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PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR MARS HILL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Even though we are still in the dog-days of summer, and with autumn still several weeks away, Town staff have begun to plan for the Christmas parade. The final date has not yet been determined, but the Mars Hill Christmas Parade will make its evening ride through town the first weekend in December.

The parade is a great event that gets us all ready to welcome the holiday season. With participation in the parade reaching significant numbers, the Town is looking at opportunities to ensure that we are able to accommodate everyone in a safe and efficient manner. To assist with our planning efforts and decision-making, the Town has opened the registration period. Those interested in entering the parade are encouraged to begin planning now and submit their registration form. Parade applications are available NOW on the Town website and available for pickup at Town Hall. The entry deadline is Friday, November 29th. 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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN MARS HILL

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This year Mars Hill Police participated in this national observance on August 2nd, hosting a number of public safety partners including Mars Hill Fire, Madison Medics, NC Highway Patrol, NCRWC, & US Law Enforcement.



ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Town of Mars Hill has released the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2023." 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.townofmarhill.org/ccr.php>. A paper copy can be obtained upon request at Town Hall.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION GREAT SUCCESS

The Town of Mars Hill Independence Day Festival and Fireworks Celebration held July 4th was a great success. The Town thanks each of you for attending the event this year, which saw record attendance.

The Town is especially thankful for our valuable partners in this festival. The members of VFW Mars Hill Post 5483, under the leadership of commander Chris Ledford, presented the Colors to honor our nation and active duty military and veterans for the sacrifices made to protect the freedoms we celebrate each July.



The town also thanks our friends at Mars Hill University. We are grateful to President Tony Floyd, and his great team, for their support of this event and their unwavering partnership of so many other activities that enrich the lives of our citizens.



Finally, a big thank you to Mars Hill Fire Department for the great fireworks display. We hope everyone had a great time. We are already looking forward to seeing you next year.



TOWN POOL CLOSES FOR SEASON

The Town of Mars Hill Recreation Pool had a great season this year. In addition to great recreational swimming, the Town was able to offer three, 5-day, swimming lesson sessions for children. These sessions gave over 46 children the opportunity to learn to swim and become familiar with water safety. We look forward to providing this opportunity next year, so, if you are interested in your child taking swimming lessons with us, keep posted to the future issues of the *Mars Hill Letter* and Town social media.

Sadly, the pool will close for the season on Sunday, August 18, 2024. We hope everyone had a chance to get to the pool and enjoy an awesome pool experience. We want to take this opportunity to thank our pool operations team for their hard work to provide a safe and fun recreation experience. We'll see you at the pool next year!

POLICE DEPT. LAUNCHES SENIOR WELL-CHECK PROGRAM

The Mars Hill Police Department announces 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 of 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. For more information regarding the program criteria or to register for the program, please visit the town’s website at www.townofmarshill.org or you may visit or call Town Hall for assistance.

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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.

DATES OF INTEREST

- September 2....*Labor Day Holiday*
Town Offices Closed
- Trash Pickup on Tuesday, September 3rd
- September 6....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*
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- October 5.....*Madison Heritage Arts Festival & Lunsford Festival*
Mars Hill Elementary School – Soccer Field
- October 19.... *MHU HOMECOMING – Football v. Tusculum*
- October 31.....*Halloween – Main Street Treating*
- November 11...*Veterans Day Holiday*
Town Offices Closed
- Trash Pickup on Tuesday, November 12th
- November 24 & 25...*Thanksgiving Holiday*
Town Offices Closed
- No Recycling Pickup This Week*
- December 6....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

MT. MITCHELL GOLF CLUB



SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN REPERTORY THEATRE'S Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, August 23rd, 2024

Shotgun Start at 10am
Registration begins at 9am

4 Person Team / Captain's Choice
\$125 Per Person

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

PRIZES include free rounds of golf at area's top 7 courses, 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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Wiley Cash

Join Wiley Cash, New York Times bestselling author of four novels, for a book reading, discussion, and book signing event at the Marshall Library.

September 9
5:30pm
Marshall Library

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