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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 look forward to continuing communicating with YOU, the CITIZEN!

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

It's that time again! The end of the fiscal year! The Town is moving forward on all cylinders. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed our budget, without a property tax increase, on second reading on June 18th and we have since submitted our budget to the State for approval. Administrative staff and department heads have been working on actionable objectives and their implementation to meet our strategic goals for the upcoming year. We are also very excited to see the surge in local economic activity in the county. While this is very exciting, we still encourage everyone to follow the Tennessee Pledge and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.

The Police Department has stayed busy with the increase in visitors and overall traffic throughout Town. Our Public Works Department has begun working on the Butler Branch Crossing repair project, keeping up with beautification efforts throughout the Town, and of course sanitation duties. The Building Department has remained busy as we have seen an increase of properties joining our Tourist Residency program along with general building permits. We are very excited with what we will accomplish in the coming year and many more to come!

We would also like to report that the citizens questions regarding Grassy Branch Bridge have been submitted to TDOT. We eagerly await their responses. In the meantime, I will be more than happy to meet with anyone that has questions regarding this project.

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 website. Below is an unofficial and brief overview of the meetings.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission during the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 8th:

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. The Planning Commission recommended the Ordinance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval with the revisions of including the C-1 zoning district and the deletion of Section 11-420 of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Reviewed and discussed building height regulations. No action was taken.

Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals during the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 8th:

1. Heard a request to continue the use of a recreational vehicle during construction for the property located at 128 Perkins Road Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The Board approved the use of the recreational vehicle during the construction process for the next three months.
2. Heard a variance to place an accessory structure in the front yard of the property located at 2929 Kettle Creek Way Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The Board approved the placement of the accessory structure in the front yard due to the site configuration and topographical difficulty.
3. Request for a side yard setback variance for the placement of an accessory structure for property located at 2929 Kettle Creek Way Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The Board approved the placement of the accessory structure.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA)

During the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 8th the Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

1. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance No. 297 An Ordinance of the Town of Pittman Center, Tennessee Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021. The Ordinance passed on second and final reading.
2. Reading and Consideration of Ordinance No. 298 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. The Ordinance passed on first reading.

The Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday July 13th at 4:30.

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

The next Tree Board meeting will be July 29th at 3:30 at the Spring Branch Walking Trail.

Please check our website and Facebook for up to date information. If you have any questions regarding agenda items or action please contact the City Administrator at (865) 436-5499.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

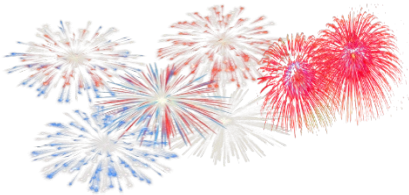
COVID – 19 Citizens Assistance Program

We would like to take this opportunity to remind the citizens of the Town that the COVID – 19 Citizens Assistance Program is still available for those that need it! Thus far our partnered organizations (Hills Creek Baptist Church, Burnett Memorial United Methodist Church, and the Church at Pittman Center) have helped two families! If you, your family, or a family you know of needs assistance and meets the criteria for this program please call us at (865) 436-5499.



MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The maintenance department has begun work on the Butler Branch crossing. This crossing has historically been susceptible to flooding and washing out. Our folks are working on a permanent solution to prevent washouts in the future. We anticipate to work on this project throughout the next month. They have continued working and maintaining our beautification projects throughout Town. Remember if you see anything that needs our attention to please give us a call. We are here to serve!



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.gov 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.

Please remember that the Town enforces building and zoning codes seriously to ensure high quality development that fits in with the character of our great community. If you have in mind requires a permit please give us a call at (865) 436-5499 to ensure you are in compliance.



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DID YOU KNOW...?

SEVIER ANIMAL CARE CENTER (SACC)

SACC is a non-profit government run animal shelter located in Sevierville, Tennessee that serves the animal control needs of Sevier County, Sevierville, Pittman Center, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg. SACC's mission is to reunite lost pets with their owners and match homeless pets with a loving family. SACC **ALWAYS** has adoptable pets and offers a non-judgmental approach to adoption counseling!

