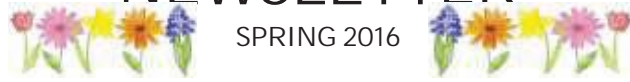


TOWN OF RICH CREEK
The Gateway to Giles County
NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2016

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:

March 25 Good Friday
May 30 Memorial Day
July 4 Independence Day

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



NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

20 new Christmas decorations were purchased this year and installed on the new street light poles, in addition to multiple strands of clear lights that were placed in the new trees along Main Street.



Oath of Office

Mr. Charles "Bubbie" Fraley, III, Giles County Circuit Court Clerk attended the December 2015 Rich Creek Town Council Meeting and is shown administering the Oath of Office to (Left to Right) Mr. Dorsey Bradley, Mrs. Alice Huffman and Mr. Stuart Helm. Their term of office will extend January 2016-December 31, 2020.

IN APPRECIATION

Mayor William "Bill" Kantsios presented Mrs. Joyce Crawford a plaque in recognition and in appreciation for her time serving on the Rich Creek Town Council (July 2004-December 2015). Thank you Joyce!



Spring CLEAN-UP WEEK

The week of April 11-15, 2016 has been designated for Spring Clean Up in Rich Creek.

Please refer to the schedule below to see when town crew will be picking up items on your street.

Monday, April 11

Woodland Rd., Highland Cr., Greenbriar Dr., Taylor Cr. & Mercer Rd.

Tuesday, April 12

Riverside Dr., Hilltop St., Pleasant St., Walnut St., Locust St. & Cherry Ave.

Wednesday, April 13

Old Virginia Ave. (between Shell & bridge), Giles Ave., Federal St., Shumate Ave., Monroe St., Knob St., Coburn Ln., Church St.

Thursday, April 14

Old Virginia Ave. (between bridge & barricade), Island St., North St., Kirk Ln., Spruce St., Powell Mtn. Rd., Powell Ln., & Summit Dr.

Friday, April 15

Federal St. (Rt. 219), Guynn Rd., & Market Rd.



On March 3, 2016, Chief of Police Steve Buckland, organized and hosted a special community meeting on how to keep your children safe while on social media and the internet. There were approximately 35 people (adults & children) in attendance. Participating with the presentation was (above L to R) Giles Co. Commonwealth Attorney Bobby Lilly; Giles Co. School Resource Officer Chris Neice, VA State Police Special Agent Terry Marshall, Chief Buckland, Pembroke Chief of Police Doug Sadler and Asst. Giles Co. Commonwealth Attorney Debra Sifford.

INTERNET/SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

- Parents should always set rules for their children's internet use and monitor their use
- Keep computer in a common room, not in a bedroom
- Communication with your child is important for their safety from on-line predators. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they receive that makes them uncomfortable or scares them
- NEVER give out personal information, such as name, school name, address, telephone number, social security number, credit card number, passwords
- NEVER meet face-to-face with anyone you meet on-line or post pictures of yourself on the Internet
- NEVER download pictures or open an email from someone you don't know
- Be informed about internet chat "lingo"
 A/S/L=age, sex, location BF=boyfriend
 GF=girlfriend F2F=face to face H&K=hugs & kisses
 ILU=I love you IPN=I'm posting naked
 NIFOC=naked in front of computer NP=nosy parents
 PA=parent alert PAW=parents are listening
 PM=private message POS=parents over shoulder
 TAW=teachers are watching WTGP=want to go private



RICH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Rich Creek Volunteer Fire Department has begun their Spring Letter Drive and the department members would like to thank everyone who has submitted a donation!

All donations will be used to purchase and/or upgrade "lifesaving" firefighting equipment and to fund additional training, preparing these men to safely respond to an emergency, protecting life and property.

Four new members are currently taking the FireFighter 1 training program, which began January 26 and will be completed May 7.

If you haven't already submitted a donation and would like to, you may mail it 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, we would be happy to meet with you. **Meetings are held every Monday at 7:00 PM at fire department.**

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS: The Rich Creek Volunteer Fire Department, if requested, will do a walk through of your business and point out any fire hazards that may be present and prepare a fire safety pre-plan.

Call 540-726-2430 for more information.



