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Pittman Center Times

Official Newsletter of the Town of Pittman Center

Dear Subscribers,

Thank you for continuing to read the Pittman Center Times! We believe this is one of the best methods to communicate with the citizens of this community.

We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy during this COVID-19 pandemic. On the bright side the weather in Pittman Center over the last several days has been absolutely beautiful and we hope you have been able to enjoy it.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to call Town Hall at (865) 436-5499 or you can email us at asutton@pittmancentertn.gov.

Your PC Times Staff

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

The Town of Pittman Center hopes that everyone has had a great March and end to the first quarter of 2020. March has been a difficult month as the Country has faced this pandemic from the health perspective as well as the economic fallout. It is times like this we need to check-up on our neighbors and be there to help each other. The Town has partnered with community organizations to help assist citizens that have been affected (details later in the newsletter). Due to the recent events and in an abundance of caution we have made the difficult decision to cancel Heritage Day 2020. We look forward to seeing you next year at Heritage Day 2021!



In other news we are happy to announce that we have hired Joseph Scott as our part-time worker for our Maintenance Department. This will increase our level of service and abilities in the Maintenance Department and we are very excited. The Town is also ramping up for budget season and prioritizing objectives and goals for the next fiscal year. Our original plan was to hold a strategic planning and budgeting session at the end of April. With social distancing guidelines we are unsure when or how this meeting will be conducted. Updated meeting information will be available on our website, Facebook, and in the newspaper. Town Hall will remain physically closed to the public for the foreseeable future. If you have business to conduct with Town Hall we can be contacted at (865) 436-5499 8am-4pm Monday – Friday.

Michael T. Borders
City Administrator

TOWN MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Town meetings are open to the public. Members of the community are encouraged to attend! Complete minutes (after they are approved) are available on the Pittman Center web site. Below is an unofficial and brief overview of the meetings.

Board of Zoning Appeals

During the regularly scheduled meeting held on March 9th the Board of Zoning Appeals:

1. Reviewed and considered a sign variance of 38' for the property located at 2406 East Parkway Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The variance was approved by the Board.

Design Review Commission

During the regularly scheduled meeting held on March 9th the Design Review Commission:

1. Reviewed and considered a sign for property located at 2406 East Parkway Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The design was approved by the Commission.

Planning Commission

During the regularly scheduled meeting held on March 9th the Planning Commission:

1. Reviewed and discussed an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pittman Center, Tennessee by Adding a Definition of Transient Rental Homes and Allowing them in Certain Zones. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
2. Discussed Mobile Food Units and Roadside Vending. No action was taken.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA)

The regularly scheduled BMA meeting for March 19th was cancelled.

The Planning Commission will meet on Monday April 13th at 4:30

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet on Thursday April 16th at 4:30

The next Tree Board meeting is yet to be determined.

The next Recreation Board meeting is yet to be determined.

If you have any questions regarding agenda items or action please contact the City Administrator at (865) 436-5499. Please note that meetings may be cancelled or held electronically which may or may not allow for Citizens Comments due to the current pandemic. Please check our website and Facebook for more information.

MEET OUR TOWN EMPLOYEES!

We have a new addition to the Town of Pittman Center Maintenance Department, Joseph Scott. Joe joined our Pittman Center family March 16th. Some of Joe's duties will be to mow, help maintain our roads, sanitation, painting and carpentry.

Joe says that some of the things he likes about his job are the people that he works with, getting to work outside and working with his hands. Working outside allows him to enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery of our Pittman Center Community.

When asked what else can you tell us about yourself, he says, he is married, moved here from Claxton, GA, that he has been a firefighter with the Pittman Center Fire Department for a little over a year, likes to fish, enjoys vacations at the beach and has 2 dogs.

Welcome to Pittman Center Joe!



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pittman Center Sparkle Days!

The Town of Pittman Center Tree Board in corroboration with the Pittman Center Firewise Committee ran Sparkle Days from February 13th through February 29th. The Maintenance Department picked up 7 dump truck loads of brush during this time frame. We look forward to providing this service again in the future. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for this event and we can have a better turnout in the future.

Heritage Day

Due to an abundance of caution and ensuring the Town complies with CDC guidelines Heritage Day 2020 has been cancelled. If you are a vendor or sponsor that has already paid, a refund check has been mailed to you. If you do not get your refund check by April 6th please call (865) 436-5499. We look forward to seeing you at Heritage Day 2021.

Mountain TOUGH

www.mountaintough.org has been re-launched as a website for Sevier County Residents to receive updated information regarding COVID-19. The Mayors and City Managers of the County authorized the Sevier County Economic Development Council to re-launch the site. The website contains a multitude of resources to help individuals and businesses affected by this pandemic.



Closure of Playground and Pavilion

The Town of Pittman Center has closed the City Hall Playground and Pavilion until further notice to comply with CDC guidelines.

REMINDERS...

Please remember in order to participate in the citizens comment section at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting you must fill out a form provided by Town staff and return the form prior to the end of day Tuesday before the Thursday meeting. You can find the form at www.pittmancentertn.com go to the “government” tab in the ribbon bar then to “printable forms”. You may also contact Town staff and have the form filled out over the phone at (865) 436-5499.

COVID – 19 Citizens Assistance Program



Town of Pittman Center Citizens,

The Town of Pittman Center has partnered with Hills Creek Baptist Church, Burnett Memorial United Methodist Church, and the Church at Pittman Center to provide services for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know of another community organization that would like to partner with us please reach out to us!

Who is it for?

If you, a resident of the Town of Pittman Center, are in a higher risk population (as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for the COVID-19 virus and have no one that can assist you in obtaining essential items such as food, hygiene products, or medicine (if it is a medicine that can be picked up by another individual) during this pandemic.

If you, a resident of the Town of Pittman Center, have become unemployed or suffered a loss of income due to the COVID-19 virus and need assistance to obtain food and hygiene products during this pandemic.

How does it work?

1. Call Pittman Center City Hall at (865) 436-5499 8am-4pm Monday-Friday or email us at asutton@pittmancentertn.gov.
2. You will give us your name, address, contact information, general needs, and give us permission to share this information with our partnered Community Organizations.
3. Town of Pittman Center Staff will provide this information to Community Organizations.
4. A member of these Community Organizations will contact you and discuss how they can assist you in obtaining these products.
5. Community Organizations will drop the products off at your residence (on your porch or in another way to avoid contact) and disinfect the products.

It's that simple!

Please remember this program is **only** for those who are in a **higher risk population as defined by the CDC** for the COVID-19 virus and have no other way (family, friends, etc.) to obtain essentials **or** for **those, of any population, who have suffered unemployment and loss of income** as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and **can no longer provide essential items for themselves or their family.**

Thank you for being a part of the Pittman Center community and coming together during this pandemic!