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A New Voice for the New River Valley

Congratulations to Pearisburg Councilman Jason Ballard on becoming the New 12th District Delegate.





2021 ELECTION RESULTS



Pearisburg Town Council, General Election

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Kristi D. Eaton	715	30.28%
Amanda D.M. Davis	616	26.09%
Cathy M. Clark	536	22.70%
Cassie Martin Griffith	483	20.46%
Write In	11	0.47%

Pearisburg Town Council, Special Election

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Gary L. Fields, Sr.	749	66.52%
Frank C. Tanner	373	33.13%
Write In	4	0.36%

Pearisburg Mayor

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Robert L. Dickerson	1,064	98.52%
Write In	16	1.48%

Welcome New Council Members: Gary L. Fields, Sr. & Amanda Davis!

Susie Journell will not seek re-election to Town Council

Article taken from the *Virginian Leader*, Oct. 27, 2021 Issue

Pearisburg Town Councilwoman, Susie Journell has announced she will not be seeking re-election to her Council position in the upcoming November election. Journell stated, "I have had the distinct honor and privilege of serving on Pearisburg Town Council for the last eight years. I have made lots of new friends, renewed old acquaintances, and had the opportunity to be part of many positive and progressive changes in our town. Now is the appropriate time for me to step aside and allow someone else to serve."

"It has been a pleasure to work with our town employees, Town Manager Todd Meredith, James Hartley, my fellow Council members, Mayor Dickerson, and other town and county officials. I am most Thankful for the wonderful citizens of Pearisburg for the support and input given to me over these past few years. I shall never forget my time on Council and wish the very best for my successor. I would urge each and every eligible citizen to get out and vote on November 2nd. Thank you again for the honor of serving the beautiful Town of Pearisburg."



Susie Journell

Journell will leave office December 31, 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 PEARISBURG SCARECROW CONTEST WINNERS:

1st Place Overall - Thompson & Litton
2nd Place Overall - Castle Rock Insurance
3rd Place Overall - Simply Charming Boutique

1st Place Best Business Theme - Dr. Harris' Office
2nd Place Best Business Theme - Virginian Leader
3rd Place Best Business Theme - University Physical Therapy

1st Place Best Traditional Scarecrow - Carilion Giles Hospital
2nd Place Best Traditional Scarecrow - Giles Republican Committee
3rd Place Best Traditional Scarecrow - Birchlawn Burial Park

Thank you to all who participated!



Pearisburg Parks and Recreation News



Mountain Lake Lodge and Mountain Lake Conservancy Grant

The Town is most appreciative for being awarded this grant to construct a new full-sized basketball court to replace the one located in front of the Community Center. The current court, known as “the slab,” will be replaced with an improved playing venue for the town’s youth and adults. This project is being completed through a partnership with Stateson Homes and Beltway Concrete, LLC.

Final Improvements to the Small Baseball Field

A new scoreboard has been ordered and will be installed on the small baseball field, located beside the Pearisburg Public Library, in the coming weeks.

Parks and Recreation Revitalization Project

A drainage system, new infield fencing, upgrades to the dugouts, and the installation of a new scoreboard will begin this winter. We anticipate that all work will be completed prior to the beginning of the Spring season.

Sports: Upcoming Registrations

- Co-Ed Basketball (Kindergarten- 3rd grade): registration will open in late December
- Girls Basketball (grades 4-7): registration will open after the co-ed season has begun!
- Boys Basketball, grades 4th-7th, Registration from 10/25 – 11/12

Pearisburg Public Library

Warm up to the library this season! We have plenty to offer and are open regular hours! Please remember that masks are required inside the library. Can't wear a mask? That's okay – we are happy to serve you curbside!

If you're thinking about reading more in the new year, why not join a book club? The Giles County Bookworms is a county-wide book club that meets every third Tuesday of the month! Join us in December to discuss *Comfort and Joy* by Kristen Hannah. Follow the group on Facebook @gilescountybookworms to join and get the latest info on what we're reading!

Did you know that you can now renew books online? The library recently transitioned to a new online catalog system: Evergreen. Patrons can create their own accounts, renew materials online, place holds for items, and keep track of their borrowing history. Find the new catalog on the library's website at www.pearisburglibrary.org to search online or set up your account.

As always, be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram @pearisburgpubliclibrary for the latest information about upcoming library events, programs, and more!

Upcoming Holiday Closures for the Town of Pearisburg

Wednesday, November 24 - Close at Noon

Thursday, November 25 - CLOSED

Friday, November 26 - CLOSED

Thursday, December 23 - CLOSED

Friday, December 24 - CLOSED

Friday, December 31 – CLOSED



Payment Information: We have a drop box located outside the Town Office.

