

Christmas Parade and Festivities

The Annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Pearisburg Merchant's Association will be held on December 3rd at 4 p.m. Participants will line up on Mt. Lake Avenue. After the parade, join us on the Courthouse lawn for cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Community Market and New River Eye Care. Santa Claus will be on site for pictures and to receive Christmas wishes from all the children. The Christmas tree will be lit at 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees, sponsored by the Pearisburg Merchant's Association, will be held from December 1-15. Businesses throughout town will be displaying Christmas trees to celebrate the holidays and spread Christmas cheer. Stop by to check out the unique trees at each business location. Town Council members will serve as judges to determine the top three most decorative trees.

Scarecrow Festival

The 3rd Annual Scarecrow Festival, sponsored by the Pearisburg Merchant's Association, was a big success. The event was held downtown with live music and vendors selling excellent food and crafts. The festival included a children's costume parade coordinated by the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club, a motorcycle cruise-in hosted by Gearhead Junction, and the Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt coordinated by the Merchant's Association and the Pearisburg Community Market. The event was capped off with live music hosted by Gearhead Junction and sponsored by the Pearisburg Rotary Club.

Trick-or-Treat Trail

The Annual Trick-or-Treat Trail was held downtown again this year. Sponsored by the Pearisburg Merchant's Association, the event was a huge success. Businesses throughout the community opened their doors to trick-or-treaters. Town Hall was visited by approximately 400 children. Thank you to all the businesses for making this a successful and growing event in our community.

Sparky

The Pearisburg Volunteer Fire Department has new mascot named Sparky! Sparky has been making his rounds reaching out to educate children and community members about the importance of good fire prevention practices. You will undoubtedly be seeing more of this energetic Dalmatian as he continues with his mission to make us all more informed about how we can prevent and protect ourselves from fire hazards.

Pearisburg Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project

The Town has begun fundraising efforts to begin work on the Pearisburg Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project. This project will increase the Town's capacity to provide high quality outdoor athletics and recreational programs to an ever-increasing number of children. The support from community members has been tremendous. To date, the Town has raised approximately \$10,000. While this is a strong start, more funds are needed to complete the initial phase of the project. Donations, big or small, may be made by returning a check or money order, payable to the "Parks & Rec Revitalization Project," at Pearisburg Town Hall. Tax receipts will be available.

The Town would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their donations to the project:

Celanese Michael McMahon Ben Wheeler - State Farm Ken and Kay Rakes Virginian Leader Daniel & Mary Ann Bowling Precision Car Wash A Ginger Kid - Nicole Haskins David and Darlene Cunningham Roger's Body Shop - Roger Jennelle Marcy Marcussen Fred and Carolyn Hackney Ken and Mary Ann Walker Bobby Compton Ronald Whitehead Warren & Scheid P.C. Zachary and Lori Bowden Jack Davis Russell and Sherry Kelley Patricia Johnson Diana Johnson Rick Jennell	Joe and Ann Muncy James and Sue Wheeler Rick and Linda Tawney David and Chastity Fontaine George & Cheryl Kingrea Giles Auto Body and Glass Tickle's Oil and Propane Tickle Disposal Richard & Jennifer Grube Danny & Linda Psathos Narrows Livestock Auction Market Beverly Rader Gertrude Givens Lee and Anne Wheeler Michael and Thelma Yost Ken and Jan Vittum LaBarranca Mexican Grill Margaret Hicks Wesley Jennelle Bruce Frazier Kristi Eaton Brett Rader
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We are most appreciative for your support.

Holiday Office Closings

Thanksgiving Holiday	November 22 (half day; offices close at 12 p.m.) November 23 November 24
Christmas Holiday	December 22 (half day; offices close at 12 p.m.) December 25 December 26
New Year's Holiday	January 1 January 2
Martin Luther King, Jr.	January 15
President's Day	February 19

"Christmas with the Johnstons"

December 1

5:30-8:30pm

December 2-3

2:00-5:00pm



Free Admission. Everyone Welcome.



Visit our website
www.gilescountyhistory.org
for more details!



BREAKFAST *with* **SANTA**

Saturday, December 2, 2017

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

*Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club
invites you to join us at*

Pearisburg First United Methodist Church

Tickets \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door

Children 2 and under eat free

Tickets may be purchased at the Pearisburg Town Hall

DBD's in Pembroke, or from any PJWC member!

Don't forget your camera for pictures with Santa

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 \$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: <https://myevent.com/gileshomefortheholidays>
 - 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 Pearisburg Town Hall by **December 8th, 2017**. 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!

New Technology at Town Hall

Town staff are working to install a new online payment system known as Paymentus. This new online payment system will allow citizens to pay utility payments completely online. The Town will still receive payments in person at the Town Hall for anyone wishing to make traditional payments. Staff looks forward to offering this convenient service to the citizens of Pearisburg. This system is anticipated to be up and running in early 2018.

A new phone system is coming to Town Hall! The current system stopped working in late September. The new phone system will tie all municipal offices together, allowing calls to be transferred from Town Hall to other Town facilities. This system will greatly improve telephone communication between citizens and Town staff.

Council Election Results

Congratulations to Mayor Robert Dickerson, Councilwoman Kristi Eaton, Councilwoman Susie Journell, Councilwoman Cathy Clark, and Councilman Jason Ballard on their reelection to the Town Council.

