



Town of PEARISBURG Virginia

Spring / Summer 2021 Newsletter

Pearisburg Festival in the Park Celebrates 36th Year

Up until now, for 35 years, guests have merged onto the Pearisburg Community Center front lawn and surrounding ball fields to enjoy the annual Festival in the Park. That's not entirely true, the event started as 'Festival Around Town' and has since grown into what you see now. This year, the Pearisburg Festival in the Park celebrates its 36th Anniversary of bringing carnival rides, live entertainment, special activities, vendors, and crafters to this community in Giles County, Virginia. The Festival in the Park Committee and the Pearisburg Town Council are excited to bring this event back this June!



Festival goers can enjoy the bigger, expanded carnival rides beginning on Friday, June 11th at 6 p.m. For Friday night only, wristbands are available for unlimited riding.

Kickoff ceremonies start at 6 p.m. with Cora Gnegy singing The National Anthem. This year's Pearisburg Festival will be dedicated to Judy Harrell. New this year, at 6:30 pm is a Professional Wrestling Exhibition featuring WWE Hall Of Famer, The Boogie Woogie Man, Jimmy Valiant and The Frequency Band takes the stage at 8 pm to close out the night.



A full day of Festival (people who are regular attendees just shorten the name) on Saturday begins with Dance Motion at 10:00 inside in the auditorium. The outside stage hosts the Miss and Mr. Pearisburg Festival 2021 Beauty Pageant at 10:30 am with Registration beginning at 10 am. Tron Nation returns to Festival at 12 noon and will be available for pictures until 1pm.

In addition to the food on the front lawn, guests can browse vendors and crafters. Vendors include long-time attendees and fresh new participants with gifts, novelties, and homemade wares. The Little Critters Petting Zoo will be set up at Festival this year from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday. Games and rides will be open 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday.

There will also be a shuttle service, so no need to worry about parking. Any interested person can park in the municipal parking lot behind the Giles County Courthouse and catch a ride to the Festival. Those at Festival might like to stroll downtown as well. The bus will make a continuous loop throughout Saturday. Ask the driver when the last trip will circle around.

Back on the front lawn guests can bring a chair or find a picnic table or hay bale to listen to the live musical performances. "Live" Entertainment begins at 1:30 pm Saturday with Crystal River Band, followed by David Francisco at 3 pm. Another Festival favorite, Ride N Shotgun Band takes the stage at 3:30 pm. BUT...there's MORE.....New to Festival this year is Hansen-Brown Crossing Band at 5:30 pm. Closing out the night will be 4EVER Classic Band at 8 pm. The evening will cap off with fireworks.

What an awesome two days of community spirit, family fun, live music and great food. For more information on the festival, including sponsorship or vendor applications please contact, the Pearisburg Town Office at 540-921-1222.



Parks^{and} Recreation

Pearisburg Family Aquatic Center:

- The Pool will open for the season on June 5th. 2021!
- Admissions: \$3.00 for 12:00pm-6:00pm
- Pool Parties will be available! Please call 540-921-ADIP (2347) for reservations!
- The roof has been replaced and upgrades have been started to the concession stand and locker rooms.
- Water Aerobics will be offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am-10:00am
- At this time, swim lessons will be unavailable in accordance with Covid-19 Regulations

T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Softball and Baseball:

- Practices and Games are in full swing!
- Come by and watch the kids of Pearisburg play America's Pastime
- Prepackage concessions are available for purchase

Upcoming:

- Flag Football, Volleyball and Fall Ball are the next round of sports coming at the end of Summer! Keep an eye out on our Facebook Page for registration dates!



It's Yard Sale Season

If you plan on having a yard sale in the Town of Pearisburg, you must purchase a permit for a fee of \$2.00

The Town policy allows each resident to have three (3) yard sales per year.

Please remember to remove all signs once the sale is over.

We have our very own Home Town Hero!!!!

PEARISBURG, W. VA. (WVVA) - In 2020, many events across the country were cancelled.

In Pearisburg Virginia, Hope Harrell worked to ensure community events continued, uninterrupted by the pandemic.



"It was heart breaking to cancel some of our yearly traditions that have been going on for so many years, so anything that we could do safely and to make it fun for the community just to give them some kind of normal life during a crazy time," said Harrell.

Harrell found a way to make those events work within pandemic protocols for safety.

"Everything was socially distant in vehicles, mostly drive throughs, so it was a lot of fun to try to plan those actually," said Harrell.

Keeping these events on schedule was important to her because she wanted to give the community a sense of normalcy and joy.

"2020 was a hard year on everybody, um it was a hard year on our town, on our citizens on our businesses, any thing I could do to make that a little better, or some happier times, was worth my time," said Harrell.

Harrell said she thinks the community was thankful for the town keeping these events alive and giving them a reason to not have to stay at home.

"We still were able to do several events, people loved them, we had so much feedback on how great it was, people thanking us, and trying to do something for everybody," said Harrell.

One event they continued to do was the scarecrow decorating contest downtown.

It allowed local businesses to advertise safely downtown, even if the traditional festival couldn't take place.