Pay by phone (1-844-410-6795) or online at www.pearisburg.org

Thank you in advance for your caring support!

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



Pro Home Construction LLC
Hale St.

Golden GiGi Ceramics
502 Wenonah Ave.

Angel Grace Chiropractic
513 Wenonah Ave

Simply Charming Boutique
110 S Main St.

Dough-Dees
Ice Cream Truck-VariouS Locations

Stones Lawn & Tree Care
214 Fairview Ave.

K9 Klips
117A S Main St.

JJ & Co. Apparel
117B S Main St.

Sugar & Flour, LLC
129 S Main St.

Tawney's Appliance Service
512 Wenonah Ave.

Domino's Pizza
165 Kinter Way

Ape-Man's Collectables & IT Repair
121 South Main St.



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

It Takes YOU to Start a Trend.

**Support the LOCAL Businesses who Support the Area Where You LIVE,
WORK, and PLAY!!!**

The Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club 36th Annual Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 4, 2021

First United Methodist Church Pearisburg

Breakfast served 8:00am until 10:30am

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

Children 2 and under eat free.

Tickets may be purchased at the Pearisburg Town Hall, Pearisburg Library, or from any PJWC member.

Don't forget your camera!!!



Home for the Holidays

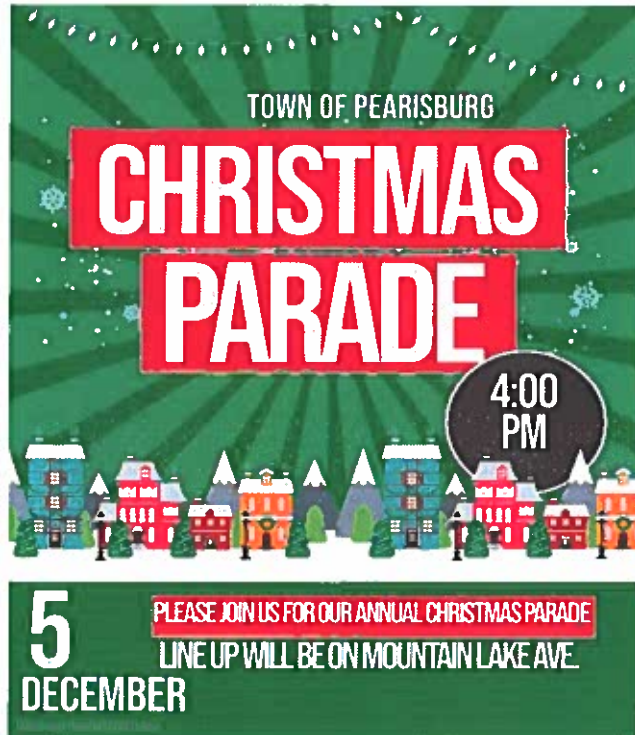
Pearisburg Jr. Woman's Club asks for your help to provide food bags for children of Giles County. Sadly, many in our community depend on school meals, our goal is to ensure they do not go without during winter break.

* 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: P.O. Box 3, Pearisburg, VA 24134 with HFTH in the memo
 - Have your business or employer provide a corporate donation of any amount
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2. Assemble your own bag and drop it off with a PJWC member or at the Pearisburg Town Hall by **December 10, 2021**. 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 | |



Please Join Us for Our Annual Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 5

4:00 P.M.

Parade route will be:

Start on Mtn. Lake Ave.

Left on Main St.

Left on Wenonah Ave.

Left on French St.

Left on Mtn. Lake Ave.



New Holiday Light Trail

Starting December 11 from 5-8 p.m.

Join us for a Holiday Light Trail kick-off event on December 11! Shop vendors from 12-5 p.m. and don't miss story time with Santa from 2-4 p.m.

Vendors needed. If you are interested, please call Hope at (540) 921-1222 or email at harrell@pearisburg.org

We will have hot chocolate & treats on the weekends of December 11, 17, and 18 at the concession stand in the park.

This will be a walking trail only.

The trail will start at the Senior Center and will continue along the walking trail and end at the concession stand in the park at KJ.

Don't miss it!

