



# TOWN OF GLASGOW, VIRGINIA



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## NEW PAVILION AND RIBBON CUTTING EVENT

The Town of Glasgow is proud to announce the development of its new entertainment and events pavilion, slated for completion the end of August 2019. It is a 40ft by 40ft pavilion with a stage for concerts and other events, located at the Town's Old Carnival Grounds at 515 9<sup>th</sup> street. Mayor Ogden Clark said "This will be great for the community." This project could not have been completed without the help of private land owner Mr. Gerry Locher who donated the land and Rockbridge County Board of Supervisor David "DD" Hinty who helped secure funding from the County.

Mr. Locher stated "I'm glad to participate in something that is for the betterment of Glasgow. This is in memory my father's brother and his wife John G. and Sallie T. Locher. They were highly involved in Glasgow for a long time."

DD expressed his passion for the community "I was raised in Glasgow it has always been close to me and it is where I grew up. This is a great opportunity to do a joint venture with the Town. Time to help the Town become a destination for events and entertainment. We want these people who use the boat ramp and canoe launch during the day to stay for entertainment at night. This can be a great economic boom for the Town. This couldn't have been done without Mr. Locher, he does great things for the Town and I want to give him great praise."

Councilman Sonny Williams stated "It is going to be a very good venue for the Town and really appreciate Gerry giving back to our community. It is good for the people of our community and they are excited to have this new venue for entertainment and events. It will be a monumental venue for Gerry and his family. He deserves the appreciation from Council and the residents." "I'm excited to bring something over to the Old Carnival Grounds" said Councilwoman Bradley.

Chief Poole who is always visible and helping organizing community events expressed her excitement for the pavilion. Chief Poole "I'm excited and the residents I see around Town daily are excited. This will put us on the map. I can tell the feeling and expectation from the community is we are about to take off and this is our launch pad."



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“It will be good to have its own events center, it is a piece to get the Town revitalized.” said Chris Flint who is the Town’s lead public works employee has helped with laying the ground.

Eric Pollitt the Town Manger praised staff for their work on the project. “I told Chris and Chief you two get this thing done. We have to have this thing up by August 31<sup>st</sup> for our summer concert. Chief, find a contractor who can get us a design in our budget and can build this thing in our timeframe. Chris, find an electrician you know does good work and can get this project finished in a short time frame.” Mr. Pollitt continued “They did all the work and deserve the credit. They know who to contact in the Rockbridge community. Council is excited and I’m eager to put this facility to use in bringing the community together.”

A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for this new pavilion on Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Mr. Pollitt stated “Council wanted all the bigwigs we could find to be there at the ceremony. I’m hoping we get a lot of residents to turn out as well. A big thanks to Spencer Suter with the County, Tracy Lyons at the Chamber, and Jean Clark for helping us with the ribbon cutting outreach” Free food and drinks will be served by Bizzee B’s BBQ out of Buena Vista at the ceremony afterwards.