She said it boosted business, despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic.

"We have several new businesses that we've added this year, so hopefully we can get back to doing the street festival and having people visit our downtown," said Harrell. "Just having the scarecrows last year, was a reason for people to get out and see our businesses and be able to advertise them a little bit and help them out."

Harrell said she is looking forward to hosting events as normal this year, as this year, continuing events has a larger purpose for her.

"So, I lost my mom in February, she passed away, um it's been really hard for me, so a lot of what I'm doing now, I wanna do in her memory," said Harrell. "She loved my events and loved coming to those, so I want to make sure I keep those going for her."

It isn't just the loss of her mom that inspires her to keep events going, but it's for everyone who experienced loss during the pandemic.

"A lot of people have lost loved ones, so just to bring some kind of joy back to their lives, again and the normal feeling, uh whatever I can do, to help with that," said Harrell.

She said she doesn't do it alone, but she gets it done with the help of everyone she works with; adding, their main motivation is the love for the community they call home.

"I love the community that I'm in, I wanna give back whenever I can, it's just something that I've always felt passionate about to make sure that we make Pearisburg great it's a great place to live, we want to showcase it," said Harrell.

And that's what makes Hope Harrell a hometown hero.

Small Businesses in Pearisburg are eligible for a jointly established, regional \$1.6 million fund, known as the *New River Valley Small Business Relief Program*.



NRV Small Business Relief Program

Applications are being accepted now.

Up to **\$15,000** for businesses located in Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, & Pulaski counties
Not including Blacksburg, Christiansburg, or the City of Radford

Learn more & apply at gilescounty.org/grants

The goal of the program is to support the region's small business recovery and resiliency efforts following the COVID19 outbreak. Funds for this program have been provided by Virginia's Department of Housing and Community Development as part of a Community Development Block Grant award to assist localities mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the regional economy. Funds of up to **\$15,000** are being provided to eligible businesses within the region to offset business impacts. This program will be administered by Giles County, on behalf of its neighboring communities, under the oversight of a regional Application Review Committee and Project Management Team. All information can be found at GilesCounty.org/grants

Pearisburg Public Library



Exciting things are happening at the Pearisburg Public Library!

The library is open to the public and operating on regular hours! Masks are required. Curbside service is available for those unable to wear a mask.

Don't miss outdoor story time on Friday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m.! Bring a blanket to sit on and join Ms. Linda for a very special morning.

Looking to join a book club? The Giles County Bookworms is a county-wide book club that meets every month in the library reading garden! Follow the group on Facebook @gilescountybookworms to join and get the latest info on what we're reading! In May, the Bookworms will discuss Bridget Jones's Diary by Helen Fielding. Then, join us for "Jane in June" as we read and discuss Persuasion by Jane Austen. We hope you can join us! As always, be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram @pearisburgpubliclibrary for the latest information about upcoming library events, programs, and more! You can also search the online catalog and find lists of new titles at www.pearisburglibrary.org.

The Community Market is Back!!

On Friday, June 18th, the Pearisburg Community Market will return for the 2021 season with **MUSIC AT THE MARKET!**



Join us on the front lawn of the Community Center to enjoy food, vendors, live music...even a free children's craft activity! Beginning at 5:00pm, plan to spend your evening with us. Ridin' Shotgun, Bluegrass BBQ, Narrows Masonic Lodge (hotdogs & burgers), JBR Vineyards, and many local vendors will be set up. Hope to see you at the Market! Follow the Market on Facebook (search: Pearisburg Community Market) or look for posts on the Town of Pearisburg Facebook page. If you would like to be a Vendor this season, please call 540-921-0340 for information.

WHITT RIVERBEND PARK



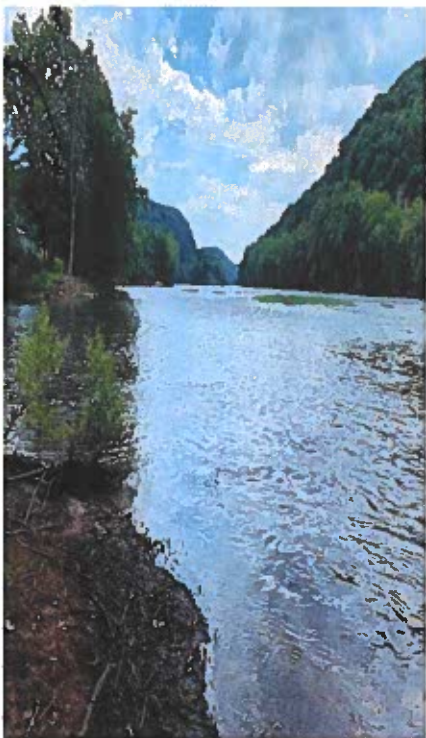
Do you like to primitive camp? Whitt-Riverbend Park features 28 acres on the New River. The Park is open to the general public for fishing, taking leisurely walks on the paved walking trail or river bottom trail, picnicking, canoeing and camping. The Park features nearly a mile of river frontage. It is located at the junction of Walkers Creek and the New River.

