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Request for Photographs of Pulaski County Veterans/Members of Armed Forces

"Veterans Trees", decorated with photographs of Pulaski County veterans and members of the armed forces, will again this year be featured as part of the County's holiday displays. To date, approximately 300 photographs of county veterans have been donated by family members. These photographs will be displayed on trees located on the 1st floor of the Pulaski County Old Stone Courthouse during the holiday season.

As has been done in the past, anyone wishing to provide a veterans photograph that has not previously been submitted may do so. Photographs of any veteran or current member of the armed forces who has lived in Pulaski County will be accepted. The photo, preferably of the veteran in uniform, should be framed with the size of frame and picture no larger than a 3" by 4", and not heavier than a quarter pound. Photographs are to be submitted to the Pulaski County Treasurer's Office, Old Stone Courthouse, 52 W. Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA, 24301, (540) 980-7785 by Monday, November 2, 2020. *Photos submitted after this deadline may not appear on the display.*

Information to be turned in with the photograph should, if possible, include:

Name of veteran

Rank/Branch of service

War or Location of service

Dates of service

Name, address and phone number of person submitting photograph

The photographs will become the property of Pulaski County and will be used annually to decorate the Veterans Trees.

This year the Veterans Trees are scheduled for public viewing by Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and will remain on display until sometime during the first week of January 2021.

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and County Administration have been working diligently to provide a community response to COVID-19 and its comprehensive impacts. One of the many things we are proud to announce is the approval and administration of \$625,000 worth of grants to our local small businesses who have been impacted by the shutdown and collaterally by the ongoing pandemic. For more information on these programs and the County's response to COVID-19, please visit our website at www.pulaskicounty.org.

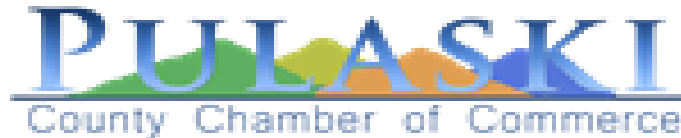
The Board also approved \$325,000 worth of grants for our local non-profits serving Pulaski County through CARES Act funding. These responsive measures were put in place to support the foundation of our community and buoy important operations that are vital to a healthy local economy. Although these resources are important to our small businesses and non-profits, nothing takes the place of directly patronizing and supporting them. We want to encourage all of our folks to think local and shop local, in order to save our local businesses. We are all in this together, but most importantly, we will all get out of this - Together.

May God bless our community.

Pulaski County is...Supporting one another.

Jonathan D. Sweet, ICMA-CM
County Administrator





SHOP LOCAL, SHOP SMALL

This year, more than ever, we need to show support for our creative and resilient small businesses. There will be a countywide **SHOP SMALL** initiative where you can not only support small businesses, but earn entries to win a grand prize. Watch for more details from the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce as we celebrate our small businesses in the month of November. Remember, supporting a local business puts money directly back into the local economy! #shopsmallpulaski

Visit www.pulaskivachamber.org for information on Shop Small 2020 and other Chamber programs.

Drive-Thru Trick or Treat at Randolph Park

Many events and activities are looking differently this year, but Pulaski County is determined to make Halloween one to remember! To allow children to safely enjoy the holiday and provide them with an opportunity to show off their costumes, the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce and Randolph Park staff will host a Drive Thru Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2020, 4:00—7:00 p.m. at the park. Dak Lights will be providing a light show, town and county employees will be handing out treats (candy) and representatives from Pulaski County and stars of the county will be competing for the BEST Pumpkin Carver Trophy! You can watch the fun LIVE on Facebook.

A donation of \$10.00 per car is requested, but not required. The donations will be given for Coats for Kids. Individuals and businesses are invited to contribute candy; please bring it by the Visitor Center located at 4440 Cleburne Drive in Dublin.

Annual Meeting

2020 has been one full of change and uncertainty, but also a year where many businesses, organizations and individuals have shined. These Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Champions have helped customers, citizens and colleagues navigate these uncharted waters and because of them, we will ALL come out of this stronger and better than ever.

We will announce the 2020 Champions who have been nominated by our membership at our first Virtual Annual Meeting on November 19, 2020. Tune in to and show your support for these individuals and businesses who have gone above and beyond keeping our community moving through these difficult times. Book and host a small watch party at one of the Chamber's members restaurants!

