

PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE

TOWN TALK

February, 2019

DISPOSAL OF 'ODD' ITEMS

Pleasant Hill has experienced random furniture being tossed alongside our roads. Our Maintenance Team does its best to keep the roadways clean of debris, but the staff is not authorized to remove items discarded on private property. We are aware households often have the need to dispose of chairs/couches, refrigerators, appliances, computers, monitors, beds, tables, etc. Please note the county recycling center **DOES take these items**. It is also important to note that all toxic chemicals and paints must wait for the yearly gathering of poisonous materials. Above all, please encourage everyone to keep our roadways clean.

TN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SPRING FLING!

A few years back the Spring Festival was placed on hiatus because we were lacking volunteers. Recently, John and Linda Moore approached the Town to propose a SPRING BENEFIT for our Pleasant Hill Fire Department. The Department is in need of equipment, but currently not funded for it. John and Linda are **looking for volunteers to meet at Town Hall on Friday March 8th at 2:00 pm** to form an organizing committee to plan the event. The event will be May 18th at their farm off Bud Tanner Road. John and Linda have built a stage and have booked a band to play that day. We are looking for ideas - games, arts and crafts, food stations, demonstration booths, fire education (maybe even a bounce house as in the past). All ideas are welcome! The proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the Fire Department to aid in the service to our community. Call Town Hall 931-277-3813 and we will pass the list of interested people to Linda and John. What a wonderful way to spend time with our neighbors... and for an excellent cause.

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Geneva Seagraves Brady has lived all but 8 of her 94 years in or very close to Pleasant Hill. Her considerable family of two remaining children, 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandchild always received a crocheted handmade item for holidays until her failing eyesight prevented this. Geneva Seagraves was born on January 29, 1925 delivered at home with the assistance of Dr. May Cravath Wharton, the *Doctor Woman of the Cumberland*s. Her childhood home was on Arthur Seagraves Rd. now called Glade Creek Rd. on the fringe of Pleasant Hill. She was a student at the Pleasant Hill Academy. As a single parent, Geneva and her five children farmed their land just in front of Smith's Chapel Cemetery near Pleasant Hill for several years selling in 1979 and moving to Main Street in Pleasant Hill. In Crossville, she worked at the Cumberland County Medical Center and became the Personnel Manager of Crossville Rubber for 22 years, retiring in 1988. Geneva and her children loved camping and fishing visiting the Smokies often. Pleasant Hill was the fortunate recipient of many of her volunteer hours at the Nursing Home, the PH Community Church, Uplands Village, Neighbors Together Food Bank, and with the Pioneer Hall Museum for 18 years many of them as Assistant Curator. When The Grab thrift store building in the old water treatment plant was condemned in 2003, she was instrumental in gathering a group of concerned citizens who found a place to reopen this historically valuable community resource. They have even named a storage shed "The Brady Barn".

SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

One last reminder - The Council will meet February 15th 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 to observe.



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK - Lisa Patrick

New Town Clerk - Judy Patrick has been on board as our new Town Clerk for a number of weeks and has had the chance to meet many of you as you come in with your checks for garbage pickup. If you haven't already, please come in and introduce yourselves. She is excited to meet our residents! We are not related, but in interviewing her, I did have reservations because of the name connection, so I continued to interview four more people. But it was clear Judy rose to the top and was the best choice for this position. So ... the inside team is now Patrick & Patrick and the outside team remains Harris, Blankenship & Arnold.

AARP Tax Appointments - The AARP tax assistance schedule for Pleasant Hill is abbreviated this year due to a limited number of tax volunteers. Present plans are to offer the service in the Community House from 1-5 PM on three Wednesday afternoons: February 13, March 13 and April 10. Please call Ron Johnson to make an appointment at 931-371-1781. Appointments are limited, call early.

Town Hall Hours - Town Hall hours have changed to 10am to 2pm five days a week. So far, feedback has been positive. People seem to like the thought of consistent hours all week long.

INTRODUCING ONE OF OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Don Dowdey is the retired Dean of Library and Information Technologies at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, TX. Sul Ross is a small Hispanic-serving institution near Big Bend National Park. In that position, he served on the University's Strategic Planning and Budget Committees and served on the Dean's Council. He is a graduate of Texas Christian University (BA), the University of Kansas (MA), and Catholic University (MLS). Before beginning his Library Career, Don worked as a community organizer, worked in a pool hall, and managed a restaurant. He also taught English Composition and Lit for several years as an adjunct professor.

Don and his wife Marilyn Brady, a retired History Professor, moved to Pleasant Hill in 2015. He has served on the Board of the Shalom Center for Continuing Education and is Vice-President of the Pleasant Hill Historical Society. A member of the Wharton Association, he has led the Silent Auction for three years, worked in Trash and Treasure, and helped start a Music and Memory Program for Wharton Homes. Since 2017, he has served on the Uplands Board. We are so lucky to have him on the Pleasant Hill Town Council.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Pleasant Hill Community House on Main Street was built with two stories. The second floor was accessed from an outside stairway and the custodian's family lived there. The second story was removed in 1953 during renovations. The Pleasant Hill Community Church, UCC held services there from 1934 until moving across Church Drive in 1959.