Pearisburg Police Dept. Calls and Arrests

January - Mid-October



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	13
RECKLESS DRIVING	71
SPEEDING	645
OTHER MOVING VIOLATIONS	178
NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS	691
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED	84
FELONIES	72
MISDEAMENOR	164
INTOXICATED IN PUBLIC	6
GENERAL CALLS	2169
DOMESTIC CALLS	120
LARCENIES	65
ANIMAL RELATED	47
ASSAULTS	28
JUVENILE INCIDENTS	69
NOISE COMPLAINTS	26
MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORTS	30
DRUG ARRESTS	43
TRESSPASSING	24
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES	90
ALARMS ANSWERED	79
ASSIST MOTORISTS	82
ASSIST FIRE & RESCUE	64
ASSIST OTHER POLICE AGENCIES	97
DOORS/WINDOWS UNSECURED	53
NIGHTLY BUSINESS CHECKS	31,027
PARKING FINES & COURT FEES	\$44,659.47
MILES DRIVEN BY OFFICERS	70,488
FUEL USED	5,566 Gallons
HOURS SPENT IN TRAINING	517 Hours
COMMUNITY POLICING HOURS	535 Hours

2021 Pearisburg Community Market Update



The Community Market was held again this summer on the front lawn of the Community Center. We enjoyed welcoming everyone to shop, eat, and listen to live music. We want to thank each of our fantastic vendors, who took their time to set up with a variety of special, handmade items - whether it was homemade chow chow, chocolate cheesecake, wooden keepsakes, or home decor items. There was something for everyone. Please follow our Facebook page - Pearisburg Community Market and stay up to date for our 2022 opening night. Thank you for supporting our local endeavors!

Follow Us for Updates



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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. ***

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



Donations Needed: Pearisburg Police Department & FOCUS to host Community Kids Christmas

Help make a difference to a child in your community this year! The Pearisburg Police Department and FOCUS (Focus on Community Utilizing Services) are hosting a Community Kids Christmas for local families.

Donations of new toys, crafts, gift cards, etc. are needed. Anyone wanting to participate may drop off unwrapped donations at the Pearisburg Police Department, located at 1611 Wenonah Ave.

All donations are due by Friday, December 17.

Please contact Officer Cohen or April Williams at (540) 921-0340 or (540) 921-1222 with questions or to schedule a drop-off/pick-up.

Help us give the kids in our community a magical Christmas!

Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System Assessment

The Town is working with Thompson & Litton to assess the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System. The scope of this project is twofold. The first objective is to determine the available capacity based on Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) calculations for anticipated peak demand. This work will include the following: a survey of up to 50 manholes; preparation of a hydraulic model of the entire collection system; and open channel flow metering for up to two months. The second objective is to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) in association with the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Completing the PER will include an evaluation of the following: headworks; primary clarifiers; rotating biological contactors (RBCs); secondary clarifiers; ultraviolet disinfection; digestors; dewatering; and the identification of the pros and cons associated with keeping RBCs versus utilizing sequenced batch reactors (SBRs). We look forward to working with Thompson & Litton on the continual assessment and improvement of the Town's infrastructure.

Photo Contest

The Town of Pearisburg held a photo contest this summer over social media and asked for photos of our wonderful little town. Photos were uploaded to Facebook and the photo with the most votes would be the winner. The winner received a \$50 gift certificate to any restaurant located in the Town of Pearisburg and was also featured on the Town's website and Facebook page.

And the WINNER is... 1st place Jeremy Hundley, 2nd place Stacie Whetzel, and 3rd place Chris Lang. Congratulations to our WINNERS and stay tuned for more photo contests in the future.





Mayor's Corner

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying this very active Fall season. It has been wonderful seeing so many Spartan fans cheering on the GHS football and volleyball teams. Hopefully, we will be celebrating more championships in the near future.

Please join me in congratulating the winners of this fall's local elections. I am excited to welcome Amanda Davis and Gary Fields to the Town Council. While Jason Ballard will be missed on the Town Council, I am excited to congratulate him on being elected to represent the 12th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. He will be a wonderful asset to the residents of the Town of Pearisburg and surrounding communities. Frank Tanner has been appointed to fill the vacancy and will do a wonderful job. Finally, I would like to wish Susie Journell the very best in her retirement. For eight years she has served the community with honor and dedication. Her voice and presence will be missed.

The Town Council and staff are planning many exciting events for the community this holiday season. Recently, scenes of a new reality show named "The Real Dirty Dancing" was filmed at the Community Center. This show will air on FOX soon. The Town will post more promotional information as it becomes available. We will be hosting the Holiday Lights Trail beginning on December 11. Please come out and celebrate the holiday season with us.

Several projects will begin in the coming weeks and months. We will be renovating the large baseball field located beside the Community Center. A drainage system, new infield fencing, and a new scoreboard will be installed. A new scoreboard will also be installed on the small baseball field.

The Town has received a grant from Mountain Lake Lodge and Mountain Lake Conservancy to replace the existing basketball court located at the Community Center near Wenonah Avenue. This basketball court has been used by the youth in our community for many years. I am excited to build a new court that will continue to serve our community. The new court will be regulation size, have much improved goals and rims, and will include benches.

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



Robert L. Dickerson

Mayor