

TOWN OF RICH CREEK

"The Gateway to Giles County"

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2017



"REMEMBERING GARY EATON"



"Gary was one of the most incredible persons I have worked with. His positive attitude and outgoing personality have done more for the Town than could be imagined. May the example he gave, be long lived and especially, appreciated." ~Pam Kantsios, SR

"Gary was an extraordinary man. Donnie and I enjoyed working with him year after year during Autumnfest. Gary's life was a life of service, love and compassion, which is missed by many." ~Donnie & Sue Bradley

"In the years of my working with Gary, I was impressed with his concern for the Town, the citizens and businesses and how he always showed great concern for the Town employees, even when often working with a very limited budget. He was never ashamed to show his Christian belief and its impact in changing the lives of those he met for the better. Even though we may not always agree 100% with everything someone says or does, I can say that anyone who has ever worked with Gary knows that he always had the best interest in mind for his community" ~Leon Billos

"It was a pleasure knowing and working with Gary and he will be missed."
~Town Employees

"We have lost a true leader and a true servant of his fellow man. Gary's entire life has been a picture of service. To his family, to his friends, to his country, to his town, to his county, and most importantly to God. Having served in some official community role since Vietnam, he has given more than 50 years. I had the pleasure of knowing him for more than 30 years. First in the form of an elder in our church. We used to play basketball every Tuesday night in the gym at Rich Creek. It was here that I learned Gary believed in the principle of no blood, no foul, and to never mistake his kindness for weakness. Later I had the pleasure of working with him in official capacities where I found him to be exactly like he was as an elder. He was a gentleman, always willing to listen, but not easily persuaded, steady, always moving forward, yet patient and gentle. I think there is no greater compliment that I could offer than to tell you that Gary epitomizes 1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." ~Chris McKlarney

"Gary will be remembered for his many contributions to his community. He was of the finest character and it was a privilege knowing and working with him through the Town of Rich Creek. He always had a smile and a kind word for all."
~Anna Wheeler

"I always had a lot of respect for Gary and thought of him as my friend. I never saw him angry even when things got a little out of hand at meetings. He was considerate of other people when he served as Mayor, a Council member, an officer of the Lion's Club and personally. He was a courteous and friendly man, a good friend to all." ~Carl Hazelwood

"I worked with Gary 25+ years and have known him since when I was a child when his daughter, Dina, and I were best friends in elementary school. He was one of the finest people that I have had the pleasure of working with and he always had a kind and encouraging word to say. He loved Rich Creek and I will always remember what a great friend and person he was." ~Pam Kantsios

"Gary was a wonderful friend and I enjoyed serving on Town Council and in the Rich Creek Lion's Club, with him, for many years. He was a great leader and loved Rich Creek. I will miss our times talking about everything happening in Rich Creek, Giles County, etc. He was a great Christian man and I will miss him." ~Joe Moore

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- ◆ The week of April 3-7, 2017 was set for Spring Clean-Up Week
- ◆ Phase IIIA of the Downtown Enhancement Project was advertised for bids.
- ◆ Council approved advertising for RFP's for equipment and financing
- ◆ After recommendation by the Rich Creek Planning Commission, Town Council adopted the 5-Year Comprehensive Plan, pending final approval by VDOT of the transportation section.
- ◆ Mrs. Tressia Lambert was re-elected to serve on the Rich Creek Board of Zoning Appeals.
- ◆ Budget Workshop set for April 24, 2017
- ◆ A Resolution was approved to move forward in discussing negotiations with Giles County with respect to a boundary adjustment agreement
- ◆ The 2017-2018 Budget was approved.
- ◆ A 10-year agreement was approved between the Town of Rich Creek and the Rich Creek Lion's Club/Gentry's Landing Campground
- ◆ Due to the proposed construction downtown to begin mid-Summer on Phase IIIA, Council agreed to cancel the Rich Creek Merchant's Autumn Festival
- ◆ Council agreed to reimburse the General Fund for the recent upgrades to Woodland Park with the Recreational CD Funds, given by the Rich Creek Lion's Club/Gentry's Landing proceeds
- ◆ Mr. Stuart Helm was re-appointed to serve on the Giles County PSA Board of Directors for Rich Creek and Mayor Bill Kantsios was re-appointed as an alternate.
- ◆ Council approved a joint loan agreement between the Town and Giles County, with the National Bank, to fund a \$100,000 Grant that will be awarded by the Giles County Industrial Development Authority to English Meadows Elks Home Campus, LLC, to assist with expenses they will incur with start-up operations of the assisted living facility.
- ◆ The DMV Stop fee increase was approved, from \$35 to \$40
- ◆ Council agreed to participate in the Giles County Wellness Trail campaign to encourage cardiovascular activity by utilizing the walking trails in the county.
- ◆ Council approved the purchase of a 2017 Case 580 Super N Backhoe with attachments (\$100,000)
- ◆ Phase IIIA bids came in above budget, so Council elected to proceed with design work on Phase IIIB and then rebid the Phase IIIA & Phase IIIB as one project.
- ◆ Council approved the purchase of budgeted parts & equipment for the Glen Creek STP (\$14,910), Midway Pump Station (\$8,580), Rich Creek Pump Station (\$18,657), and Town Shop (\$5,000)

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS-Cont'd

- ◆ Council accepted a \$70,000 Grant from SRCAP, to fund the expenses related to correcting infiltration problems in private lines that feed into the Town's Sewer System
- ◆ Council voted to proceed with advertising an amended Gun Ordinance for a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11.
- ◆ The 2017/2018 Panel of Physician's for Workman's Compensation Insurance was approved.
- ◆ Town Council accepted the loan quote from BB & T for financing of the new backhoe.
- ◆ Council approved advertising for RFP's for Computer/Network services and for a Surveillance System at Woodland Park and the Rich Creek Community Center
- ◆ A Proclamation, proclaiming the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week, presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution, was approved by Council.
- ◆ Council approved the VRS Life Insurance plan for all full-time employees.

