



VOL. 2 ISSUE 10 • October 2020

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

We hope everyone is off to a great fall season, I know we are! This is a very exciting time of the year as we look forward to the holiday season just on the horizon. Town staff have been busy with fall decorations, minor road repair, planning and zoning issues, preparing for technology upgrades on multiple fronts, and preparing bids for the final part of the Butler Branch road repair. We look forward to continuing our forward movement of the Town.

Please remember that early voting ended on October 29th and that to vote in the municipal election you will need to vote on November 3rd. Please remember if you are a **property owner** you will vote at your regular polling location for the general election and will vote at Pittman Center Elementary for the Pittman Center municipal election. If you have any questions please contact us at (865) 436-5499 or the Sevier County Election Commission at (865) 453-6985. If you missed our previous newsletter that featured our four Aldermen candidates please visit our website at www.pittmancentertn.gov.

In November we will be scheduling several community outreach events. Please visit our website for more information on dates, times, and events. We looking forward to seeing you!

We hope you have a great Thanksgiving and start to the holiday season!

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 October 12th:

1. Public Hearing and Consideration of Rezoning Request for property located off of Hickey Road (Map: 109 Parcel: 089) in Pittman Center, Tennessee from RLD (Low Density Residential District) to TR (Tourist Residential District). The request was withdrawn by the requestor. Possible zoning text amendments will be discussed at the next meeting. Please contact the City Administrator at (865) 436-5499 for more detailed information.
2. During the Campground Regulations Workshop: The commission discussed amending campground regulations and will continue to do so at the next meeting.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

During the regularly scheduled Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting held on October 15th:

1. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance No. 302: An Ordinance Amending Height Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pittman Center, Tennessee. The Ordinance passed on second and final reading.
2. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance No. 303: An Ordinance Amending Section 11-410 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Pittman Center, Tennessee to amend regulations for temporary signage within the Town of Pittman Center. The Ordinance passed on second and final reading.
3. Reading and Consideration of Resolution No. 228: A Resolution of the Town of Pittman Center, Tennessee to Accept the Sevier County Hazard Mitigation Plan Document. The resolution passed.

Tree Board

During the Tree Board meeting held on October 27th:

1. The Tree Board discussed the stream bank stabilization project and potential dates for tree planting at the Spring Branch Walking Trail (please visit our website once a date is established for more information on how to volunteer for this project!).

Upcoming Meetings

All of our meetings for the month of November may take place at an alternate time. Please visit our website homepage for up to date information.

If you have any questions regarding agenda items or action please do not hesitate to contact the City Administrator at (865) 436-5499.

REMINDERS...

Please remember in order to participate in the citizens comment section of 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



After discussion from Town staff we have decided to begin featuring Pittman Center businesses! We believe this to be an excellent way to support our local businesses and learn a little history at the same time. If you know of or are part of a business that you would like to be featured please reach out to us at asutton@pittmancentertn.gov.

Remember daylight savings ends Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 at 2 a.m.-
don't forget to “fall” back an hour!





Pittman Center Fire Department (Station #2- 5204 East Parkway Cosby, TN 37722) is partnering with the Sevier County Rescue Squad to host the 1st Annual Haunted House and Costume Contest! October 30th and October 31st, 6 p.m.-11 p.m. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for Adults and Kids! (5 and under FREE, 6 and up \$5.00 per



person) Halloween movies-Free, Chili Dinner with Dessert \$6.00 person.



When asked about the history and just how long students, parents, and townspeople have been enjoying our school's Fall Festival, former principal Susan Carr had this to say,

" Well, that's a question that has been asked many times. The answer..no one is quite sure. We do know that Sam Manning, who served as Pittman Center's police chief for many years, represented his class as its king (that tidbit came from Glenn Cardwell several years ago). That would make the festival at least eighty or so years old. The school is quickly approaching its 100th anniversary, and there's a chance the festival could have started shortly after the school's inception. For the record, if our beloved and much-missed Glenn Cardwell didn't know the answer, it is highly unlikely that anyone knows. This brief history lesson is all to say that the Fall Festival is a time-honored tradition.

