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First Fridays



FIRST FRIDAYS RETURN to Mars Hill April 1st. This evening of music, food, and fun is sponsored by most Downtown businesses. The event begins at 5pm and will be open until 8pm offering specials as well as the chance to win fabulous prizes.

There will be an Easter egg hunt, games and inflatables for the kids and snow cones for kids of all ages. Come on out and join us on Main Street and College Street on April 1st and every first Friday of the month through December.

TOWN RECEIVES GRANT FOR PUBLIC WI-FI

The Town of Mars Hill has received a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to install free-public wi-fi internet access in the downtown business district. The Town contracted with Sky Runner Internet, an Asheville-based company, to install and maintain this network to provide high-speed service to the Main Street corridor from the Post Office to Town Hall.

The Town also provides public wi-fi service to the immediate area around Town Hall, utilizing funding from the federal CARES Act, to assist student and employment efforts. In the coming weeks, the Town will be providing wi-fi access to visitors to the Recreation Park on Park Drive. French Broad Electric will be installing fiber optic service to the park which will allow this expansion of internet service to provide another opportunity for our community to get connected.



STATE GRANT FOR BAILEY MOUNTAIN PRESERVE AND SMITH FARM PARK

The Town of Mars Hill received a grant from the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund for the development of Bailey Mountain Preserve and Farm Park on Forest Street. This \$268,000 state grant will allow the Town to construct walking and hiking trails, picnic areas, an amphitheater, a discovery and nature center, and support facilities such as parking and restrooms. Planning and engineering work is underway with construction expected to begin in late summer.

Bailey Mountain has long enticed residents and visitors alike into the breathtaking views as the tallest local peak, while also serving as a cultural icon and ecological asset to the community. This project will create public access to the mountain and provide needed recreational resources at the farm for everyone to enjoy.



NEED A SUMMER JOB?

EARN MONEY, BE A LEADER & SAVE LIVES

APPLICANTS MUST PASS THE RED CROSS CERTIFICATION COURSE

Contact Town Hall at (828) 689-2301 for more information or access the application at <https://www.townofmarshill.org/> to work at the Recreation Park Pool.

NC 213 CONSTRUCTION COMING SOON

NC Department of Transportation reports that construction is scheduled for this summer on NC Highway 213. The highway will be resurfaced from the I-26 interchange to the intersection with Gabriel's Creek Road. A considerable amount of the work will be done at night to ease congestion and other factors. We caution everyone to stay alert during this process.



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY INITIATIVE (CERRI) UNDERWAY

In response to the economic challenges communities have faced due to COVID-19, the NC Department of Commerce created the CERRI program. The Town of Mars Hill has partnered with Commerce on this community planning process to develop strategies for local economic recovery from the pandemic. A local workgroup consisting of business owners, education leaders, and community members are working on a community assessment and development of a plan of work that will provide local recommendations to guide efforts for the community's long-term recovery and resiliency. Be on the lookout for surveys and other opportunities to share your thoughts and provide input that will improve our community.

DATES OF INTEREST

April 1.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

April 15.....Good Friday Holiday

Town Offices Closed

May 6.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

May 21.....MHU Spring Graduation Ceremony (9 AM)

May 30.....Memorial Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, May 31st

June 3.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

July 1.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

July 4.....Independence Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, July 5th

FIREWORKS AT RECREATION PARK (9:30 p.m.)

FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET

Mars Hill Farmers and Artisans Market (MHFAM) takes place every Saturday until October 30th on College Street adjacent to the campus of Mars Hill University in downtown Mars Hill. Market Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Visit www.marhillmarket.org for more information.



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