

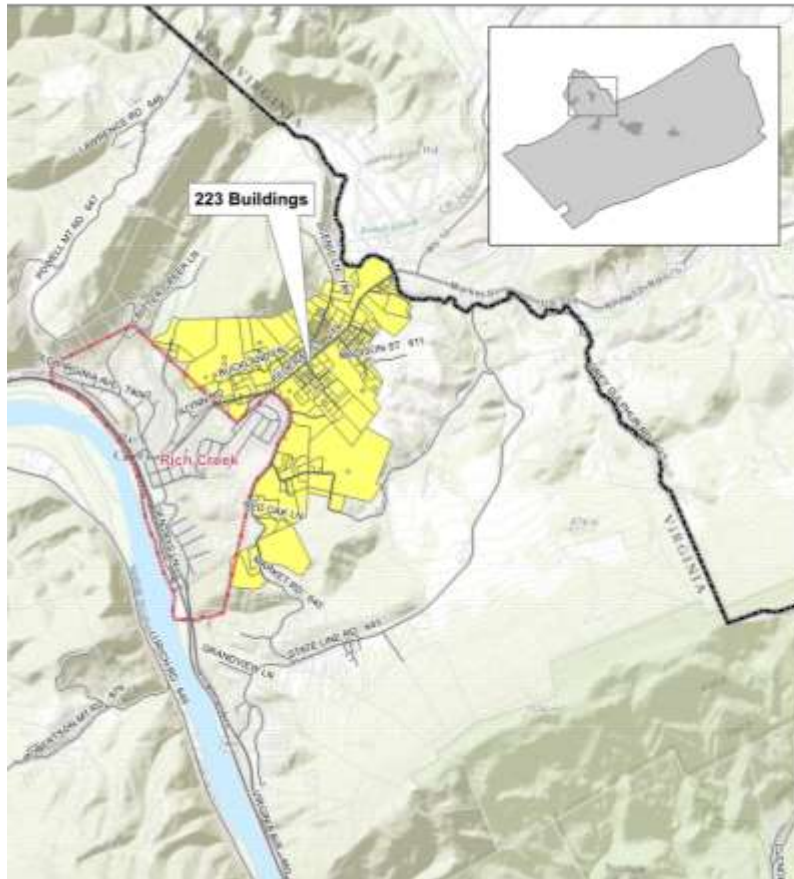


TOWN OF RICH CREEK
The Gateway to Giles County
 NEWSLETTER
 FALL/WINTER 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Regarding the Rich Creek Proposed Boundary Adjustment

Please take notice that the Council of the Town of Rich Creek will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Rich Creek Community Center located at 140 North and Spruce Streets. At the public hearing, the Town Council will receive public comments concerning the proposed adjustment to the Town's boundaries to bring the Midway area into the Town's boundaries. The Council is conducting the public hearing for the purpose of giving citizens an opportunity to appear and be heard with respect to the proposed boundary adjustment.

Copies of the Town of Rich Creek, Growth Area Study, dated April 15, 2016, are available for public inspection at the Town Office. Persons with questions about the Public Hearing may call the Town Office at (540) 726-3260.



Midway Planning Area with Structures

- Legend**
- Road Center Line
 - Giles County Boundary
 - Town Boundary
 - Planning Area
 - Parcels



Congratulations to Wes Skeens (right) for successfully completing & achieving a Class 5 Waterworks Operator License and to Kevin Smith (left) for successfully completing & achieving a Commercial Driver's License. Way to go guys!

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

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:

November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24, 25	Thanksgiving
December 23, 26	Christmas

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



RICH CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

\$1,600 in donations was received at the "Boot Drive" during the Rich Creek Autumnfestival.

A little over \$3,600 was received by the Rich Creek **Volunteer Fire Department from the "Letter Campaign"**. **It is not too late to submit a donation to** this professional group of individuals whom volunteer many hours to protect the community. Donations may be 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.



Woodland Road flooded from June 27, 2016 storm

Zoning Compliance Certificates Issued

1. 717 Mercer Road-New Deck
2. 410 Woodland Road-Change of Use Permit for new business
3. 207 Riverside Drive-New Building
4. 604 Woodland Road-New Porch
5. 130 North Street-New Porch
6. 951 Pine Place-New Building

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.

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.



RICH CREEK POLICE REPORT

Criminal/Narcotics Investigations: 53
 Accidents worked: 9
 Animal complaints: 7
 Assist to citizens: 14
 Court activities: 96
 Disturbance calls: 14
 Fire/Rescue calls: 20
 Traffic activities: 75
 Arrest made: 27 (many were arrested on multiple charges)
 Estimated fine money awarded: \$3,914.00
 ♦ VML Safety Grant (\$559) awarded to purchase body camera and external hard drive for police department



FIREARM SAFETY CLASS FOR CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE



When: Saturday, November 12, 2016

Where: Rich Creek Town Hall

Time: 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM

A certificate will be issued after completion of the class. The certificate will be good for both VA & WV Concealed Weapon Applications to obtain a permit.

