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# MARS HILL LETTER

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### PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED ON TOWN OF MARS HILL BICYCLE + PEDESTRIAN PLAN

The Town of Mars Hill is conducting a study of the Town's bicycle and pedestrian network. The goal of the plan is to assess current conditions, recommend a system of multimodal travel connecting bicyclists and pedestrians to key cultural resources in the Town, recommend programs and policies, provide an overview of plan implementation, and garner support for adoption of the plan by the Town's governing body.

The Mars Hill Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan will help evaluate future connections between the downtown core of Mars Hill with recreational, cultural, residential, and educational destinations throughout the Town. The study will document current conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians within the local transportation system, identifying opportunities for better connectivity, and will incorporate public input into the network analysis and recommendations for infrastructure, policy, and programs within the Town.



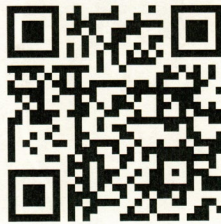
The project is led by the Town of Mars Hill with the support of NCDOT and French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The Town of Mars Hill and its partners are seeking community input on the Bicycle + Pedestrian Plan. Community members can provide feedback by taking an online survey at the link included below or a paper copy distributed by partner agencies. The survey will be open for public comment through June 21, 2024.

<https://publicinput.com/marshillbikepedplan>

Visit the Town of Mars Hill's website for additional project information.

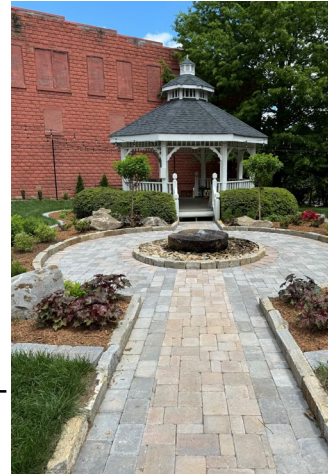
<http://townofmarshill.org/MarsHillBikePedPlan.php>



### GAZEBO REVOVATION AND DEDICATION AS TRAMMELL FAMILY PARK

The Town of Mars Hill Mayor and Board of Aldermen joined the Mars Hill University Board of Trustees and President Tony Floyd on May 11, 2024, in celebration of the redevelopment and dedication of Gazebo Park located at the corner of Carl Eller Road and South Main Street.

As most know, the Town maintained the gazebo park as a public space for many years though an agreement with the private owner. MHU acquired the property in consultation and cooperation with town officials when the private owner placed the property for sale in late 2021. MHU and the Town worked together to ensure the property would remain a public park for the community to continue to enjoy.



The university was able to purchase the property, renovate the gazebo, and install beautiful new landscaping, stone walkways, a mill stone fountain, and outdoor lighting thanks to the generous contribution to MHU by former trustee Charlie Trammell and his family. The Town funded the installation of a stone pathway through the park to connect the S. Main sidewalk to the public parking area at the corner of Mountain View Road and Ivey Street.

The park was named and dedicated as the Trammell Family Park and is available for the community to enjoy.

### TOWN POOL OPENS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Town of Mars Hill Recreation Pool opens for the summer season on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and will operate through early August as available staffing will allow. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday, noon to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Town is excited to offer beginner swimming lessons this season. See the ad in this newsletter for details. To register for swim lessons, obtain a seasonal pool pass, or schedule a pool party, please visit Town Hall at 280 N. Main Street or call (828) 689-2301 for more information. Have a happy and safe summer! We'll see you at the pool!

**TOWN OF MARS HILL PARKS & RECREATION**

## SWIMMING LESSONS FOR YOUR KIDS

2 SKILL LEVELS: BEGINNER AND YOUTH AGES 5-12

SESSION 1: BEGINS JUNE 3  
 SESSION 2: BEGINS JUNE 24  
 SESSION 3: BEGINS JULY 15  
 SPACE IS LIMITED

**\$75**  
 FIVE LESSONS IN A WEEK

**RECREATION PARK POOL**  
 690 PARK DRIVE, MARS HILL  
 TO REGISTER, MAKE PAYMENT, OR FOR MORE INFO, CALL OR VISIT:  
 MARS HILL TOWN HALL  
 280 N. MAIN STREET  
 (828) 689-2301

WWW.TOWNOFMARSHILL.ORG

## POLICE DEPT. LAUNCHES SENIOR WELL-CHECK PROGRAM

Police Chief Chad Wilson and the Mars Hill Police Department announce the “**Community Well-Check Program**” to help with day-to-day safety and well-being of community residents who live alone in the city limits of the Town or Mars Hill. The program is designed to provide additional support for seniors, persons with medical disabilities, or persons who have special needs.

