

**Don't forget!
2019 Real Estate &
Personal Property
taxes are due on or
before March 16,
2020**

TOWN OF RICH CREEK

"The Gateway to Giles County"

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2020



SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 18
Woodland Road (between log cabin & Highland Court), Pine Place, Greenbriar Drive, Highland Court, Taylor Court & Mercer Road

TUESDAY, MAY 19
Riverside Drive, Hilltop Street, Pleasant Street, Walnut Street, Locust Street & Cherry Avenue

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
Old Virginia Avenue (between Shell station & the bridge), Woodland Road (between Old Virginia Avenue & the log cabin), Giles Avenue, Federal Street (South of Old Virginia Avenue), Shumate Avenue, Monroe Avenue, Knob Street, Coburn Lane and Church Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 21
Old Virginia Avenue (between the bridge & barricade), Island Street, North Street, Kirk Lane, Spruce Street, Powell Mountain Road (inside corporate limits), Powell Lane, Summit Drive

FRIDAY, MAY 22
Federal Street (US 219-inside corporate limits), Guynn Road, Market Road (inside corporate limits)



Oath of Office

Mrs. Sherry Gautier, Giles County Circuit Court Clerk, is shown administering the Oath of Office to recent re-elected members of the Rich Creek Town Council, (L to R): Mrs. Alice Huffman. Mr. Dorsey Bradley and Mr. Stuart Helm, at the December meeting of Town Council.

Their term of office extends from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.



TODDLER SECTION ADDED AT WOODLAND PARK

The Rich Creek Lion's Club recently donated 3 play units for the new toddler section at Woodland Park. The section is designated for toddlers, ages 1-4 years old.

NOTICE

Any time a water leak is experienced, cut off your main water supply valve, which is usually located where the water supply line enters the home/building, and immediately contact the Rich Creek Town Office, prior to any repairs being made, to file a report. Failure to do so will result in any request for an adjustment to the utility bill being denied.



Any water leaks, or problems with the sewer service, after work hours, on a holiday, or over the weekend, will need to be reported by calling the Giles County Sheriff's Department at **540-921-3842**, and an employee of the Rich Creek Public Works Department will be dispatched promptly. During regular business hours, contact the Town Office at **540-726-3260**



RICH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

726-2430

- Mr. Justin Collins was recently recognized as the "2019 Firefighter of the Year" by the Rich Creek Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Warren Wilson.
Congratulations Justin!
- The department was the recipient of a \$5500 donation from the JennMar Corporation in Rich Creek from the company's recent fund raiser.
- The department was awarded a grant from the Department of Forestry-\$1,585.55
- The department will be replacing the emergency lighting on one of the fire response vehicles to improve safety and visibility (\$4,000)
- The department will be mailing out letters of request for monetary donations this month. **Please show your support for this great group of men for all the hours and time dedicated to this community. Donations may be mailed to the Rich Creek Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 311, Rich Creek, VA 24147**
- If you are interested in becoming a fire fighter and live in the Rich Creek, Glen Lyn, Narrows, or Peterstown area, you are invited to meet the department members on any Monday evening at the Rich Creek Fire Department at 7:00 PM.



- Regularly check the batteries in your fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and remember "A Fireman's life & safety begins with you"



RICH CREEK POLICE 2019 ACTIVITY REPORT

- Criminal/Narcotics Investigations: 80
- Accidents worked: 12
- Alarm Activations: 8
- Animal complaints: 9
- Court activities: 137
- Fire/Rescue calls: 15
- Mental Health Transports: 2
- Arrests Made: 4
- Assists to citizens: 17
- Assists to other agencies: 7
- Assistance from other agencies: 5
- Bulletins Received: 31
- Disturbance Calls: 6
- Property/Business Checks: 782
- Reports submitted: 67
- Summons issued: 166
- Training activities: 6
- Town Ordinance Violations Investigated: 32
- ◆ Byrne Justice Assistance Grant received \$6265



WELCOME WES!

We want to welcome Mr. Wesley Crawford to the Town of Rich Creek public works department.

"BAGS FOR BENCHES" RECYCLING PROGRAM

A 2nd bench has been received and enough plastic has been collected to order a 3rd bench. The benches will be placed throughout Woodland Park and around the walking trail.



The Bags For Benches recycling program encourages the collection of plastic grocery or department store bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bread bags, produce bags, stretch film, and other plastic wrap. The plastic is then recycled into a TREX® bench, at no cost to the Town, keeping the plastic out of our landfills.



TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- * Council approved the installation of a new metal roof on the old town office/town shop building (\$10,500) The Rich Creek Lion's Club donated \$2,000 towards the cost of the project.
- * Council voted to move forward with relocating the town offices downtown, approved the floor plans presented and approved up to \$100,000 towards the expense of checking the HVAC system, roof, and the reconstruction of the office spaces, etc.
- * The Town received a \$4,000 donation from the Giles County Board of Supervisors towards the cost of extending the Gary Eaton Memorial Trail System at Woodland Park
- * Council appointed Mr. Erik Suttle to the RC Planning Commission (Term expiring August 2023)
- * Council approved the 2019/2020 Proposed Operating Budget, which includes the PSA water rate increase (\$2,126,940)
- * Council approved a quote from Frye Roofing to make repairs on the community center gymnasium roof (\$1,200)
- * Council approved a Resolution recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the Giles County Homeless Shelter/The Hope House
- * Council approved the installation of directional traffic arrows on the town's parking lot between Allen's Furniture & the National Bank
- * Council approved the purchase and posting of additional "Children Playing" signs in the residential areas (\$1,000)
- * Asbestos abatement in the old part of the town office building, upstairs and downstairs, has been completed.
- * Exterior painting of the old part of the town office building has been completed (\$4,215)
- * The sidewalk, retaining wall and handrail replacement project on Giles Avenue has been completed. The total cost of the project was \$4,000.
- * The town received the following donations from; Celco Federal Credit Union \$1,000, First National Bank of Peterstown \$100 and the Corner Market \$2000, towards the cost of installing exercise stations along the Gary Eaton Memorial Trail System .
- * After careful consideration, Council elected to not accept the Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing & Community Development for the Rich Creek Downtown Business Revitalization Project.

Zoning Applications Approved:

- 1-Picnic Shelter Construction
- 6-Storage Building
- 1-Installation of new sign
- 3-Installation of fence

WATER/SEWER SYSTEM REPORT

- * Average Leak Loss (9 months): 10.9%
- * Council reappointed Mr. Stuart Helm to the Giles County Public Service Authority Board and Mayor Bill Kantsios as an alternate member.
- * Council approved the purchase of a spare actuator motor for the decanter at the Glen-Creek Sewer Treatment Plant (\$1200)
- * Council approved November 1, 2019 as the effective date to implement the new water/ sewer rates
- * Council approved the purchase & installation of a master meter on the Giles County PSA's water service line on Powell Mountain Road (\$5,000) and the installation of 139' of 6" pipe and 500' of 2" pipe that will improve the water & fire protection in the service area
- * Council approved the purchase of a new radio read receiver & software kit (\$6,000)
- * 190' of 4" water line was installed to abandon a 2" line beneath Old Virginia Avenue that was leaking
- * A water leak was repaired on Market Road, caused by a loose fitting
- * The 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report was distributed to all water customers.
- * The sewer service line running beneath Island Street to the Pizza Plus restaurant and 1 residence, was replaced due to a blockage and partial collapse of the line. The line was approximately 16' deep and the town crew used the County's boring machine to install the new line beneath the road.
(Pictured)





SNOWMAN INVASION!

Ms. Amalia Kantsios recently painted the beautiful snow scene on the future Town Administrative Building windows downtown.

Thank you Amalia!




**GILES COUNTY PSA
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
FOR GARBAGE PICK-UP
(FEBRUARY 2020-SEPTEMBER 2020)**

MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 25
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 7

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



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

The Town Offices will be closed the following days:

Memorial Day	May 25
Independence Day	July 3
Labor Day	September 7

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

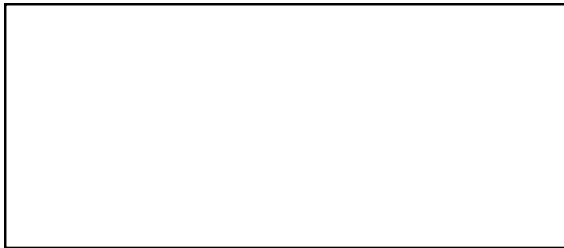


Job Opportunities with the Town of Rich Creek

FULL-TIME LABORER The Town of Rich Creek is accepting applications, with Resumes, for a full-time 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. Inquire at the Town Office.

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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