To pre-register for the class, call the Town Office at 540-726-3260. Walk-ins welcome on the day of the class.

Gary Fields, Instructor

TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- ◆ Approved adjustment to employee cell phone stipend
- ◆ Approved Task Order with the New River Valley Regional Commission for Phase III of the Downtown Enhancement Project (\$15,000)
- ◆ Approved contract with Hill Studio for Phase III of the Downtown Enhancement Project (\$52,949)
- ◆ Ordinance adopted for no skateboarding, bike riding, roller skates, motorized skate boards, foot scooters, motor driven cycles or electric power-assisted bicycles; on town property, unless area is designated for such activity
- ◆ Approved appropriation of \$1,350 to reimburse the Rich Creek Volunteer Fire Department for renovations to the fire hall restrooms
- ◆ **Re-appointed Mr. William “Stuart” Hazelwood to serve on the Rich Creek Board of Zoning Appeals-5 year term**
- ◆ New Superintendent of Public Works is Wes Skeens
- ◆ Approved the 2017 Rich Creek Town Park Season-May 1 thru September 30
- ◆ Voted to proceed with procurement of funding to move forward with the Gateway Project signs
- ◆ Approved 2016/2017 Operating Budget (\$1,437,235)
- ◆ Approved the Virginia Retirement System Employer Rate for 2016/2017-8.30%
- ◆ Town Clerk appointed as FOIA Officer
- ◆ \$225,000 awarded by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation to fund Phase IIIA of the Downtown Enhancement Project
- ◆ Reappointment of Mr. Jimmy J. McCroskey and Mr. McCreery Mann to serve on the Rich Creek Planning Commission-4 year term
- ◆ Approved Task Order with the New River Valley Regional Commission to update the Rich Creek 5-Year Comprehensive Plan (\$2,500)
- ◆ Approved the purchase of 15 additional Christmas pole decorations (\$5,239)
- ◆ Approved the purchase of 50 chairs from Virginia Tech College for the community center (\$99)
- ◆ Approved Lease Agreement with Giles County for the Rich Creek polling precinct
- ◆ Resolution adopted to establish an Endorsement for a Transportation Alternative Project
- ◆ Approved Hill Studio agreement for additional services (\$7,626.50)
- ◆ Proclamation approved designating the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week
- ◆ Approved moving forward with the proposed Rich Creek Growth Area Boundary Adjustments
- ◆ Approved purchase of 20 picnic tables for the new shelter at the town park and community center
- ◆ Approved bid from Virginian Asphalt Paving, LLC (3,400) to seal tennis courts. The fence surrounding the tennis courts has been painted and new nets and hardware have been purchased
- ◆ New flag pole, US Flag and Commonwealth of Virginia flag at Town Hall
- ◆ 2003 Ford Crown Vic sold-\$450
- ◆ **Letter and signed petitions sent to VDOT requesting “cross-over” east of town**

SEWER SYSTEM REPORT

- ◆ Applied for \$50K Grant from Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SRCAP), to fund repairs of private roof laterals and drain violations identified by the recent smoke study
- ◆ Approved the purchase of a level transducer for the Midway Sewer Pump Station (\$1,743.50 each)
- ◆ **20’ of 10” sewer main replaced along Rt. 460**
- ◆ **80’ of 6” pipe used to relocate roof drains**
- ◆ Submitted request to the Dept. of Environmental Quality to reduce testing at Glen Creek Sewer Treatment Plant



New shelter added at Woodland Park, flag pole and tennis courts are currently under renovations



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WATER SYSTEM REPORT

- ◆ Average leak loss for Rich Creek is 12%. Rich Creek has the lowest leak loss in Giles County
- ◆ 442 of 463 new radio read meters installed, to date
- ◆ \$30,000 SEARCH Grant awarded by Rural Development to fund water system study
- ◆ Resolution adopted to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from Rural Development to fund water improvements identified in the water system study
- ◆ Approved Pittsburg Tank fee for inspection of the Rich Creek water storage tank (\$1,050)
- ◆ **200' of 4" water line replaced on Woodland Road**

Rich Creek
Christmas Parade

December 1st

7:00 PM



Watch for information about the Rich Creek Public Library's Christmas Program for the kids!



****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**

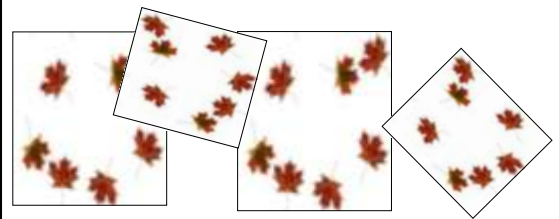
540-921-3842

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

During working hours, contact the Town Office at

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.



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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