Pets

Pearisburg is a town with a beautiful landscape conducive to enjoying time outdoors with a pet. Help us preserve this beauty by remembering to properly dispose of pet waste and litter. Waste bags and trash containers are available for use along the walking trail in the town park. Please remember that Town Code prohibits using property beyond the premises of the owner or custodian to deposit pet waste.

Mayor's Corner

With the new year fast approaching, I am reflective of the accomplishments achieved by the Town in 2017. We have introduced a new town manager and librarian, moved forward with an important UV/Sewer Project that will improve the Town's infrastructure, completed a roofing project at the Community Center, and moved forward with the Pearisburg Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project, which will benefit the community for years to come. I look forward to continuing to work with staff and the citizens to continuously revitalize and improve the Town and its ability to serve citizens.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Giles High School cheering on the Spartan Boys and Girls basketball teams. As always, be sure to let me know if I can be of any help or answer any questions about the Town.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

Pearisburg Community Market

The Pearisburg Community Market has just ended its third season. The 2017 season was packed with many events including outdoor concerts each month, children's art activities, food trucks, civic groups and churches providing breakfasts and dinners, and wonderful vendors. We can't recap the market season without mentioning the two annual children's pageants, the back-to-school

Our market has been a huge success and this is in part to the relationships we have built with Katherine's Royal Pageants, the Extension Office, and our numerous vendors. We are so thankful for all of the citizens who come to the Market each month. We are already planning the 2018 market season events and can't wait to see you there!

What can you do in the winter while the market is closed? So glad you asked! Follow us on facebook/pearisburgcommunitymarket to learn more about our plans and to discover special events that the market will hold during the winter and early spring months. These events can also be found on www.pearisburg.org.

Sugar Run Meats will also be taking pre-orders for their meats. You can find them on facebook/sugarrunmeats to place your order. They will deliver to the Pearisburg Community Center on the first Saturday of each month, beginning December 2, from 9-10 a.m.

Pearisburg Public Library

Warm up at the Pearisburg Library this winter! Join us for Coffee Chats on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy coffee, tea, cider, or hot chocolate. Discover the library's newest titles and activities, including jigsaw puzzles and coloring pages.

Bored? The Teen Advisory Board meets on the first Wednesday every month at 4 p.m. Help build the teen collection and shape future activities at the library! The next meeting will be held on December 6 at 4 p.m.

Be sure to check out plenty of reading material for the Christmas holiday. For the Christmas holiday, the library will close at 12 noon on Friday, December 22 and reopen on Wednesday, December 27.

Finally, kick off the New Year by joining the Library Book Club! The book club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. (except for December). Join us in reading "A Fatal Likeness" by Lynn Shepherd in January and "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney in February.

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

THE PEARISBURG
COMMUNITY MARKET
INVITES YOU TO
A



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

READING
OF: THE
TRUE GIFT,
SNACKS,
CRAFTS AND
MORE!

10 am - Noon

December 16, 2017

Pearisburg Community Center

This event is FREE but
registration is appreciated!
Call 921-0340 to register.

PosterMyWall.com



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



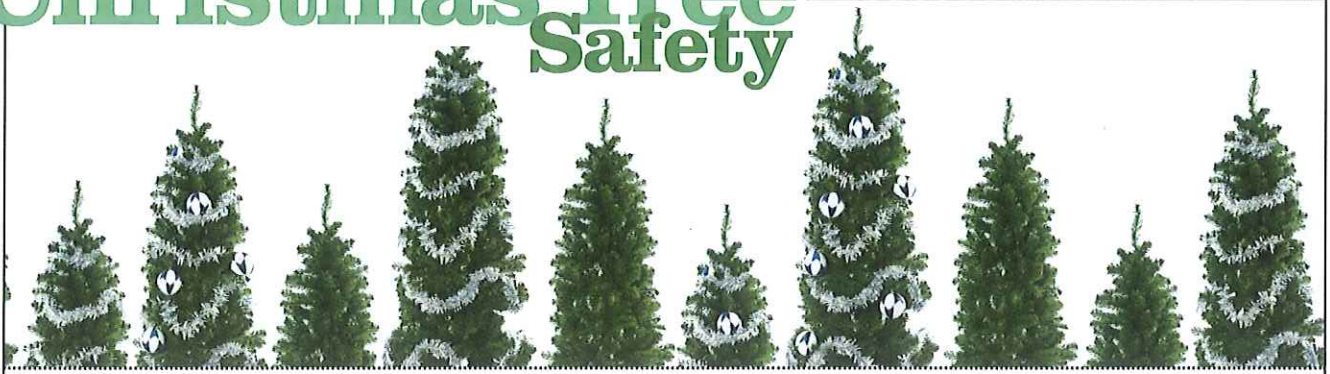
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Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



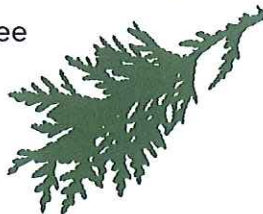
PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **One quarter** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



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PUT A THERMOMETER ON FREEZE WINTER FIRES

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Heating equipment **1** in every **6** is involved in reported **home fires** and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



Keep anything that can burn at least

3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/

