

COUNCIL CHATTER

Town of Grottoes

January 2019

Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and a good beginning to 2019. We had a great December in Grottoes with our community events and topped it off with snow before Christmas!

Thanks to all who came to our holiday events; we hope you enjoyed them. Also, I'd like to thank our maintenance department for their hard work during the snow to keep our streets clear and safe. I got several positive comments about their hard work and how Grottoes is great at that!

As we enter into 2019, I want to welcome our new council members. I am looking forward to working with them- we

have already started meeting and planning, as a council. I also want to, again, thank Midge Funk and Mark Sterling for their service on Town Council and the dedication they gave to Grottoes.

Lastly, I want to update everyone on two major projects that have been delayed due to weather- the continuous rain and wet ground. As some of you may have noticed, we are installing a safety fence at the playground area in Mountain View Park to assist with safety for children and to display safe parking areas. In addition, we are scheduled to have the dog park finished once the ground dries. This will be installed at

Mountain View Park between the ball fields and



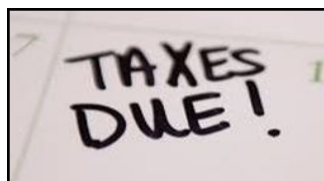
Shreckhise. We are looking forward to these additions in the coming months.

As always, I welcome you to call town hall or email council members with questions, comments, or concerns. We are excited for a New Year!

Emily Holloway
Mayor

Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes

You should be receiving your 2018 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes. If you do not receive them please call the Town Office at 249-5896 and we will assist you. These taxes are due on **February 5, 2019**, if not paid a penalty will be added and interest will accrue until paid.



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Manager's Message

Happy New Year, everyone! We have had quite the busy holiday season. I would like to thank everyone who attended the various events in Town this season. They were all met with excellent turn out and I very much appreciate seeing you all there. There is plenty in store for 2019, though!

With the New Year, I would like to inform everyone that two of our Town Council members have left us. Mark Sterling, who has served 18 years on Town Council and Marjorie

"Midge" Funk who served 12 years. Together, they had 30 years of experience! Their accomplishments during their tenure will not go forgotten and they truly do care about our Town. Thank you to both of you for your hard work and commitment to our Town.



We do have two new Council Members joining our team. Newly elected CW Stephenson and Jo

Plaster will be helping to continue to guide our Town and make it a welcoming place to be and live. We are looking forward to working with both of them. Welcome aboard!

Please remember, if I can ever be of assistance to you do not hesitate to give me a call at (540) 249 – 5896.

Nathan Garrison
Town Manager

Library News M-F 1-6 pm 540-434-4475 option 3 www.mrlib.org

January is Puzzle Month: Come by to help put together family puzzles throughout January. Join in for an hour or two when you visit. It's a great way to relax! Thanks to our patrons for donating a great supply of 300-500 piece ones, just the right size and challenge.

Also, participate in our puzzle exchange. Take a puzzle (or two or three!) home, bring a puzzle (or two or three!) to the library and share the joy.



At the library it is sweet to... During February make a library valentine, and add it to the display on the circulation desk. Each year it's heartwarming to see what people enjoy @ the library.

Wishing you a wonderful 2019!

Cheryl Keeler

Grottoes Branch Manager



Happening @ the library in Jan & Feb:

Jan 2: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Jan 3: **Lego Club** 4 pm
Jan 8: **Brown Bag** @ noon
Jan 9: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Jan 10: **Crafty Kids** 4 pm
Jan 15: **Teen & Adult Coloring** 4 pm
Jan 16: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Jan 17: **Game Day** 4 pm
Jan 23: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Jan 24: **Keva Planks** 4 pm
Jan 30: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Jan 31: **Lego Club** 4 pm
Feb 5: **Brown Bag** @ noon
Feb 6: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Feb 7: **Lego Club** 4 pm
Feb 13: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Feb 14: **Crafty Kids** 4 pm
Feb 19: **Teen & Adult Coloring** 4 pm
Feb 20: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Feb 21: **Game Day** 4 pm
Feb 27: **Family Fun Storytime** 1 pm
Feb 28: **Keva Planks** 4 pm