Thank You to PCCC Businesses

Despite these difficult times, our businesses continue to support our community through efforts such as Teacher Welcome Bags. Our thanks to Alliance Express Urgent Care, Century 21, Eleven West, First Bank and Trust Company, Food City – Pulaski, Highland Ridge Rehab, Hodge Insurance, Kroger, LewisGale Hospital – Pulaski, New River Resource Authority, Post & Lantern Educational Services, Pulaski County, Pulaski YMCA, Ride Solutions, SERVPRO and Truliant FCU for their contributions.

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION**Election Day****November 3, 2020****Pulaski County Citizens have three ways to cast their ballot.**

Option 1: Election Day is November 3, 2020. All polling sites will be open for in person voting. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please do not forget your ID. Masks are strongly encouraged and physical distancing will be required.

Option 2: Virginia now allows for early voting. Early voting will take place at the Office of the General Registrar, located at 87 Commerce Street, S.W., Pulaski. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2020, and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020. The deadline for early voting is Saturday, October 31, 2020. Please do not forget your ID. Masks are strongly encouraged and physical distancing will be required.

Option 3: Voting by mail is allowed. Voters can request a ballot be mailed to them. An application must be received by the Registrar in order for a ballot to be mailed. Applications can be completed online at the Virginia Department of Elections website. An application can also be mailed to you by calling the Registrar's Office at 540-980-2111. The deadline to request a ballot be mailed is October 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Unsure about your registration status?

If you are unsure if you are registered to vote or do not know where you go to vote, please call the Registrar's Office at 540-980-2111. You can also check your registration status online at the Virginia Department of Elections website. The deadline to register to vote for this election is **October 13, 2020** at 5:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

The deadline to register to vote or update your information is Tuesday, **October 13, 2020** at 5:00 p.m.

The deadline to request to vote by mail will be Friday, **October 23, 2020**, at 5:00 p.m.

The deadline to vote early is **October 31, 2020**, at 5:00 p.m.

Early In-Person Voting Hours:

Monday through Friday beginning **September 18, 2020**, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In addition to these hours, the Office of the General Registrar will be open two Saturdays for in-person voting:

October 24, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and October 31, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

REMEMBER – THE LAST DAY TO VOTE EARLY IN PERSON IS OCTOBER 31, 2020!

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON THE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020**Constitutional Amendment #1**

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?

Yes

No

Constitutional Amendment #2

Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?

Yes

No

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During these very trying times, I hope you are safe and healthy. As a parent, I know there is a large amount of anxiety concerning how to best protect our children and make the most appropriate decisions for their education. Please be patient with your children’s administrators and teachers and also with yourselves as this is uncharted territory for everyone.

Unfortunately, there are unsavory characters out there who continue to prey upon others through internet and phone scams. Please remember, if something does not seem right, it probably is not. If you receive a phone call or an email and question whether the offer is legitimate, make sure to get their contact information and take some time to do your research. There is also counterfeit money going around, some with the words Motion Picture Money on it. Please be aware and be alert!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Sheriff’s Office if you need us, we never close!



Sheriff Worrell

The Friends of Peak Creek will be conducting their Fall Creek Clean Up
October 3, 2020, starting at 10:00 am.

Volunteers will meet at 41 First Street NE
(Parking lot behind the Senior Center) in Pulaski.

Clean up supplies such as trash bags, gloves, safety vests and grabbers as well as snacks and water will be provided.
More information can be found at www.friendsofpeakcreek.org.



New River Community College



NRCC’s Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club events for the remainder of 2020 have been cancelled. We look forward to scheduling more events in the future!

Commissioner of the Revenue Office Updates

- ◇ Questions about specific items listed on your personal property tax ticket should be directed to our office at (540) 980-7750, Monday -Friday between 8:30 A.M – 5:00 P.M.
- ◇ Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group will soon be wrapping up real estate reassessments which are conducted every six years. Wampler-Eanes will mail notices to property owners in November 2020 and conduct informal hearings by phone, mail, or email in December for those who feel their appraised value is inaccurate. The new values take effect January 1, 2021.
- ◇ Revalidating all land use parcels during general reassessments is required. Revalidation forms will be due by November 1, 2020. Forest acreage greater than 20 acres will require a Forest Management Plan (FMP) not older than 10 years and on file in our office by next year, November 1, 2021, to remain in the land use program.
- ◇ We are available to answer questions and serve the community in a variety of ways:
 - *By phone at (540) 980-7750 for personal property and (540) 980-7753 for real estate
 - *By mail or walk-in at 52 W. Main Street, Suite 200, Pulaski, VA 24301
 - *By email at commissionerofrevenue@pulaskicounty.org
 - *By drop box located on the back side of building to the right of doors