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MARS HILL CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 1st “LET YOUR LIGHTS SHINE AT CHRISTMAS”

Autumn is still a few weeks away, but we are already gearing up for the Christmas season. Building upon the great Christmas parade last year will be a difficult task, so we are getting started now, and we want you to get ready too. Participation in the parade was an all-time high, and the streets were full of people excited with Christmas cheer.

The Mars Hill Christmas Parade will make its way through town welcoming the Christmas season on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The Town of Mars Hill is excited to host the only night parade in Madison County. The theme is “**LET YOUR LIGHTS SHINE AT CHRISTMAS.**” Parade applications are available NOW on the Town website and available for pickup at Town Hall. The entry deadline is Monday, November 27th. Over the coming weeks, keep your eyes on our social media for more details on the parade and always feel free to call Town Hall with any questions.

MADISON HIGH FOOTBALL AT MHU THIS FALL

As the new school year kicks off, extensive renovation work continues at Madison High School’s O.E. Roberts Stadium. This work will require Madison High home football games to be held at Mars Hill University again this fall. There are four (4) home football games on the fall schedule. For safety reasons, the entire length of Athletic Street will be closed for these Friday evening games at approximately 4:00 p.m. and reopen by midnight. Please be aware of this additional activity in the area surrounding the stadium during these game days.



Date	Opponent
September 22	Swain
September 29	Rosman
October 13	Avery
October 20	Mtn. Heritage

Go Patriots!

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Town of Mars Hill has released the “Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2022.” This report contains details about our water source, what the water contains, and how it compares to standards set by state and federal regulators. The report can be viewed on the Town website at: <http://www.townofmarshill.org/ccr.php>. A paper copy can be obtained upon request at Town Hall.

IN MEMORIAM JOANNE RICE

The Town of Mars Hill is very sad to report the passing of our dear friend and colleague, JOANNE RICE. Joanne passed away surrounded by her loving family, and members of her beloved work family, on August 16, 2023.

Joanne was a familiar face at the Mars Hill Town Hall. She was the longest-serving employee of the Town of Mars Hill, having worked for seven different mayors and dozens of different board members. Joanne faithfully and diligently served the citizens of Mars Hill for 49 years. Formally retiring in 2014 with 40 years of full-time service, Joanne returned immediately in a part-time capacity and continued working an additional nine years until her passing. She began her tenure with the Town in 1974 and worked in all areas of administrative services, including bookkeeper, tax collector, clerk, and any other job that was needed. Joanne knew town government operations and she worked very hard to make government work for every person who came seeking assistance.



Joanne was not only our co-worker, but she was our good friend and confidant. Those of us at Town Hall who had the honor to work so closely with her – Stephanie, Shawna, Jessica, and I – will all miss her deeply. However, this is a loss felt across Town government as she had a positive impact on each one of us, personally and professionally.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, together with all of us at the Town of Mars Hill, extend our heartfelt condolences to her husband, David, and her entire family.

God Speed, Joanne! We love you! – Nathan

Mars Hill Pickleball Club and Town of Mars Hill Present



MADISON MADNESS

FALL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
October 14-15, 2023
 Play begins at 8AM

MARS HILL RECREATION PARK
 690 PARK DRIVE, MARS HILL, NC

 Benefitting
 Community Housing Coalition of Madison County

REGISTER AT WWW.PICKLEBALLBRACKETS.COM

DATES OF INTEREST

September 1....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

September 4....*Labor Day Holiday*

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, September 5th

September 23..*Madison Heritage Arts Festival – College Street*

September 23..*Bascom Lunsford Festival – MHU Upper Quad*

October 6.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

October 7..... *MHU Homecoming – Football v. Wingate*

October 31.....*Halloween Treating on Main*

November 3...*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

November 10..*Veterans Day Holiday (Observed)*

Town Offices Closed

Friday Scheduled Trash Pickup on Thursday, November 9th

November 23 & 24.. *Thanksgiving Holidays*

Town Offices Closed

No Recycling Pickup this week

December 1....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

December 1... *Mars Hill Christmas Parade at 6:00 p.m.*

FOG: WHAT IS IT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Residual fats, used cooking oils (UCO), and grease are collectively referred to as FOG. FOG byproducts of food preparation must be properly managed to avoid these potentially troublesome materials from entering drain pipes in the home or commercial food service operations. When FOG is allowed to go down the drain, it solidifies, reducing and preventing water flow in drains and sewer pipes. Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) are clogs in the collection systems that can potentially result in raw sewage released into communities, causing potentially dangerous health conditions. These are costly events for wastewater utilities to clean up, dangerous for public health and can degrade the water quality of North Carolina's public waters.

Sanitary sewer systems are neither designed nor equipped to treat the FOG that accumulates on the interior of municipal sewer collection system pipes. Local governments, home kitchens and restaurants can all help to better manage FOG.

More information at: www.townofmarshill.org/fog

DO

- ✓ Put oil and grease in collection containers
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms
- ✓ Keep grease out of wash water
- ✓ Place food scraps in collection containers

DO NOT

- ⊗ Pour oil and grease down drains
- ⊗ Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- ⊗ Use hot water to rinse grease off surface
- ⊗ Put food scraps down drains

SART NEWS

MT. MITCHELL GOLF CLUB



SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN REPERTORY THEATRE'S Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, August 25th, 2023

Shotgun Start at 11am
Registration begins at 10am

4 Person Team / Captain's Choice
\$100 Per Person

Includes: Green Fee, Cart Fee, Box Lunch & Snacks

PRIZES include free rounds of golf, shirts, golf balls and more!
Additional prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive.

Mulligans and Red Tees available for purchase!

Hole in One wins NEW VEHICLE courtesy of Fred Anderson Toyota!

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REGISTRATION ON BACK



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Play for Plays!

Want to support Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre and experience our beautiful mountains at the same time? Join us for our Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, August 25th at Mt. Mitchell Golf Course!

This is the first year golf carts can be driven on the fairways, and it's sure to be a good time. Register now to secure your spot!

CHRISTMAS PARADE - FRIDAY, DEC., 1ST AT 6 PM