We have 7 primitive campsites available at \$5.00 per person, per night.



Each campsite has a picnic table and a designated fire pit area.

We also have a 20 x 24 shelter that can be reserved for cookouts, reunions, birthday parties, etc. You can rent the shelter for just \$25.00 a day. Check out some pictures of this beautiful hidden gem in Pearisburg. Contact the Town Office at 540-921-0340 and reserve your spot today





**Congratulations
to the Giles High
School Lady
Spartans
Volleyball Team**



STATE CHAMPIONS!!!!



**ANNOUNCING THE
LAUNCH OF THE
NEW TOWN WEBSITE**

The Town Clerk's Office is excited to announce the launch of the new Town Website that will be available for citizens in July. The new site URL is www.pearisburg.org.

Our goal is to provide citizens and visitors of Pearisburg a fresh new website that is easy to navigate and access information. Once the site goes live check out some of our new features.

The new website will have quick access menu options and buttons to find where to pay for online services, locate forms and applications among other new features planned for the future.

Follow @TownofPearisburg Facebook page for updates on when the new website will be live.

Pearisburg Police Department

Reporting Stats January-May 2021



• Driving Under the Influence	4
• Reckless Driving	20
• Speeding	211
• Driving While Suspended	35
• Seatbelts	7
• Felonies	40
• Misdemeanors	50
• General Calls for Service	901
• Domestic Calls	45
• Larceny	33
• Animal Related	20
• Assault	11
• Juvenile Incidents	19
• Noise Complaints	10
• Breaking and Entering	2
• Illegal Drugs	25
• Trespassing	9
• Traffic Accidents	48
• Alarms	45
• Assist Motorist	31
• Assist Fire and Rescue	38
• Assist Other Agencies	45
• Doors Found Unlocked	12
• Business Checks at Night	13,488
• Traffic Control	53
• Parking Fines Received	\$625.00
• Court Fines Received	\$13,524.75
• Miles Driven by Officers	14,932
• Gallons of Gasoline Used	1,147



Water for Swimming Pools

Summer is almost here. As you begin to fill your pools with water for some fun in the sun, please remember to come into the Town Office to check out the water meter to measure the amount of water used. Using the provided water meter from the Town is the only way to get the adjustment on your bill. Meters help the Town to ensure accurate billing for your water service.



If you would like to stay up to date on your local news and events, please follow us on social media and visit us online at www.pearisburg.org

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***We are very responsive to messages, so please message us on Messenger if you have any questions or concerns. ***

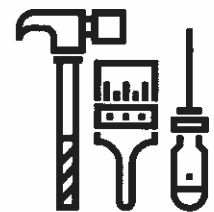
New Picnic Shelter at The Community Center

Thanks to a generous donation from the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club, we are constructing a new picnic shelter beside the children's playground. We look forward to opening it to the public in the coming weeks.



Improvements to Town Recreation Facilities

A new roof has been placed on the Town's pool house and the locker rooms have been repainted. We have removed a section of concrete bleachers next to the large baseball field that was in disrepair and have begun making improvements to the existing bleachers. We are making plans to complete further improvements to the large field and surrounding areas in the coming fall.



We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy some relaxation at the pool. We also encourage everyone to attend the little league baseball and softball games this summer.

Brush & Misc. Pickup

Did you know that if you live in the Town of Pearisburg, we offer Brush and Miscellaneous pickup every Friday????
What is a miscellaneous pickup? This means we pick up furniture, appliances, TV's, Tires, scrap metal, yard debris and leaves that have been bagged.



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

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

We DO NOT 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 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.

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.

2nd Friday of the month: 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.

3rd Friday of the month: 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.

This schedule is subject to change during Holidays & Inclement Weather.



Hello everyone,

I want to begin by saying congratulations to our Giles High School Girls Volleyball team. You completed a historic run to win the first ever Girls Volleyball State Championship! I invite everyone in the community to join me in congratulating them and helping them celebrate this magnificent achievement.

Thank you to all our community members who have been supportive of our local businesses, schools, and governmental offices throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Your patience and caring actions to protect fellow residents is inspiring and has placed our community in a position to make a strong and quick recovery. As restrictions continue to ease, I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at community and sports events soon.

Members of the Town Council and staff have been working on many projects throughout the winter months. We have added a water drainage system to the small baseball field beside the library, replaced the roof on the Town pool, begun renovating the large baseball field area, begun installing a living mosaic beside the Town Pool, and have worked with the Pearisburg Junior Woman's Club to install a new picnic shelter in the children's playground. We are making preparations to begin adding a drainage system to the large baseball field and renovations to the PATs building in the coming fall and winter months. I hope these improvements encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the beauty that Pearisburg has to offer.

I am especially pleased to welcome the following businesses to the Town of Pearisburg: Tawney's Appliance Service; Simply Charming Boutique; Domino's Pizza; JJ and Co. Apparel; Pro Home Construction LLC; Golden GiGi Ceramics; and Stones Lawn & Tree Care. Please join me in supporting all our local business by shopping and buying local.

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

Robert L. Dickerson

Mayor