This program provides a daily check by phone for the participant. If the participant does not respond to the phone call, the police department will contact the emergency contact for the participant. If no contact can be made with the participant or their emergency contact, the police department will dispatch an officer to the participant address in an attempt to contact them to ensure they are safe.

### Program Criteria

- Participant must be 65 years old or older or have a medical disability or have special needs
- Must live alone
- Cannot be living in a nursing facility
- Must have a home or cell phone
- Must live within the corporate town limits of Mars Hill
- Must have a relative or responsible party for emergency contact and serve as a key holder.

The program registration form and additional information will be on the town’s website at [www.townofmarshill.org](http://www.townofmarshill.org) or you may visit Town Hall for assistance. The program will go live June 1<sup>st</sup>.



**MARS HILL ALERTS** is a citizen notification system to receive alerts and updates during emergency and special events affecting the Town of Mars Hill. The Town uses **CODERED** to relay information such as emergency conditions, road detours, water line breaks, weather-related directives, closures, or other service-related and event information through phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. Registration can be completed online at the website: <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/marshillalerts> OR from your smartphone by texting **ALERTMARSHILL** to 24639. If you do not have internet access, please visit Town Hall at 280 North Main Street, or call (828) 689-2301 for assistance by town staff to complete the registration process.

All citizens and businesses are encouraged to register for this **FREE** service.

## DATES OF INTEREST

May 27...*Memorial Day Holiday*  
*Town Offices Closed*  
*Trash Pickup on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*  
 June 7....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*  
 July 4.....*Independence Day Holiday*  
*Town Offices Closed -No Recycling Pickup This Week*  
**MARS HILL INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS**  
**ATHLETIC STREET, MHU STADIUM, and AREA**  
*Festival Begins @ 4:00 / Fireworks @ 9:30 p.m.*  
 July 5.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*  
 Aug. 2.....*First Friday Event AND National Night Out Event*  
*Main and College Street*  
 Sept. 2....*Labor Day Holiday*

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Town invites you to join us in celebration of Independence Day on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, with a patriotic festival and fireworks. The festival with inflatables, carnival games, food trucks, and music will take place on Athletic Street. The official fireworks viewing area will be Athletic Street and the MHU football stadium. The display will be visible from Main Street, Bailey St. and areas all along Cascade St. Free and plentiful parking will be available in all MHU lots. The festival kicks off at 4 PM with the fireworks display expected to begin at 9:30 PM.



<p><b>SART SPECTRUM</b> 50 SEASONS OF THEATRICAL MAGIC</p> <p><b>END OF THE RAINBOW</b> THE FINAL DAYS OF JUDY GARLAND</p> <p><b>HARD TRAVELIN' WITH WOODY</b> FEATURING THE MUSIC, ART &amp; WIT OF WOODY GUTHRIE</p> <p><b>THE FANTASTICKS</b> AN ALL-STAR STAGED READING/CONCERT EVENT</p>	<p><b>MAY 24-26</b> FRI-SUN</p> <p><b>MAY-JUN 30-09</b> THURS-SUN IN-REP↓ ALTERNATING SHOWTIMES</p> <p><b>MAY-JUN 31-09</b> FRI-SUN IN-REP↑</p> <p><b>JUNE 13-15</b> THURS-SAT</p>	<p><b>JUNE 20-30</b> THURS-SUN</p> <p><b>JULY 05-14</b> FRI-SUN/THURS-SUN</p> <p><b>JULY 18-28</b> THURS-SUN IN-REP↓ ALTERNATING SHOWTIMES</p> <p><b>JULY 19-28</b> FRI-SUN IN-REP↑</p>	<p><b>FIDDLER ON THE ROOF</b> THE MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSIC</p> <p><b>CHARLOTTE'S WEB</b> A THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES PRODUCTION</p> <p><b>THE TALL WOMAN</b> A PLAY BASED ON THE NOVEL BY WILMA DYKEMAN</p> <p><b>TAKING A CHANCE ON LOVE</b> A PLAY BY SART FOUNDING MEMBER C. ROBERT JONES</p>
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