On February 13, 2016, Chief of Police Steve Buckland, hosted a Concealed Weapon Permit class. There were 15 participants.

OPEN FIRE & OPEN BURNING

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.



The Virginia 4PM Burn Law is in effect as of 2/15/16-4/130/16. Burning is prohibited before 4PM each day. Visit www.dof.virginia.gov for more information.

*A violation of either law is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor, punishable by up to \$500. Anyone allowing a fire to escape, is liable for expenses of suppressing the fire and for any damages.

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- ◆ VML Safety Grant received and used to purchase new "WORK ZONE" signs
- ◆ After an increase in the wholesale water rates to the town, Town Council voted to increase the Town's water rates
- ◆ Sold the Beckett Well Site property
- ◆ Approved Proclamation designating the month of February as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention" month
- ◆ Approved Summit Place Assisted Living Facility's request to waive Real Estate Property taxes first year
- ◆ Mr. Stuart Helm appointed Vice-Mayor
- ◆ Accepted donation of a portion of Eaton property to be deeded to the Town for the placement of the town sign
- ◆ Sent letter to Governor Terry McAuliffe requesting that he not support the closure of the Catawba Mental Health Facility and to consider supporting or passing legislation that would allow localities to bill a patient's health insurance or the patient, if they don't have insurance, to cover Temporary Detention Orders (TDO) transport expenses
- ◆ After some discussion concerning hazards with large trucks and tractor trailers exiting Rt. 460 and traveling Main Street through Town to the Rt. 219 intersection, a request was submitted to VDOT for consideration of restricting large trucks from traveling through Rich Creek, unless making a delivery in town. VDOT has agreed to post signs on Rt. 460 designating a "Truck Route"
- ◆ On-going discussion regarding possible use of the old sewer treatment plant property on Island Street
- ◆ Phase III planning of the Downtown Enhancement Project has begun with an application submitted to VDOT for additional funding to begin construction in the near future

RICH CREEK POLICE REPORT

Criminal/Narcotics Investigations: 46
Accidents worked: 5
Animal complaints: 5
Assist to citizens: 16
Assist to other agencies: 7
Court activities: 78
Disturbance calls: 4
Fire/Rescue calls: 24
Traffic activities: 39
Arrest: 11 (some were arrested on multiple charges.)
Estimated fine money awarded: \$2,950.00

The police department has been made aware of another scam that has been reported in the Town of Rich Creek. A male subject contacted a female via text and stated that he was a FBI agent. He attempted to scam the female into paying a large sum of money, stating that she had been scammed and if she would submit the money to him, he would remove her name from a Black List. The FBI **does not** contact civilians and request money.

If you are contacted by someone asking for personal information, such as social security numbers or banking information, do not give them any information, and contact our office immediately at (540) 726-3643.

WATER SYSTEM REPORT

- ◆ 377 Radio read meters installed, 74 left to install
- ◆ Hydrostatic pump purchased to assist with on-going water leak detection. The current water loss for Rich Creek is 16%.
- ◆ 2 defective fire hydrants were replaced
- ◆ Approximately 200' of 4" water line to be installed on Woodland Road to "loop" the water main

SEWER SYSTEM REPORT

- ◆ 55' of sewer line on Pleasant Street and 20' of sewer line along Rt. 460, has been replaced after being identified as a point of Inflow & Infiltration into the town's sewer collection system. Other locations recently identified from the I&I Study, is being corrected, most being from roof drains that were found to be connected to the town's sewer collection system
- ◆ 2005 F650 Ford Dump Truck purchased to replace 1980 GMC Dump Truck



****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**

They will contact a Town of Rich Creek Public Works Employee promptly to address the problem.

During working hours, contact the Town Office at
540-726-3260



Town of Rich Creek

Rich Creek, Virginia 24147

P.O. Box 65



The new trees and flowers blooming on Main Street

Spring is here!




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 4-H Club
 *Meet every 4th Tuesday at 6:30 PM
 in the Rich Creek Public Library




RICH CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY
Please visit the Rich Creek Public Library and check out one of the many books the library has to offer. For more information on the Rich Creek Public Library and any upcoming programs, please check out our website at www.richcreek.org or call 540-726-3260.

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.

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.