Did you know...?

- They offer an option of a **trial adoption** to qualified adopters! This program allows families to ensure their new furry friend is a good fit for both the family and the pet before a final decision is made.
- There is also a program that allows you to adopt unsocialized cats or "barn cats" as rodent control. These cats are fixed and the fees are waived!
- SACC does microchipping for the public for the low price of \$20.
- On the 2nd Saturday of each month from 1-4pm SACC partners with H&L Rescue to hold a pet food pantry event to help folks who are struggling to make ends meet.
- SACC is always in need of pet supplies, volunteers, and monetary donations. Please visit their website at: <http://www.sevieranimalcarecenter.com/donations.html> for more information.



WEBB CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Did you know...? In October of 2017 the Town of Pittman Center entered into an agreement with TDOT to replace the Webb Creek bridge. This contract provided the Town with a 98% match using funds from the State of Tennessee. This allowed us to complete this approximately \$435,000 project for around \$10,000! The State funded this project through a Bridge Grant. According to TDOT's website, "The Bridge Grant Program was established to assist local governments with the replacement or



Webb Creek Bridge After Replacement

rehabilitation of deficient bridges under their jurisdiction. Since the inception of the original program in 1982,



Webb Creek Bridge After Replacement

local governments, in partnership with the State, have replaced over 2,800 bridges utilizing Bridge Grant funds”. The Town used Robert Campbell and Associates for engineering and the work was completed by Blalocks in October of 2018. This grant allowed the Town to replace a deficient bridge with a new 40’ long, 24’ 4” wide bridge that will be around for decades to come!



Community Announcements and Events

These are community announcements and events that meet our guidelines to be included in this section of the newsletter. They are in no way endorsed, sanctioned, or represent the Town of Pittman Center or its agents.

5th Annual Pittman Center Golf Cart Parade

We are happy to announce that the 5th Annual Pittman Center Golf Cart Parade WILL be taking place on July 4th! In a world full of cancelled plans and suspended traditions, we hope that you will take the opportunity to join us. Bikers, runners, walkers, and golf cart drivers, please meet behind the Hungry Bear restaurant on Hwy 321. We will start at 10 a.m. Come join the fun! Spectators are welcome! We encourage everyone to wear a mask and practice social distancing.



Greenbrier Mountain Festival

We want to promote a sense of community and help support local businesses. We will also have many other fun activities for ALL ages; food, music, kids activities, and much more. There will not be an entrance fee for vendors or visitors, so come on down to support local businesses and enjoy a fun day out with your family. We hope to see y’all there! The event will be held July, 25th from 10:00am to 7:00pm at Hills Creek Baptist Church, 154 Hills Creek Road Pittman Center, TN 37876. More information can be found at: <https://www.hillscreekbaptistchurch.com/greenbriermountainfestival>





PCCVFD COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Sunday, July 19, 2020 at Station 2

5204 E Parkway, Cosby TN 37722

8:30 AM - 4 PM

(Rain or Shine)

GREAT LOCATION!! RIGHT OFF HWY 321, ON A VERY BUSY TRAVEL DAY!

Setup begins at 7:30 am

\$20 per space, includes 1 table rental

Additional table rentals available for \$10 each

Chair rentals available for \$5

**** All proceeds from booth, chair & table rental will go towards fire equipment. Donations will also be accepted.**

You may set up a booth for your personal business (Scentsy, itWorks, Paparazzi, etc) however, we can only accept one vender per business!

**** ALL unsold items must be taken with you, each owner will be responsible for their own set up/clean up!**

Registration is required!

Deadline to register is Friday, July 17th by 5 pm

NO concession items are allowed, the fire department will be selling concessions!

To register or for more information please email pccvfdauxillary@gmail.com with your name, how many tables & chairs, your phone number and tell us if you'll be representing any business'.