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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 continued communication 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](mailto:asutton@pittmancentertn.gov).

-Your PC Times Staff



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progress!!

check back soon...

## MESSAGE FROM.....

Welcome to 2021! We hope you had a great New Years celebration. With a new year comes new hope for a better year for all of us. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen have been diligently working to find our next City Administrator. We are looking forward with this new year to a new chapter for the Town of Pittman Center, and we will be happy to introduce the next administrator when he or she has been chosen.

Michael Borders will be missed. He was a great asset to our town. We greatly appreciate all of the hard work he invested in our community and wish him the very best!



## 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.



**Board of Zoning Appeals**

No meetings were conducted for January 2021.

**Planning Commission**

No meetings were conducted for January 2021.



**Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at Pittman Center City Hall on January 4, 2021 at 4 p.m. to discuss the interview process of candidates for the position of City Administrator

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met at Pittman Center City Hall on January 6, 2021 at 4 p.m. to interview via Zoom the potential candidates for the position of City Administrator

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met on January 14, 2021 at the Pittman Center Elementary School at 4 p.m to interview the final candidates for the position of City Administrator



**Upcoming Meetings**

The next Planning Commission meeting will be announced on our website.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet at Pittman Center City Hall on February 1, 2021 at 4 p.m. to discuss and hire the new City Administrator

The next Tree Board meeting will be announced on our website.

If you have any questions regarding agenda items or action please do not hesitate to contact the City Hall 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](http://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.



## DID YOU KNOW....

### **The Pittman Center community has its own Firewise Committee**

The Pittman Center's community Firewise Committee was organized in 2019 as part of TN Division of Forestry's initiative to promote Firewise committees in Sevier County following the 2016 wildfires. Firewise USA began in 2002 to assist communities like Pittman Center in reducing the risk of wildfire in the wildland urban interface.

The goal of Firewise USA is to involve homeowners, community leaders, and local business owners in protecting people and property from wildfire long before a fire ever starts. The program is entirely voluntary; examples of Firewise USA assistance include information on fire resistant landscapes and home construction. Firewise also offers helpful guidance on homeowner insurance, what to do in case of evacuation, and what to do after a fire. Home assessments are an integral part of Firewise USA, providing specific advice to make property more resilient. The Firewise community approach emphasizes property owner responsibility and education in wildfire protection.

The Pittman Center Firewise committee uses a strategic management approach to meeting goals and objectives and has been awarded over \$20,000 in grant money to date. 2021 goals include purchasing \$9,000 in brush removal equipment, testing the effectiveness of goats for controlling invasive, flammable kudzu, and organizing education and outreach initiatives. If you are interested in participating or learning more, email [PittmanCenterFirewise@gmail.com](mailto:PittmanCenterFirewise@gmail.com), or message on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pittmancenterfirewise>.

