



# PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE TOWN TALK



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## CONDOLENCES

The Town Staff and Town Council, along with the entire Town of Pleasant Hill, offer their heartfelt condolences to former Mayor Diane Savage and her family, in the loss of her husband Robert Savage. Diane and Robert have been long time residents, and dedicated contributors to both our children and the community at large.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY VACCINES:

All resident 65+ years and all 16+ years old with high risk health conditions are eligible (phase 1c).

To sign up for a Vaccine in Cumberland County:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/cumberlandpriority>

## AS SPRINGS APPROACHES...

The Town Maintenance Team will be kicking into full gear for the uptick in summer activities.

**Beecher Seegraves Park** - The ground readiness has been completed and as soon as weather permits, the next step is pouring cement which begins the final steps to honor Mr Seegraves and our veterans. It has been a long awaited effort, but well worth the tribute.

**Spring Brush Pickup** - Will be conducted **the last two Tuesdays in April (4/20 and 4/27)**. This is to assist our residents in disposing of regular garden/lawn waste from winter accumulations. If you have a large amount of brush, you will be responsible for disposing of the stash. Tying and bundling requirements are still applicable. Call Town Hall if you need bundling info ... 931-277-3813.

**ALERT - Cemetery Cleanup** - Before placing new flowers (artificial or real) on plots in either of the cemeteries, please remember we clear the cemeteries of ALL flowers weeks prior to the Memorial Day weekend. **During the first week in May**, the Maintenance crew will sweep the cemeteries to ready the gravesites for families to honor their loved ones on Memorial Day. If you have current arrangements you wish to preserve before that time, please remove them to prevent disposal.

**Street Chip Paving** - Previously postponed in the fall, paving will commence this spring for the 5 roads identified in Pleasant Hill: Rankhorn, Canyon View, Cottage, Holly and North Sycamore. The specific date will depend on weather and availability. Because the date may be determined between Town Talk publications, a notice will be posted on Town Hall front door as soon as the date is set. We will also place a notification in Linda's Restaurant and in the Post Office so residents are alerted.

**Fall Festival?** - Rumors are circulating there may be local interest in reviving a Pleasant Hill festival. Similar to the previous Spring Festival, this event may happen in the fall to accommodate current COVID concerns. All are residents are encouraged and welcome to participate. If interested in just seeing what this is all about, or being involved, please contact: Barbara Smith at 248-228-4797.

## SALT BOX CONTAINER

This past winter has been exceptionally expensive for the Town in required plowing overtime, along with the cost of gas, salt and sand to keep our roads safe. We had an unusually busy snow year which presented itself as a notable strain on our budget.

Last year, the Council approved the expense of an on-site salt container to store bulk salt which would allow us to buy it wholesale and store the supply safely and ultimately save substantially on costs. This storage container will require an up-front expense, but will soon pay for itself and be an investment in ongoing savings for the future. The Council will discuss targeting this activity this summer to be ready for the winter of 2021-22.

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



At my request, the April Council Meeting agenda will include a discussion delving into the Pleasant Hill's policy regarding how and when we respond to weather emergencies. Our maintenance crew has always been extremely diligent in reacting timely to be first responders the scene of an emergency ... a tree down, animals hit on our roads, potholes, plowing in inclement weather with salt and/or sand when appropriate... and any other offbeat occasion that may arise. They have assessed each incident, and tackled each regardless of the time of day (or night), during the week, or on the weekends.

However, happenings this winter have posed circumstances where I feel require the Council to review our response policy, to still honor our commitment to keep our employees safe. One harrowing night, the Town Truck slipped off the side of the pavement rendering the truck immovable at 2:00 in the morning. After numerous calls, and significant time, no tow truck companies would respond due to severe weather and the risk of being stranded themselves. Both our men risked their personal safety for hours in sleeting, freezing weather in an attempt to free the truck. Cumberland County had already suspended their plowing due to the dangerous conditions. Roads were closed, and the public was asked to refrain from going out, to consider safety first, and call 911 in case of emergency.

Because our main concern is the ability of the EMS service to navigate our roads in case of emergencies, our men were still out plowing. As a result of this incident/accident, it precipitated my having a lengthy discussion with the head of Cumberland County EMS who oversees our Pleasant Hill Response Station (and all County Stations). From this phone encounter, and the need to protect the safety of our workers, some significant recommendations will be made to the Council. I have placed on the agenda to have this discussion to propose and establish a firm policy for future inclement weather responses.

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### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2021.

All residents are welcome. If you wish to observe, or to be a party to any discussion with the Town Council, please join us on the second Tuesday monthly at 6:00 pm. Call Town Hall for Zoom link to be sent to your email.... 931-277-3813.

**Note:** *It is important you sign in with your name for the minute records. Once you sign in, the clerk will grant entry to the meeting.*