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PLEASANT HILL, TENNESSEE TOWN TALK

December 2019



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DECEMBER OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas - The office and maintenance will be closed Christmas Week - DEC 23rd thru 27th.
(one exception is trash pickup Thursday the 26th which will be on normal schedule).

SERVICES >> BRUSH AND TRASH PICKUP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas - Brush pickup - **CHANGE** - pickup will be SUSPENDED TUES DEC 24th

Christmas - Trash Pickup - will be on normal schedule - THURS DEC 26th

We return to normal schedule the week of DEC 30th

PLEASANT HILL FOOD BOX APPEAL

Now that it is getting colder, it is important that the items that go into the Food Pantry are non-perishable and cannot freeze. Boxed goods, staples such as flour, sugar, pasta, dried meats, jerky, powdered drink mixes, paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins).

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK - Lisa Patrick



Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings to All

Free Medicine Lock Boxes - The Cumberland County Drug Coalition is offering free drug lockboxes to keep your medications secure in your home. In this day and age, those who take medications are encouraged to secure their prescriptions to assure they are safe and dispensed properly. For a free box, come into Town Hall or call 277-3813 to be added to the reservation list. We also have a box on display if you would like to come in and check it out. We will contact you and distribute them when they are available.



November Town Hall Meeting - At the Nov Town Hall Meeting, the residents who attended requested we consider rescinding Ordinance 2019-01. They claimed it proved to be redundant in verifying regulations already in place by the county and state. After discussion, the Council has opted to introduce Ordinance 2019-08 which will nullify the previous ordinance. The second reading will take place at the Dec Council meeting. If the new ordinance passes, all future inquiries and/or complaints regarding open burning coming to Town Hall will be referred to the TN Dept of Forestry.

Congratulations to our Building Inspector - Erin Arnold has now passed her Commercial Plumbing Certification Test. 5 Tests down, two more to go.

NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING - Tuesday, December 10th at Town Hall - starting at 6:00 pm.

FYI - 2019 5 TOP PRIORITIES - UPDATE for 2019

Increase Revenue Stream: A number of new actions have been taken to save/increase revenue:

- Purchase of the Hull mobile - saving gas from town truck (8mi/gal) vs Hull Mobile (35mi/gal)
- Tax free status - we were not listed as tax exempt with all our vendors, we now are
- New phone plan - a change of plans now saves us \$60/month (Mayor phone plan cancelled)
- Change of Clerk duties to part-time (Town Hall hours now consistent 10am - 2pm M-F)
- Increase of Cemetery plot purchase to be competitive with local cemeteries
- Revamping the Building Permit process to follow the state statutes fairly for all
- Purchase z-turn mower from cemetery funds (not used in 25 years) resulting in more efficient use of time
- Pursuing and awarded various grants for Employee, Property and Vehicle safety.
- Reflectors - placed on main street as a temporary safety solution until we could procure a low-cost estimate to stripe

Bridge the Gap between Local and Migrating Residents - Equality for All:

- Town Hall hrs are now daily consistent (10am - 2pm) Monday - Friday
- The Clerk and Mayor offices are open to all - no more window service
- We are working to assure guidelines apply to all residents equally
- Town Talk - now has extended information regarding town activities
- Special Notices - issued when pertinent information cannot wait till the next Town Talk
- Rumor Control - addressing rumors with fact as we are made aware of them
- Relaying Positive stories about the Community - we have plenty to tell
- Food Box - open to all to meet the need of the community
- Redefined the Complaint Process - to exhibit fairness to all residents

Improve Community Appearance:

- Started at home and cleaned up Town Hall grounds from debris and old rusting salt boxes
- Privacy fence slats - installed around the Recycling Container at Town Hall
- Cleaning Town Hall and opening it to the public
- Litter Patrol - weekly litter patrol to rid the streets of cans, lottery tickets, debris, paper.
- Painted lines - a new look on our main street

Paving Roads (and other grant pursuits):

- Joined a government agency that gives access to a database for a variety of grants.
- Assigned a Town Council member to investigate what grants would be open to Pleasant Hill

Tiny House Initiative: Tiny houses are experiencing a boom in popularity and growth across America. Pleasant Hill is in the process of investigating if they may fit into the future of our town. No action yet, we are still gathering information.



Tis the season to be grateful... but most importantly, to be kind and compassionate.

