### PEARISBURG TODAY

### **FALL ACTIVITIES A HUGE SUCCESS**

### SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The annual Scarecrow Festival was a big success again this year. The October 15 event was moved downtown this year. Wenonah Avenue was closed to traffic for the day and filled with craft and food vendors, including the Farmers Market. Live entertainment filled the stage throughout the day. Some 50 scarecrows were displayed all over town as businesses joined in the celebration. The festival included a motorcycle cruise in hosted by Gearhead Junction and a Children's Costume Parade coordinated by the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club. A special outdoor screening of the film "The Wizard of Oz" capped off the event. Scarecrows remained on display throughout the month.

### TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Halloween was highlighted by the annual Trick or Treat Trail sponsored by the Pearisburg Merchant's Association. Businesses throughout the community opened their doors to children to hand out treats. In an unofficial count at the Town Hall, 387 walked the yellow brick road to receive treats. Last year's count was 250 as the annual event continues to grow in popularity. Thank you to all the businesses that participated in making this event so successful.

### COMMUNITY VISIONING

There are two upcoming opportunities for citizens to participate in planning meetings to help develop a community vision. Giles County has received a planning grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to conduct the study. Narrows and Pembroke undertook a similar project starting in 2015. The process is designed to identify and develop projects that can be funded by future construction grants. Giles County is developing the New River Water Trail and hopes to identify economic development opportunities that link the New River and the five towns in Giles County.

There will be two visioning meetings. The first is January 11, 2017 from 6 to 8 pm and the second meeting is January 12 from 2 to 4 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall. These meetings are important for the future development of the town. Come out and help design that future.

### Hame for the Halidays

The Pearisburg Jr. Women's Club asks for your help with our annual Project that provides bags of food for the children of Giles County who are in need of nourishment during the two-week holiday break when school breakfasts and lunches are not available.

\* 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 \$20.00 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
  - Go to the website and donate: <a href="http://gileshomeforholidays.myevent.com">http://gileshomeforholidays.myevent.com</a>
  - 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 the Town of Pearisburg offices by **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Bags must include the following items:

☐ 2 Cans of Ravioli	☐ 1 box of cereal
☐ 2 Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup	☐ 1 box of saltines
☐ 1 6-pack of applesauce	☐ 1 box of pop-tarts
☐ 2 boxes of Mac & Cheese	☐ 1 box of instant oatmea
☐ 1 iar of peanut butter	

Thank you in advance of your support this holiday season!

### **CHRISTMAS WITH THE JOHNSTONS**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, the Andrew Johnston House will offer "Christmas with the Johnstons".

Schedule and Details:

Friday, December 2, 2016 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

- Enjoy the beauty of the Andrew Johnston House by candlelight
- Live performances and caroling by the Giles County Community Chorus
- Hot cider served over a bonfire on the front lawn

Saturday, December 3, 2016 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

- Live performances by the Greenwood Recorder Quartet in the Living Room
- Visit with Santa Clause in the Parlor

Sunday, December 4, 2016 2:00 pm - 5:L00 pm

Andrew Johnston House will be open for tours

On each date, be sure to browse the Museum and shop for the perfect gift. Holiday treats will be served in the kitchen. As always, events on all three days are free and open to the public. Everyone welcome!

### **NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN**

We welcome Sprint and Verizon as our newest stores in the Pearisburg Square shopping center. Jeff's Muffler and More is operating on Main Street in the former Hutchinson's building to serve your automotive needs. Look for Alykatz opening in the space last occupied by Dahlia's Delights. Both bakery and food offerings are planned. In October town council approved several Conditional Use Permits that will lead to new or expanded businesses. Dr. Pippa Chapman is planning a Trail Hostel and Yoga Studio on her property on Douglas Lane. Headley Law LLC will soon open on Wenonah Avenue last occupied by Cash for Gold. Troy Williams plans an expansion of Pearisburg Storage on Orchard Drive. Kelly Ribbe has plans to convert her property into a Bed and Breakfast. Look for all these and more in 2017. As always we invite you to shop Pearisburg and Giles County first.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 23, 2016 Close at noon—Thanksgiving

