# PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE

# TOWN TALK

January, 2019

## MAIN STREET

The Council has received some safety concerns regarding the condition of the pavement and striping on Main Street. Because striping is very expensive, we are investigating funding, hopefully with various grants. The striping will be lost when we look into repaving, therefore the council is investigating temporary reflectors along the road for safety and visibility in the winter. They are still expensive ... but less so than striping the road only to lose the striping if we are able to fund paving.

#### SPECIALLY CALLED MEETING

The Council will meet February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall for a "Brainstorming, Prioritizing and Planning Meeting". As always it is open to all who wish observe.

## RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Wayne Blankenship has lived in PH most of his life because, as he says, "Pleasant Hill is a small, clean community and a great place to raise kids". He knows this because he is from here. He served overseas post Vietnam for 3 years as an engineer, leaving the Army as a Sergeant. After 19 months working stateside, again as an engineer, he returned to make his home in PH. Wayne began a career in Corrections with the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections where he earned the reputation as a problem-solver. Among his responsibilities was teaching an eleven week anger management course to inmates. Thirty years later, Wayne retired as a Correctional Counselor #3 and did some traveling with his wife. He also has two grown sons and an adopted six year old daughter. But retirement wasn't for Wayne..."it was boring". Lucky for the residents of PH he works seasonally in the town Maintenance Department. He likes this community and likes giving back to it. If you see him on the road working with his supervisor, Jaramy Harris, give them a smile and a thumbs up.

#### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Happy New Year Pleasant Hill. This is going to be a fabulous year!

Our next Town Council Meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> for all to attend at town hall. Please come and meet the new Council. In the meantime, a few items to be aware:

Water District Meeting- Tuesday, January 15 - 6:00 pm

Please plan to attend. Residents will want to be in attendance if the water contract with Bon Air again resurfaces. This will be of interest to our citizens who pay West Cumberland Water District rates.

<u>Burn Pile Notice</u> - Pleasant Hill adheres strictly to the County burn policies, with permits required. Be aware that Town Hall has copies of the burning guidelines before you proceed. No toxic items or poisonous plants (ex. poison ivy, sumac) can be incinerated. Please keep in mind our community is unique with an older population and an elementary school mid-town. Air quality is of extreme importance to the health of our population.

#### ONE OF OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Frank Cobos has lived in PH for six years. He graduated from Loma Linda University of medicine in 2000, was board certified in anesthesiology in 2006 and did mission work in anesthesia in Africa before coming to practice at CMC. In his limited spare time, he plays guitar, harmonica, grows a large garden, keeps bees and builds furniture from locally milled lumber. Thank you Frank for joining the team.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Pleasant Hill was incorporated in 1903. It has a land area of 1.55 square miles, .01 square mile of water and an elevation of 1896 feet. The town population as of July 1, 2018 was 579 people.

Change your thoughts and you can change your world. Norman Vincent Peale