

# TOWN OF RICH CREEK

"The Gateway to Giles County"

## NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018

IN HONOR & IN MEMORY OF MAYOR GARY L. EATON

1990-2003 & 2010-2013



**REMINDER:** The 2017 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were mailed out November 2017 and are due on or before March 15, 2018.

If you have any questions, or to make a payment, please contact the Rich Creek Town Office (540) 726-3260 or by submitting an email to [townofrichcreek@wvva.net](mailto:townofrichcreek@wvva.net)

Payments can also be made via our website at:  
**[www.richcreek.org](http://www.richcreek.org)**

Is your hot water heater leaking? The cause could be **Thermal Expansion!**

Simple physics tell us that when a liquid is heated, it expands. For a home hot water heater, this means that when a full tank of water is heated up, it may require more space than is available in the tank. This can be a problem in any closed water systems (a system that has a one-way valve, such as a back-flow valve, check valve or pressure reducing valve) that is designed to prevent water from expanding back into the town water supply.

In a closed water system, the expanded water volume in the hot water tank can put stress on the home's plumbing system causing leaking or broken water pipes, leaking traps, a leaking hot water heater, etc.

The only effective solution to correct the problem is to install a water expansion tank, that will provide the extra space needed for the heated water.

If you know that you have a closed plumbing system, you should install a thermal expansion tank, to avoid damage to your plumbing lines and fixtures.



During the November 13, 2017 Council meeting, Mayor Kantsios & Council, presented a Resolution, in Memory & in Honor of Mr. Gary L. Eaton's many years of service & dedication to the Town of Rich Creek. The Resolution was presented to Mr. Eaton's wife, his daughters, and their families.

(Pictured Left to Right: Mrs. Marsha Eaton, Mrs. Denise Reynolds and Mrs. Dina Bullins)



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### Oath of Office

Ms. Melissa Cromer, Giles County Circuit Court Deputy Clerk, is shown administering the Oath of Office to Mayor William "Bill" Kantsios and to Councilmen (L to R): Mr. Marty Gauthier and Mr. Mark Clemons, at the December meeting of Town Council.



Their term of office is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.

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**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 11 for Daylight Savings time.**

### 2018 Spring Clean-Up Week

Check our website

([www.richcreek.org](http://www.richcreek.org)) and the *Virginian Leader* for the dates!



As we approach Spring, please keep in mind the rules of 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.**

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**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.**

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**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.



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.**

**RICH CREEK  
 VOLUNTEER FIRE  
 DEPARTMENT  
 726-2430**



Picture taken January 2018 of the New River, between Rich Creek and Glen Lyn.

The river is almost completely frozen over from shore to shore.



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 or call (540) 726-3260.



**RICH CREEK POLICE REPORT**  
 TOTAL CALLS FOR 2017

Criminal/Narcotics Investigations: 69  
 Accidents worked: 14 Animal complaints: 12  
 Assist to citizens: 21 Assist to other Agencies: 16  
 Assists by other Agencies: 8 Bulletins received: 38  
 Court activities: 186 Disturbance calls: 14  
 Fire/Rescue calls: 24 Training activities: 7 Property  
 Business Checks: 847 Arrest made: 51 Reports  
 Submitted: 66 Alarm Acitviations: 8 TDO Transports: 6  
 Summons Issued: 121 Town Ordinance Violations: 52

- \* Telephone scams remain a problem. 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.
- \* The Rich Creek Police Department hosted a Women's Self-defense Class on December 5, 6, 12 & 13.
- \* An Active Shooter class was hosted by the Rich Creek Police Department, for area church leaders on December 18

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- ◆ The second reading of the proposed BB gun Ordinance, that would allow the discharging of spring-loaded BB guns, for target practice, within the Town limits, was read. After some discussion, no further action was taken on the ordinance.
- ◆ The hours for Trick-Or-Treating was set from 5 until 8PM.
- ◆ A Resolution was presented to the wife & family of Mr. Gary L. Eaton.
- ◆ After consideration of the 2 bids received for surveillance camera installation at the Rich Creek Town Hall, community center and town park, Council accepted the bid from WVVA Gigabeam (\$3965)
- ◆ The community poll results for the consideration of adopting a Golf Cart Ordinance was: 3 yes 2 no
- ◆ After consideration of the 2 bids received for computer network services, Council accepted the bid from WVVA Gigabeam (\$175 per month)
- ◆ Council agreed to advertise a Public Hearing, for consideration of a Yard Sale Ordinance.
- ◆ Council approved the month of February as Healthy Relationship Awareness Month.
- ◆ Council approved the amount of \$332.75 to be written off as un-collectible taxes on the 300 Riverside Drive property, per VA State Code.
- ◆ Council approved a Revenue Sharing Agreement with Giles County, presented by the Giles County Board of Supervisors.

WATER SYSTEM REPORT

- ◆ Average leak loss: 10.3% Leak detection ongoing.
- ◆ 1 new fire hydrant has been installed, 1 replaced and 1 repaired. All other fire hydrants, on the town system, has been flushed and checked.
- ◆ Two 6" valves were replaced on Woodland Road.
- ◆ One 6" valve was replaced on Hilltop Street.
- ◆ One 2" valve was replaced on Beckett Avenue.
- ◆ The pavement was repaired on Giles Avenue, after the completion of the new water line installation. (\$2300)
- ◆ Columbia Gas' contractor paved the alley behind NBB/Queen's Pizza, after the completion of the joint water line/gas line installation (\$28,719)
- ◆ 500' of water line was installed on Buckland Lane.
- ◆ A private lateral was repaired on Church Street, with SRCAP funding.

Zoning Applications Approved:

- 2-placement of storage buildings
- 1-sign placement

**GILES COUNTY PSA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR GARBAGE PICK-UP**

**(March 2018-December 2018)**

**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.**

**\*\*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**



2017 Case 580 Super N Backhoe  
(Pictured: Kevin Smith, operator)

**Rich Creek Public Library**

- The Rich Creek Public Library held their annual Halloween & Christmas Reading Programs



Left to Right, Front Row: Simeon Shirey, Officer Leon Billos, Hallie Shirey, Julianna Shirey, Amira Brown. Back Row: Ema Shirey, Antonio Fornes & Solomon Shirey.



Left to Right: Christopher Snidow, Avereë Smith, Michael Snidow, Santa, Antonio Fornes and Amira Brown.

- Check out our website at [www.richcreek.org](http://www.richcreek.org) for upcoming information about the Summer Reading Programs in July!



**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**\*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE-ANY CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.**

The Town Offices will be closed the following days:

March 30	Good Friday
May 28	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day

*Other days to remember:*

<i>March 17</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
<i>March 20</i>	<i>1st Day of Spring</i>
<i>April 1</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
<i>May 13</i>	<i>Mother's Day</i>

*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](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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