November 24, 20016 Closed—Thanksgiving

November 25, 2016 Closed—Thanksgiving

November 30, 2016 FINANCE OFFICE CLOSED—ALL OTHER OFFICES

**OPEN** 

December 23, 2016 Closed—Christmas

December 26, 2016 Closed—Christmas

January 1, 2016 Closed—New Year's

January 16, 2016 Closed—Martin Luther King Day

February 20, 2017 Closed—President's Day

### **GOODWILL PROJECT**

Goodwill is preparing to build a new store on Boxwood Lane beside Wal-Mart. The store should open in the Fall of 2017. Town council has completed a subdivision of the property owned by Giles County Industrial Development Authority and Public Works crews have completed the relocation of twin 10-inch water lines necessary for the construction of the new building. Plans are being prepared for submittal and review by the town's staff. The project will be built by Piedmont Companies out of Lincolnton, NC.



## Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club 31st Annual Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### First United Methodist Church Pearisburg

Breakfast served 8:00am until 10:30am

Tickets \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Children 2 and under eat free.

Tickets may be purchased at the Pearisburg Town Hall, Pearisburg Library, DBD's in Pembroke or from any PJWC member.

Don't forget your camera!!!

## SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS

PEARISBURG
December 2-4

### Schedule and Details:

### Friday, December 2 (see times below)

5pm Lighting of the Giles County Courthouse Tree, downtown lamp poles and Town star, 5-8pm Christmas stroll, visiting local merchants shops, viewing holiday decorations, 5:30-8:30pm Christmas Caroling by Giles Community Chorus, bonfire at the candle lit Andrew Johnston House

December 2-6 Ugly Sweater Contest at Pearis Mercantile

### Saturday, December 3 (see times below)

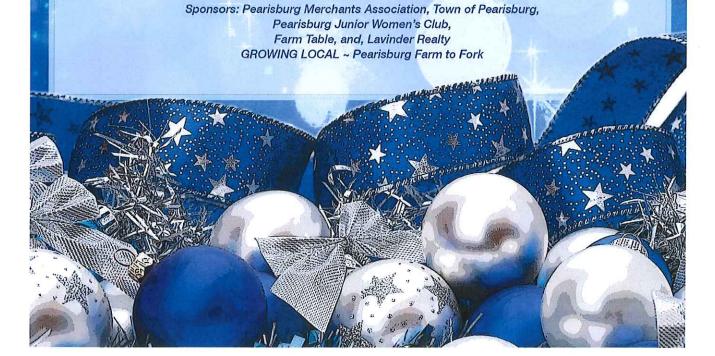
8-10:30am Breakfast with Santa at Methodist Church on Valleyview Drive 12-4pm Giles Mountain Winery wine tasting on outside patio at Pearis Mercantile (weather permitting)

2-5pm Live performance of Greenwood Recorder Quartet, visiting with Santa at Andrew Johnston House

### Sunday, December 4, 4:00-7:00pm

2-5pm Tour Andrew Johnston House 4pm Christmas Parade Following parade, free pictures with Santa and free kids cookie decorating class at Community Center

Remember friends and family on December 8, 6:00-8:00pm Carilion Giles Community Hospital Love Light Tree Lighting



### CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS FOR MOS

### Friday, December 2

- Bring the kids to see the tree lighting at Giles County Courthouse at 5pm
- Stroll around town and enjoy the merchant's decorations from 5-8pm
- Bonfire and hot cider on the Andrew Johnston House lawn from 5:30-8:30pm

CHRISTMAS

• Crafts, games and storytelling at the Pearisburg Public Library from 5:00-6:30pm.

