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MARS HILL LETTER

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CHRISTMAS PARADE AND DECORATION CONTEST USHERED IN HOLIDAY SEASON

The Mars Hill Christmas parade and lighting contest added cheer to the holiday season. An early morning rain on December 1st gave way to a beautiful evening Christmas parade. The parade of over 60 participating entries of floats, dance and walking groups, marching band, and emergency vehicles, was viewed by a large crowd along Main and Cascade Streets. Santa and Mrs. Claus closed the parade with the promise to return Christmas Eve. The Town is thankful for all parade participants and those who entered the decoration & lighting contest. We hope you had a great holiday!



GARRETT FOX ADDS ARTISTIC TOUCH TO MAIN STREET

The Town of Mars Hill is privileged to have Garrett Fox as a valuable member of our public works team. Garrett works hard to provide top-notch service to Town residents. Many may not be aware that Garrett is an extremely talented artist, whether with a musical instrument or a paint brush. It was his painting skills that were on full display in the windows of the former Robinson Building on Main Street this holiday season. We hope you had the opportunity to see his work firsthand, but if not, here are some photos.



TOWN ANNOUNCES NEW POLICE CHIEF

The Town of Mars Hill Mayor and Board of Aldermen have promoted Captain Chad Wilson to the position of police chief, effective January 1, 2024.

Chief Wilson, a 19-year veteran law enforcement officer, has risen through the ranks of the Mars Hill Police Department serving as patrol officer, corporal, lieutenant, and most recently, captain as second in command of the department. Wilson has been actively involved in all areas of police department operations including supervision of patrol, scheduling & training administration, equipment procurement and maintenance, and special events coordination.



Chief Wilson stated, "I am appreciative to the Board and town manager to have this opportunity to serve the town of Mars Hill as chief of police. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to lead this department forward as a community-oriented agency." Mayor John Chandler stated, "The Town of Mars Hill is dedicated to providing the highest quality public safety for our residents and visitors. The Board and I have observed Chad's dedication to the Town and our people for many years and have always found him to be professional and fair. We are certain he is the right person to lead this department forward." A formal oath of office ceremony is planned.

DAVIS & JOLLEY RE-ELECTED TO TOWN BOARD

The Town of Mars Hill held municipal elections on November 7, 2023, to fill two alderman positions. Incumbent aldermen Larry Davis and Stuart Jolley were re-elected to a new four-year term. Alderman Davis and Alderman Jolley took the oath of office at the Town Board meeting on December 4, 2023.

Alderman Davis has served on the Town Board several years, as secretary to the Board. Likewise, Alderman Jolley has served on the Town Board as Town Clerk.





LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

We're hiring! If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a lifeguard at the Town of Mars Hill Pool this summer, contact Town Hall at (828) 689-2301 for more information. The Town will reimburse prospective employees for the cost of obtaining the required certification upon agreement to serve at the pool for the season.

NEED A SUMMER JOB?

EARN MONEY, BE A LEADER & SAVE LIVES

APPLICANTS MUST PASS THE RED CROSS OR SIMILAR CERTIFICATION COURSE



MARS HILL POOL TO OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Pool is expected to open Saturday, May 25th and operate through early August as available staffing will allow. Tentative operation hours are Monday-Saturday, noon until 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Seasonal pool passes and pool parties are available by contacting Town Hall.

REGISTER FOR CODERED ALERTS!

CODERED 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.

Participation in this alert notification system is voluntary and registration must be initiated by the citizen or business owner. Registration can be completed online at the website: <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/marshallalerts> 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.

FOG: WHAT IS IT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Residual **fats**, used cooking **oils** (UCO), and **grease** are collectively referred to as 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 surfaces
- ✗ Put food scraps down drains

DATES OF INTEREST

- March 29.....*Good Friday Holiday*
Town Offices Closed
- April 5.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*
- May 3.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*
- May 27.....*Memorial Day Holiday*
Town Offices Closed
Trash Pickup on Tuesday, May 28th
- June 7.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*
- July 4.....*Independence Day Holiday*
Town Offices Closed
- July 5.....*First Friday Event – Main and College Street*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Mars Hill Friends of the Library meets the 2nd Thursday at 2:30 pm on alternating months (March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, with our annual meeting on November 14.) The Friends support programs, staff, provide resources and sponsor the Summer Reading Program. Especially during the month of February, we want to express our appreciation to all our Friends (we have over 100 members) but we are always looking for more! It's a fun way to connect with people who love to read and know how important a good library is. To become a member, drop by the Mars Hill Library and sign up! Individual memberships = \$12, Family = \$24, Lifetime = \$150.



AMERICAN LEGION & VFW PRESENTS

MADISON & YANCEY COUNTIES VA BENEFITS FAIR

A-B Tech - Madison
4646 US Hwy 25/70
Marshall, NC 28753

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Sign up for

- Veterans Compensation
- Widows Compensation
- Get answers to your questions about VA Benefits

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SATURDAY

APRIL 6, 2024

9 AM TO 2 PM

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Bring your VA ID Card or DD - 214

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT VETERANS SERVICES;
MADISON COUNTY
828-649-0767
YANCEY COUNTY
828-682-1514

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