood@pearisburg.org).

To rent the multi-purpose room at the Pearisburg Volunteer Fire Department please contact the Town Office at 921-0340 and speak to Assistant Town Clerk, Lynne Hazelwood (<u>lynne.hazelwood@pearisburg.org</u>).

## YARD SALE PERMITS

Residents may have three yard sales a year. There is a permit that needs to be acquired at the Town Hall for \$2.00.



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