



# PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE TOWN TALK



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## WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

### TOWN SERVICES

Town services and Town Hall are all back on regular schedule. Masks are required. The lobby is open, however the office doors will remain closed and locked. For the safety of all, Kellie will service people through the sliding window. If you are reluctant to come into Town Hall, you can reach us by phone or email (info in header). We also have a drop box for payments or correspondence.

### COVID-19 ALERT

**Stay Alert** - Whether or not you believe the COVID virus is as prevalent as the numbers say, it can't be denied that people have been infected and families missed members at their holiday tables this season. Our rate of infection here in Cumberland County is very, very high. Crossville, along with Cookeville in Putnam County, have made the national news because the rapid rate of growth in our positivity rates is greater than most of the nation. When within the Town of Pleasant Hill, please wear your mask and practice social distancing. If not for yourself, if not for your family or your neighbor, then wear a mask to spare our dedicated healthcare workers who sacrifice for us each day.

**Vaccination Schedules** - Will be posted on our Town Facebook page as they are announced.

### SOLAR ARRAY DECISION FORTHCOMING

The Gaynor Solar Array Team is still waiting for the final decision from VEC. The site of the array will be on the hill behind the Water Department that abuts Rt 70. The Solar Array Team has been working diligently for 4 years to bring this array to Pleasant Hill. A decision is expected soon ... the deadline date is January 9<sup>th</sup>, and we should hear after that date. If approved, the Array Team will create an educational program for our school children and make tours available to educate the community about solar. Stay tuned for more information. We are hoping to report soon that the array has been approved. To see a video about the array, go to: <https://vimeo.com/487815765>

### SPECIAL THANK YOUs

Unfortunately, snow and ice storms often come in the dead of night, necessitating our maintenance crew leave their homes to assure the Town roads are safe for traffic and ambulances to get through. Thanks to Jaramy and Mike who willingly give up time with their families to salt and plow our roads.

### HEARING BELLS?

It is not your imagination! On Friday January 22 at 4 pm, bells will ring as a call to pray/think for peace in the world. If you are so inclined, we could some united positive thought in our world right now.



**Happy New Year** - May 2021 be kind to us all, with health and prosperity of spirit for everyone.  
We have so many blessings to be thankful for.

**Road Update in snowy weather** - Please be aware that our maintenance team keeps a close eye on the weather and the forecasts all year round. Although there are many factors that weigh into the action we take, our main concern is safety. There are occasions when snow flurries do not necessitate salting or plowing. It is very costly, and if safety is not compromised, there will be those times the focus may only be on Main Street and the streets with hills. Level streets may not be addressed at all if snow is light and ice is not imminent. If expected warmer temperatures will soon facilitate melting, we may not touch some roads at all. I have learned there is a science to deciding when to apply salt, and depending on the temperature and forecast, salting may not be the optimal solution... even if the snow is coming down full force.

The Town's main concern is for ambulances and emergency vehicles be clear to run without difficulty. In order to facilitate this, we are in contact with the EMS station in Pleasant Hill for feedback and direction to make a decision for action during inclement weather.

**Water Department Reimbursement** - In an attempt to be transparent, in December's edition of Town Talk, I explained the issue of reimbursement back to Cumberland County for the receipt of WCUD sales tax revenues the Town received in error. I have learned from the State that the estimated amount is \$28,000 (yet to finally verified). We are currently working with the State of TN Department of Revenue and the Water District to set up a schedule to repay the monies over time. The Council will be watching closely the Town services we currently render to try to save costs wherever possible. Our goal is to not impact the level of service our residents currently receive.

**Notice - Upcoming Burn on Town Hall Property** - *Courtesy notice to Town of Pleasant Hill*

I have instructed Jaramy and Mike to cut down the dead pine tree(s) behind Town Hall. In between other duties, they will dispose of the petrified ivy and then proceed to conduct an open-burn in the upcoming weeks/months. We will try to perform the burn on a weekend, but depending on schedules and/or the weather, that may not be possible. This activity has been approved by the State, and the appropriate permits will be in place. We have never had the need to burn before, but this is solely due to the fact our previous disposal routine was disallowed, and is no longer available to the Town.

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**PLEASANT HILL FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry is still operational and non-perishable and/or cash donations are welcome. Thank you to those of you in our community who continue to stock the pantry. There are too many in our midst who are food-deficient, and we often receive notes from people thanking you for your generosity.

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Be kind, be patient, and treat others well..... and blessings will come back to you.

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