### Saturday, December 3

- 8-10:30am Breakfast with Santa at the Methodist Church on Valleyview Drive
- 2-4pm Visit with Santa in the Andrew Johnston House Parlor

### Sunday, December 4

- Annual Pearisburg Christmas Parade at 4pm. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will join the parade. Some of the parade participants will hand out or gently toss candy from floats and vehicles so kids be sure to bring a bag or basket! Old and young alike enjoy the tradition of the Christmas Parade, from the floats, to the animals, to the bands, walkers & the fire & rescue vehicles.
- Following the parade, bring the kids for FREE Pictures with Mr. Claus at the Pearisburg Community Center
- Kids are invited to join the Pearisburg Community Market Farm Table Chef in the cafeteria for a FREE kids holiday cookie decorating activity following their picture. This activity will close at 7pm.

Sponsors: Pearisburg Merchants Association, Town of Pearisburg, Pearisburg Junior Women's Club GROWING LOCAL ~ Pearisburg Farm to Fork

### Mayor's Corner

2016 is fast coming to an end with many changes. For the first time in 29 years' town council was faced with the big challenge of hiring a new town manager. Mr. Vittum has helped guide the Town of Pearisburg for many years and has decided to retire and enjoy life at a more leisurely pace. The town's wastewater treatment plant, town hall renovations, library expansion, new fire station, Whitt Riverbend Park, and two downtown revitalization projects all were projects that benefited from his leadership and guidance. His last day is December 31 and I wish him well in all that the future brings.

On January 1, 2017 Timothy Todd Meredith will become the 13<sup>th</sup> Town Manager since 1947 when the Town adopted the manager/council form of government. Todd is a Giles County native who currently teaches at Narrows High School. He is a graduate of Radford and Virginia Tech with Masters degrees in Education and Public Administration. He is currently attending Virginia Tech in pursuit of his Doctorate Degree in Public Administration. He has two children. The town council looks forward to developing a strong relationship with him.

Colin Munsey who served on council since 2011 has announced his resignation effective November 30. He is moving into the county and unable to complete his term. Town council will appoint a replacement to serve until the November 2017 special election. The winner of that election will serve the remaining two years of Colin's term. Colin has been a very active and involved member of council. We wish him the best in the future.

As always be sure and let me know if I can be of any help or answer any questions about the town.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S FINAL WORDS**

As this is the last newsletter I will edit and my last day as Town Manager is fast approaching, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has been part of this journey. I have had the honor to serve with seven mayors and over twenty-five council members. More important, I have worked with many caring and able employees of the town who try their best to serve the citizens each day. Each day I have strived to do my best to serve the community. I hope that I have left the community in better shape than when I started this journey in 1988. Thank you for your support and I will see you around town.



## What should you do?

Proper installation, operation, and maintenance of fuel-burning appliances in the home is the most important factor in reducing the risk of CO poisoning.

Make sure appliances are installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and the local codes. Most appliances should be installed by professionals.

Always follow the appliance manufacturer's directions for safe operation.

Have the heating system (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.

Examine vents and chimneys regularly for improper connections, visible cracks, rust or stains.

Look for problems that could indicate improper appliance operations:

- Decreased hot water supply
- Furnace unable to heat house or runs continuously
- Sooting, especially on appliances and vents
  Unfamiliar, or burning odor
  - Increased moisture inside of windows

Operate portable generators outdoors and away from open doors, windows, and vents that could allow CO to come indoors.

In addition, install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home. Every home should have a CO alarm in the hallway near the bedrooms in each separate sleeping area. The CO alarms should be certified to the requirements of the most recent UL, IAS, or CSA standard for CO alarms. Test your CO alarms frequently and replace dead batteries. A CO alarm can provide added protection, but is no substitute for proper installation, use and upkeep of appliances that are potential CO sources.

