



TOWN OF RICH CREEK

"The Gateway to Giles County"

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2017

Town of Rich Creek Boundary Adjustment

Town Council's responses to the questions and concerns that were raised at the December 6, 2016 Community Meeting, regarding the Rich Creek Boundary Expansion, is available on our website at

www.richcreek.org

or a copy may be picked up at the Rich Creek Town Office.

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:

April 14 Good Friday
May 29 Memorial Day

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

Other days to remember:

March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 20 1st Day of Spring
April 16 Easter Sunday
May 14 Mother's Day



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 12 for Daylight Savings time.



NOTICE

If you are a pet owner in the Town of Rich Creek, please be advised that per Rich Creek Town Code of Ordinances:

§90.059: RUNNING AT LARGE

Dogs and cats shall not be permitted to run at large in the Town at any time.

(Ordinance 04-01 Passed 11/10/2004)

Penalty for 1st Offense \$35, Penalty for 2nd Offense and any subsequent offenses \$50 each



WOODLAND PARK PICNIC SHELTERS

2 picnic shelters are now available to rent at the park for the 2017 Season (MAY 1-SEPTEMBER 30)

	9-3	4-9	9-9
Shelter A (seating for 145)	\$60	\$50	\$100
*add \$20 for use of Kitchen at Shelter A			
Shelter B (seating for 64)	\$50	\$40	\$80
*hours may be extended on all shelters for an additional \$10 per hour			



2 Large charcoal grills have been installed at the park shelters for family cookouts.

RICH CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER

The community center has a gymnasium and kitchen available, that can be used for birthday parties, dinners, meetings, etc. The facility may be rented for \$15 per hour.

RICH CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER PICNIC SHELTER

	9-3	4-9	9-9
Community Center Shelter C (seating for 60)	\$50	\$40	\$80

For more information or for reservations, contact the Rich Creek Town Office at 726-3260 or townofrichcreek@wvva.net.



These projects were funded, in part, by the Rich Creek Lion's Club. The Town appreciates the continuing support from the Lion's Club on these Town projects!

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS IN RICH CREEK

1946-2016

"MAYORS OF RICH CREEK"



Edgar Spangler
1946



James White
1946-1948
1950-1952



Paul Comer
1948-1950



Thomas Bogges
1952-1956



Charles Leist
1956-1964



John Hansbarger
1964-1968



James Wikle
1968-1971



Roy Kemper
1975-1990



Gary Eaton
1990-2003
2010-2013



Carl Hazelwood
2003-2004



Darlene French
2004-2010



Bill Kantsios
2014-Current



SAME PROPERTY, 70 YEARS LATER

HELP WANTED: The Town of Rich Creek is accepting Resumes for a Contract Laborer position in the Public Works Department. The position involves physical labor in all types of weather conditions and may include work in water, wastewater, streets, and other public works areas.

Please mail Resume to Roger Jones, Town Manager, P.O. Box 65, Rich Creek, VA 24147. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE

TOWN OF RICH CREEK, VIRGINIA
10.00% PEN AFTER 05/15/2017
10.00% INT. BEGINNING 7/01/2017

2016 REAL ESTATE TAX

RATE: .200

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE	TOTAL TAXES
LOTS 13 & 15	90000	
BLK 4		
Improvements	18500	
Annual Tax \$111		137.00
TOTAL NOW DUE		137.00



RICH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The department's air tanks will expire 2019 and they are currently working with other fire departments and Giles County, to acquire Grant/funding to replace the tanks. The Rich Creek department has 30 tanks to replace at a total estimated cost of \$24,000.

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

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

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

If you would like to become a fire fighter and you live in the Rich Creek, Glen Lyn, Narrows, or Peterstown area, **meetings are held every Monday at 7:00 PM.**

OPEN FIRE & OPEN BURNING

If you live in the corporate limits of Rich Creek, Per Rich Creek Town Code §94.01-It shall be unlawful for any person to set an open fire, within the corporate limits of Rich Creek, between the hours of **12:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Sunday through Friday.**

VA Burn Law (February 15-April 30), no burning before 4:00 PM is permitted, if fire is in, or within 300 feet of, woodland, brush land or fields containing dry grass or other flammable material.