WATER SYSTEM REPORT

- ◆ Current leak loss-9% Leak detection on-going.
- ◆ The final few radio read water meters have been installed, completing the project (464 meters installed) Great job guys!!
- ◆ 275' of 2-inch plastic pipe and 300' of ¾" water line was installed on Jefferson Street



Would you like to see golf carts allowed to be operated on the Residential Streets of Rich Creek?

Town Council has been asked to consider allowing golf carts to be operated within the town limits.

Town Council has chosen to request input from the citizens of the Town of Rich Creek, to see if there is enough interest, before moving forward with the expense of drafting and advertising a Golf Cart Use Ordinance.

Are you in support of or against the use of golf carts being operated in the residential areas of Rich Creek?

Please contact the Rich Creek Town Office by any of the following ways:

540-726-3260 townofrichcreek@wvva.net

Town of Rich Creek, P.O. Box 65, Rich Creek, VA 24147



**RICH CREEK
VOLUNTEER
FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

THANK YOU to this group of men who volunteer many hours of their time, to protect the Rich Creek community and the surrounding areas.

If you are interested in becoming a fire fighter and you live in the Rich Creek, Glen Lyn, Narrows, or Peterstown area, we hope you will come and join this fine group of men! **Meetings are held every Monday evening at 7:00 PM at the Fire Hall.**

Any monetary donations, in support of the Rich Creek Fire Department, are greatly appreciated and may be accepted anytime and can be mailed to:

**Treasurer, RCVFD, P.O Box 311,
Rich Creek, VA 24147.**

REMINDER: When burning leaves, keep in mind there are NO open fires permitted within the corporate limits of Rich Creek, between the hours of 12:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Sunday through Friday. No burning is allowed during periods of an emergency when the County Director of Emergency Services, upon recommendation of the State, determines that the land of the county has become so dry as to create a serious fire hazard that may endanger lives and property.



GILES COUNTY PSA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR GARBAGE PICK-UP

921-2525

Holidays observed by the Giles County PSA:

- COLUMBUS DAY
- THANKSGIVING DAY
- CHRISTMAS DAY



If the holiday falls during the week, the trash pick-up will be delayed a day. For instance: Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesdays trash will be picked up on Wednesday, etc.

THE WINTER HOURS FOR THE CONVENIENCE CENTERS ARE 7AM UNTIL 6PM.

****NOTICE****

If you have a problem with your water/sewer service after hours, on a holiday, or over the weekend, please contact the Giles County Sheriff's Department at

540-921-3842

An employee of the Rich Creek Public Works Department will then be dispatched promptly to address the problem.

During working hours, contact the Town Office at

540-726-3260

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE-ANY CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.RICHCREEK.ORG

The Town Offices will be closed the following days:

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| October 9 | Columbus Day |
| November 10 | Veteran's Day |
| November 23 & 24 | Thanksgiving |
| December 25 & 26 | Christmas |

The Rich Creek Town Council meets every 2nd Monday at 6:00 PM at the Rich Creek Town Hall.

*The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, due to Columbus Holiday.



Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 5.

The Town of Rich Creek is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866)632-9992 to request the form.

IS YOUR 911 ADDRESS POSTED?

It is very important that you post your 911 address and it is also required by law.

WHY?

- So emergency medical services, police and fire department can locate your residence/location quickly

HOW?

- Your 911 address needs to be posted clearly & visible; preferably in 4" tall reflective letters/numbers on your home and also at your drive way, on a four inch by four inch square post, so that it is visible from any direction by emergency personnel.

FALL is in the air!

As the temperature gets cooler and the leaves begin to fall, keep in mind that there is a drop off site provided for residents to dispose of their brush and leaves.

For more information or any questions, please contact the Town Office at (540) 726-3260.



Rich Creek Public Library

Do you like to read??? Come check out all the great books at the Rich Creek Public Library!

If you are looking for a great cookbook, we still have a few "Cooking with Friends" of the Rich Creek Library cookbooks available!



\$10 each



RICH CREEK POLICE REPORT

(March 2017-September 2017)

Criminal/Narcotics Investigations: 18 Accidents worked: 6
Animal complaints: 5 Assist to citizens: 8 Court activities: 78
Fire/Rescue calls: 12 Traffic activities: 40
Arrest made: 23 (many of those arrested were on multiple charges)
Est. fine money awarded this reporting period: \$3,125

Telephone scams are still being reported in our area. Please make sure that you NEVER give out any personal or banking information to anyone you do not personally know, over the telephone.

Just a friendly reminder regarding the use of Golf Carts and ATVs on the roadway. It is not only a violation of Rich Creek Town Ordinance, but also a violation of State Law to operated a Golf Cart or an ATV on a public roadway.



Also, please make sure that you keep your dogs/cats from running at-large. The Rich Creek Town Council has received numerous complaints regarding these animals running at-large in the Town.



If you have any questions or need to contact me for a non-emergency, please call 726-3643.

For any emergencies, always call **911**.

TOWN ELECTIONS

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Town elections for three seats on the Rich Creek Town Council will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the Rich Creek Community Center.

Current Mayor William "Bill" Kantsios is running unopposed and incumbents, Mrs. Darlene French and Mr. Mark Clemons, will be on the ballot, as well as Mrs. Joyce Crawford and Mr. Marty Gautier.

Please come out and cast your vote on Tuesday, November 7th!



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