# Symptoms of CO poisoning

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever) They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
  - Nausea
- Dizziness

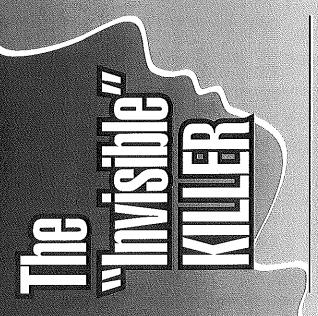
If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Leave the home and call for assistance from a neighbor's home. You could lose consciousness and die from CO poisoning if you stay in the home.

Get medical attention immediately and inform medical staff that CO poisoning is suspected. Call the Fire Department to determine when it is safe to reenter the home.



To report a dangerous product or a product related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. Consumers can obtain recall information at CPSC's web site at http://www.cpsc.gov. Consumers can report product hazards to info@cpsc.gov.

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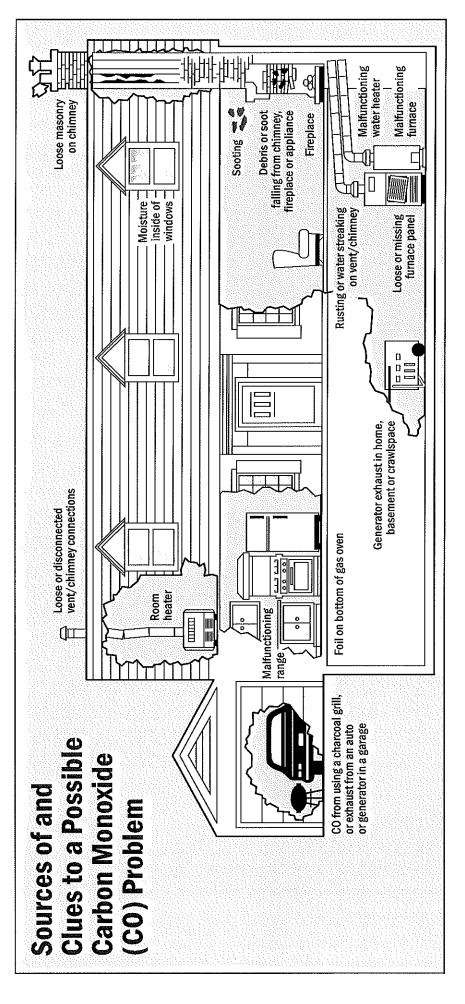
Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the "invisible" killer. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas. Every year more than 100 people in the United States die from unintentional exposure to carbon monoxide associated with consumer products.

# What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is produced by burning fuel. Therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source.

When cooking or heating appliances are kept in good working order, they produce little CO. Improperly operating appliances can produce fatal CO concentrations in your home.

Running a car or generator in an attached garage can cause fatal CO poisoning in the home. So can running a generator or burning charcoal in the basement, crawlspace, or living area of the home.



## Carbon monoxide clues you can see...

- Rusting or water streaking on vent/chimney
  - Loose or missing furnace panel
    - Sooting
- Debris or soot falling from chimney, fireplace, or appliances
- Loose or disconnected vent/chimney, fireplace or appliance
  - Loose masonry on chimney
- Moisture inside of windows

# Carbon monoxide clues you cannot see...

 Internal appliance damage or malfunctioning components

- Improper burner adjustments
- Hidden blockage or damage in chimneys
  Only a trained service technician can detect

hidden problems and correct these conditions!

 CO poisoning symptoms have been experienced when you are home, but they lessen or disappear when you are away from home.

### Warnings...

- Never leave a car running in a garage even with the garage door open.
  - Never run a generator in the home, garage, or crawlspace. Opening doors and windows or

using fans will NOT prevent CO build-up in the home. When running a generator outdoors, keep it away from open windows and doors.

- Never burn charcoal in homes, tents, vehicles, or garages.
- Never install or service combustion appliances without proper knowledge, skills, and tools.
  - Never use a gas range, oven, or dryer for heating.
- Never put foil on bottom of a gas oven because it interferes with combustion.
  - Never operate an unvented gas-burning appliance in a closed room or in a room in which you are sleeping.