Fire Safety Tips

1. Beware of power lines, trees and structures.
2. Clear all flammable materials, such as dry leaves and/or grass, away from the fire.
3. Have water, a shovel and/or rake, available.
4. Keep a cell phone close by in case you need to call for help.
5. Burn when the humidity is high and the wind is calm.
6. Burn between the hours of 4PM and midnight.
7. Stay with the fire until it is completely out.



TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- ◆ Adopted 2017 Panel of Physician's for Worker's Compensation Insurance provider
- ◆ Approved 2017 rates for Woodland Park Shelters and Rich Creek Community Center Shelter.
- ◆ Adopted a "Community Outreach Program" for Rich Creek citizens, organized by Rich Creek Chief of Police, Steve Buckland *see application below
- ◆ Approved purchase of "Children at Play" signs, on North & Spruce Streets -\$350
- ◆ Set date for 2017/2018 Budget Workshop, February 6 at 6:15 PM
- ◆ Appointed Mr. Dale Smith as member of Sunrise Memorial Gardens Cemetery Board of Trustees
- ◆ Scheduled Public Hearing to adopt the Town's 5-Year Comprehensive Plan-Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- ◆ After multiple accidents on Rt. 460 in the past couple of years, the Rich Creek Chief of Police, Steve Buckland; has requested that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) perform another study on the traffic flow on U.S. Rt. 460, in hopeful consideration of lowering the speed limit to a safer speed of 45mph.
- ◆ In consideration of renewing the agreement between the Town and the Rich Creek Lion's Club for Gentry's Landing Campground operations.
- ◆ Public Hearing held on December 6 to hear citizens comments regarding the Rich Creek Boundary Expansion Plans.

WATER SYSTEM REPORT

- ◆ Average leak loss-12.5% Leak detection on-going.
- ◆ Approved \$8,000 to replace 700' of water line and 6 new radio read water meters along Federal Street and Knob Street. This project is a joint partnership between the Town and Columbia Gas, to replace the water and gas service lines.

GILES COUNTY PSA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR GARBAGE PICK-UP

(March 2017-December 2017)



- MEMORIAL DAY**
- INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- LABOR DAY**
- COLUMBUS DAY**
- THANKSGIVING DAY**
- CHRISTMAS DAY**

If the holiday falls during the week, the trash pick-up will be delayed a day.

Convenience Center Hours are Monday-Sunday, 10-6 (subject to change)

****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

Community Outreach Program

If you are a resident of the Town of Rich Creek and living alone, sick, or disabled; and would like for the Rich Creek Police to make random checks on your wellbeing, please return this application to the Town Office. This is a free service.

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone:(_____) _____ Cell:(_____) _____

Medical Concerns: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone: (_____) _____ Cell:(_____) _____

I understand that by signing below, I am releasing the Town of Rich Creek and the Rich Creek Police Department from any liability regarding my well being and/or health concerns. I also agree that participation in the program is voluntary and I may cancel my participation at any time.

Applicants Signature

Date

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.

Do you need to trim your shrubs, small trees and bushes and don't know where to dispose of the clippings? We have just the place!

Call or stop by the Rich Creek Town Office for more information (540) 726-3260.



Rich Creek Public Library

The Rich Creek Public Library is once again planning the Summer Reading Program for every Wednesday in July! More information will be posted later.



There are many wonderful books available in the library, for all ages. Come check out a good book!

If you are looking for a great cookbook, "Cooking with Friends" of the Rich Creek Library cookbooks, are still available! \$10 each



RICH CREEK POLICE REPORT

(October 2016-February 2017)

Criminal/Narcotics Investigations: 32 Accidents worked: 7
 Animal complaints: 4 Assist to citizens: 9 Court activities: 81
 Disturbance calls: 6 Fire/Rescue calls: 14 Traffic activities: 69
 Arrest made: 27 (many of those arrested were for multiple charges)
 Est. fine money awarded this reporting period: \$1,829

Two telephone scams are making rounds again in Rich Creek.

- ◆ The first is a utility scam. The caller is advising that they work for Appalachian Power and is requesting immediate payment on your account or your electric will be turned off.
- ◆ The second scam is a person claiming to be work for the IRS and they are wanting to verify your personal and banking information, because of an error that has occurred on your account. As always, NEVER give out any personal information over the telephone.

If you receive any of these calls, please contact the Rich Creek Police Department (726-3643) or the Giles County Sheriff's Department (921-3842) immediately.

Visit our website at www.richcreek.org

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.



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