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COVID-19 Update

The Town of Mars Hill continues to operate under local and statewide state of emergency proclamations issued in early March. All Town facilities are now open while following the Governor's Executive Orders and guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Residents are encouraged to continue utilizing our drop boxes, telephone, and mail to make payments. COVID-19 information from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Resources can be viewed online at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>.

**If you leave home,
 know your Ws!**

	WEAR a cloth face covering.
	WAIT 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
	WASH your hands often or use hand sanitizer.

@NCDHHS #StayStrongNC

Community cookbook to benefit Beacon of Hope

"A Taste of Madness: a MadCo Community cookbook," a project to benefit Beacon of Hope, is accepting submissions of recipes from Madison County residents.

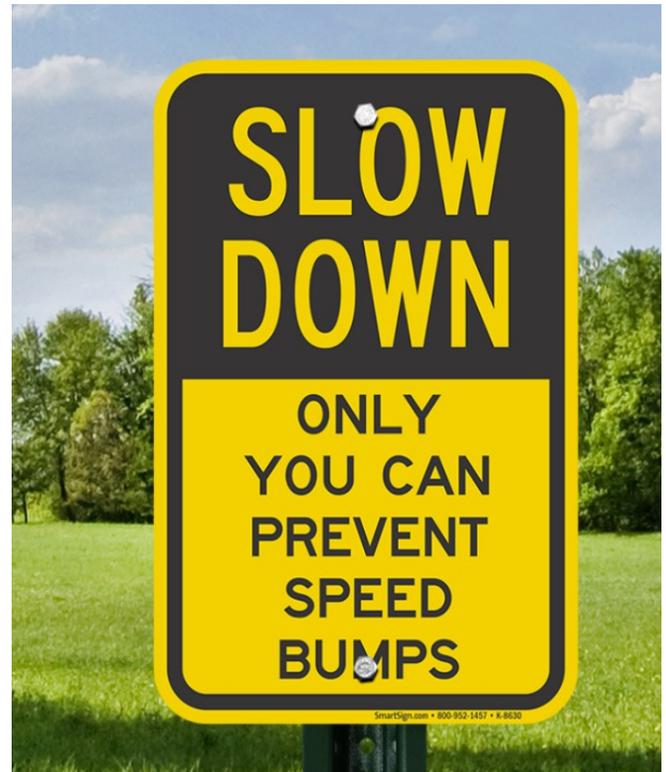
The recipes don't necessarily need to be Appalachian fare, but could be an old family favorite or a personal creation. No currently published and copyright protected recipes will be accepted. Recipe submissions will also be accepted from local restaurants, stores and farms.

Submissions should include a small explanation of their origin, i.e., my Aunt Mildred's peach pie recipe that has been handed down for generations, or a recipe for zucchini bread that was developed to adhere to a family member's sugar-free diet.

The final product will be a PDF file, with the potential for a printed book in the future. To request a recipe submission form, email atasteofmadness2020@gmail.com.

SLOW DOWN!

The Town Hall has received several calls recently regarding speeding vehicles. These reports are from neighborhoods as well as our main streets. Please take note of the posted speed limits on our streets and obey them. This reminder is for your safety and that of your neighbors.



The Town is working with NCDOT to ensure that speed limit signs are posted and clearly visible in all appropriate locations. If you notice a speed limit sign is missing or obstructed from view in your area, please call Town Hall to report the location and we will work to resolve that issue. Know that our paramount concern is for everyone to be safe and secure in our community. The legal and safe operation of vehicles is an important way to do this. So, please slow down.

ONE LAST TIME! PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS 2020

The final days to complete your 2020 Census are here. Reports are that Madison County residents lag behind the state average in completing the Census. This is one of the most important things you as a citizen can do to support your community. By completing your Census form you are doing your part to ensure that our community gets needed financial resources from the federal and state governments. It is also important to complete the Census to make sure you are counted in determining our representation in state and federal government offices. Take a few moments to complete your Census form online at <https://my2020census.gov>. It will take less than 10 minutes to complete and will make a difference in the support our community receives for services.

From Our Friends at SART

Thank you to all our local friends who participated in our SART Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser last week! Our Virtual Silent Auction is still happening on our website at sartplays.com. Come check out our pottery, themed active wear, and paintings from local artists and bid "FORE" SART to keep professional theatre alive in the mountains of WNC. Remember to follow us on Facebook for some amazing virtual theatre, as we continue to create engaging performances for you from our company members!

Direct link to our auction: www.32auctions.com/bidforesart

EVENT CANCELLATIONS

Due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19, we are aware of the following events have been cancelled:

Madison Heritage Arts Festival previously set for 10/3

Bascom Lunsford Festival previously set for 10/3

Mars Hill Christmas Parade previously set for 12/5

Farmers Market Continues, Holiday Offerings

The Mars Hill Farmers and Artisans Market is in the final weeks of the 2020 season. For the first three Saturdays in November, they are having a special themed Holiday Market. There will be a higher percentage of craft vendors, some produce and food vendors as well, all to give people a safe shopping space for local products right before the holidays. Same time and spot on College Street near the MHU campus and downtown.

For more information on the market, please visit them on the web at: <http://marshillmarket.org/>.

DATES OF INTEREST

October 5.... MHU Fall Graduation Ceremony

October 31...Halloween

November 3....Election Day - Mars Hill Elementary

November 11...Veterans Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

November 26 & 27...Thanksgiving Holiday

Town Offices Closed

No Recycling or Friday Pickup this week

From the Friends of the Mars Hill Library

The Friends of the Mars Hill Library is a local organization of like-minded individuals dedicated to sustaining the programs, collections and equipment of the Mars Hill Library, one of three branches in the Madison County Library system. Annual memberships in the Friends group are \$10; Family and Lifetime Membership are also available. Various fundraising activities take place throughout the year, and the jewel in our funding crown is our Second Chance Book Shop in the Library's lobby. Gently used (and some new) books for children and adults, CDs and DVDs are sold, with all proceeds supporting the Library, and donations of books, etc., are appreciated. This winter we will raffle off a beautiful new handmade quilt donated by local quilters. More information coming soon. Tickets will go on sale in December \$5 a ticket and 3 for \$10. Here is a sneak peek of the quilt.



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