Funds generated from this annual and eagerly anticipated festival provide our Title I school with technology, books, P.E. equipment, and daily school supplies. The reserve also allows the school to meet the personal needs of many of our children.

Throughout the years, the festival has changed and evolved. With the onset of Covid-19, the festival will demonstrate its tenacity November 7, 2020."

We are planning an outdoor Fall Festival from 1:30-5:00pm. Please come dressed for the weather. We will be following strict protocol when it comes to the health and safety of all who attend. Masks will be required, and social distancing will be in place. We will have plenty of hand sanitizer and other disinfecting measures in place throughout the afternoon. It is our intention to hold our Fall Festival with the health and safety of our attendees at the forefront.

Here are some of the details of this fun-filled afternoon:

Our traditional silent auction will take place from 1:30-3:30. We will have games and activities for kids from 2:00-4:00. Since we are outdoors for the first time, we are excited to add "Visit a Farm" for families, which will include the chance to view and feed some farm animals as well as learn about other aspects of farm life.

Due to COVID, we will be offering our traditional Turkey Dinner with all the "fixins" to-go only. We will offer the same meal in a convenient drive-thru service from 2:00-4:00. Dinner tickets can be purchased in advance or at the festival. Prices for the dinner are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

In addition, our live auction is being held in an online format this year. As always, we have some exciting donations to auction off to benefit the school. Our live auction is open now, and can be found by going online at <https://www.biddingowl.com/PittmanCenterSchool>

Please take the time to visit our auction, which will close with items going to the highest bidder on November 6th at 7:00pm. We have items for every bidder, from a guitar, signed by Dolly Parton, to vacation packages, home decor, and golf packages.

Our Fall Festival will conclude with the traditional student king and queen ceremony and announcement of class totals raised at 4:30.

While we have had to think outside the box when it came to planning this time-honored Pittman Center tradition, we hope the community will continue to come out and show support in whatever way they are most comfortable. There is something for all. If you have questions about the event, please feel free to call the school at 436-4515.



DID YOU KNOW...?



Kent Green, his wife, Misty and their sons, Cody, Casey and Kendall along with Kent's mother Shearlean Green share in the tending to this family store that can be found at 2717 East Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. This establishment, as all family businesses are, is a full-time commitment. It takes a very solid work ethic that is handed down from generation to generation to keep a general store active for over a hundred years! I didn't realize as many of you may not either that this store has had three locations over its lifetime and spanned five generations. The first store began in 1895 on Copeland Rd. It was opened by Sam Brown, Kent's Great Grandfather. In 1940 the store was moved to the piece of property near the John Green Bridge at the corner of Pittman Center Rd. and Webb Creek Rd. The store was passed to Sam's daughter, Bonnie Brown Green and husband John Green. In 1952 the store found its current home beside Hwy 321. From John and Bonnie the store was passed to Austin Green and wife Shearlean. On February 26, 2020 Pittman Center's community lost one of its grassroots citizens when Samuel Austin Green passed away at age 78. The doors would only be temporarily closed. His legacy would continue on with his loving wife of 56 years, his son, daughter in-law and grandsons.

Above the window behind the checkout counter are two fishing poles. These were purchased by Kent's grandfather during his time of service in World War II. The walls and shelves are decorated in items that no doubt have a story of their own, many of a time past. Inside the store is bright and neat and items fit uniformly on the shelves. I smelled handmade soaps, walked by some hams from Bentons Hickory Smoked Hams & Bacon, hanging in the center and purchased a jar of beautiful amber colored clover honey from Misty and Kent's family owned farm, Rock Bottom Farms. The second half of the store is a craft room that has handmade wooden keepsake boxes, bird houses, bird feeders, antiques, pottery, lamp bases and memorabilia. There isn't enough room here to list all that this store carries but one thing for sure that you can expect is a warm welcome and another stop to visit when you return this way.

Some great benefits of shopping locally owned shops are personalized service, less crowds, quality products that have been sourced by local farms and businesses, and provides support for our community. This store has been owned by the family and a part of the family for 125 years and as long as we support our community's mom and pop shops they will continue to live on for hopefully another 125 years.

Open: Monday-Saturday 9a.m. – 6:30p.m. and Sunday 12p.m. to 6p.m. (Hours May Vary)





