



# PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE TOWN TALK



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>>>> TRASH AND TREASURE SALE - April 27 & 28 <<<<

**Pleasant Hill's Most Popular Sale:** Sale dates and times are Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 2 pm and Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4 pm at the 'Blue Barn' on W. Lake Rd. just behind the Uplands Wellness Center.



**! REMINDER - MAY 18<sup>th</sup> - REMINDER !**



**Reminder - The Fire Department Benefit is being held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Acorn Farm.** Linda and John Moore are still looking for volunteers to help with events on that day. Great food, entertainment and fun for both children and adults. Contact Town Hall if you are interested in helping, and we will pass along your name. Don't forget this benefit is to purchase needed equipment for YOUR fire hall. Donations are accepted.

**FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK - Lisa Patrick**



**The Beecher Seegraves Veteran's Memorial Park** - The Town is proud to announce it will be hosting a groundbreaking event on **April 8, 2019 at 11:00 am** for Pleasant Hill's future Veteran's Memorial Park on the corner of Main Street and Mayland/Cottage St. The park will be named in honor of March's resident of the month, Mr. Beecher Seegraves. Mr Seegraves is one of Pleasant Hill's most notable veterans, and the park bearing his name will be to honor all veterans. The idea for a veteran's park was the brainchild of Jaramy Harris, our Town Supervisor. Once approved by the Council, a number of individuals have been working on the effort, but has been mainly spearheaded by John and Linda Moore (who are the generous donors of the land where the park will be built). It will consist of a memorial where families/friends can purchase plaques to honor veterans (price TBD), benches, shrubs, three flag poles (American, TN, POW/MIA), lighting, and a parking lot. We are currently looking into the possibility of an eternal flame. All efforts are aiming toward minimal maintenance once the land is deeded over to the Town. Through the efforts and influence of many, to date, all items for the park have been donated, with no cost to the Town.

**New Mower** - Not as exciting to most as it is to our maintenance crew, the Town is the new owner of a zero-turn mower. A special thank you to our auditor who said, "Of course you can use the Cemetery Funds for the betterment of the Cemetery." So for the first time, the Cemetery account (that has never been used since it was created), is now benefitting the entity it was meant to perpetually maintain... the cemeteries.

**New Brakes for a Backhoe** - Yes, there was a delay in brush pickup one week in early March, and some brush was finished on Wed morning before Recycle pickup began... but for a good reason. Jaramy and Wayne were replacing the brakes on the backhoe. The Town's apologies if anyone had their brush an extra day, but the decision to tackle the brakes internally is in line with the 2019 Town priority to save money. Most importantly, every cost-saving effort helps to stave off the need to institute a Pleasant Hill property tax. Their work saved the Town a cost of over \$4500 if we had sent it out for service. Thankfully our maintenance staff knows how to service our equipment, saving us \$\$\$. Thanks to the residents for your understanding.

## GETTING TO KNOW JARAMY HARRIS, TOWN SUPERVISOR

Jaramy is a decade-long resident of the Pleasant Hill area, who lives here with his lovely wife Audrey. Jaramy and Audrey have been married for 13 years, and thankfully Audrey is a great cook, 'cause Jaramy loves testing her work! Jaramy is a college graduate with a degree in metallurgy, welding, and blueprinting from UTC, who came to Pleasant Hill from the TN Sheriff's office in White County where he worked as a sheriff. His timely arrival was to help during our infamous ice storm, where he led the restoration effort in getting the Town back on its feet. As a result of his excellent work, Jaramy was offered a full time job with Maintenance, quickly moving into the Town Supervisory position. Since his arrival, we have received an abundance of positive feedback from the residents about his helpfulness, quick response, thoroughness, and most importantly, his respectful and friendly attitude toward the residents. In the past few months, Jaramy has taken the lead on the directive to come up with ideas to save money. His negotiation efforts have saved us hundreds of \$\$ on the reflectors, thousands in a backhoe brake repair, and a good amount on the purchase price of a new mower. Jaramy's idea to invest a small amount in a new salt shed (approved by your Council and to be built by Jaramy and Wayne) will quickly pay for itself in about a year, and save the Town thousands in the future. We are lucky to have Jaramy, along with all our staff, who have all quickly migrated to support each other as a true team.

## UPDATE ON PIONEER HALL MUSEUM

The \$37,000 construction project to replace the 72 critically-needed windows in the Pioneer Hall Museum is nearly completed. Reaching this milestone is an amazing accomplishment thanks to the gifts of approximately 70 individuals, families, and organizations who, to date, have contributed \$29K. The Board of Directors of the Pleasant Hill Historical Society wants to sincerely thank you for your caring and generous support. The remaining goal of \$8K has yet to be achieved, but we are inspired by a generous \$2K matching grant offer. In our quest to gain an additional \$2K, it will be matched for a total of \$4K. Please consider contributing to help push this goal to the top.

## BROADBAND SURVEY

Please take time to fill out the survey at <https://cumberlandcountyttn.gov/broadband-survey>.

The information gathered will be used in an effort to help improve access in Cumberland County. Please forward this link to your friends and family here in Cumberland County in order to help get more surveys completed.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**The top listed American foods are:** Apple Pie, Hamburgers, Clam Chowder, Bagel and Lox, Deep-Dish Pizza, Drop Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Texas Barbecue, and Hominy Grits.

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