Park Place

It's officially winter! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season. We sure did! Grand Caverns and the Grottoes Ruritans had a very successful Caroling in the Caverns this year. Over 1,100 guests attended, resulting in 290 donations and over \$4,300 raised for the South River Boys and Girls Club and the Grottoes Ruritan Scholarship Funds, respectively. If you have never been, you should really

consider experiencing this unique, annual event.

Starting March 1st, you will be able to reserve shelters at both Mountain View and Grand Caverns Parks for the 2019 season. We will be open from 10AM-4PM and will be happy to take your reservations for family reunions, birthday parties,



graduation parties, etc. If you have a date you want, be sure to call us ASAP on March 1st, as shelters go very quickly!

That about does it for the Tourism & Parks Department! Stay safe this winter!

Ashley Collier
Tourism & Parks Director

From the Chief's Desk...

I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday season. Now that winter is here, please remember to take care of your pets. It is your responsibility to keep them safe from the elements. If your pet lives outdoors, it is important to provide them with adequate shelter from the cold weather. Animals tend to burn more energy in cold weather in their attempt to keep warm. Therefore, it is important to routinely check your pet's food and water supply. When

their water supply freezes, there is the risk of dehydration. Every year we receive numerous complaints in reference to the welfare of outdoor animals. Remember that our pets rely on us to keep them safe.

JE Painter
Chief of Police



Grottoes Fire Department

The Grottoes Volunteer Fire Dept. Members thank everyone for the ongoing support from this great community and wish everyone a **Safe & Healthy New Year!**

Watch for upcoming information regarding our annual Lawn Party and Summer Bash Raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the spring.

Having a wedding, reception, banquet, graduation or birthday party? Consider renting our spacious Facility Hall for your special event. Contact Cindy Martin (540-578-3642), Rilo Michael 540-569-0456), or Wanda Rittenhouse (540-578-3301) for availability and rates.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 20TH SUNDAY LUNCH
\$10 ADULTS, \$6 FOR CHILDREN AGE 10 AND UNDER; **11 AM – 2 PM**
(ROAST BEEF, GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, COLE SLAW, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, BLUEBERRY YUMYUM, TEA OR COFFEE)

FEBRUARY 17TH SUNDAY LUNCH
\$10 ADULTS, \$6 FOR CHILDREN AGE 10 AND UNDER; **11 AM – 2 PM**
(FRIED TENDERLOIN, GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, DESSERT, TEA OR COFFEE)

MARCH 17TH SUNDAY LUNCH
\$10 ADULTS, \$6 FOR CHILDREN AGE 10 AND UNDER; **11 AM – 2 PM**
(CUBED STEAK, GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, SALAD, LIMA BEANS, ROLL, DESSERT, TEA OR COFFEE)

2019 GVFD OFFICERS

Andrew Holloway, Chief
CJ Chandler, Assistant Chief
Ben Brown, Captain
Daniel Wonderley, Lieutenant

Linda Kegley, President
Megan Roach, Vice-President
Rebecca Acker, Secretary
Tara Morris, Treasurer
Cindy Martin, Gaming Treasurer
Jeanne Kirby, Historian

Jeff Morris, Board
Sam Batton, Board
Rilo Michael, Board
Bill Martin, Board
Wanda Rittenhouse, Board
Josh Holloway, Board

Grottoes Rescue Squad

Happy New Year! We are excited about 2019 and all it has to offer our agency moving forward. We have many new eager members who are starting their journey to obtain their EMT certification right here at GRS.

We would like to take a moment to announce our officers for 2019:

Chief: Jodi Johnson
Deputy Chief: Katie Mohr

Captain: Matthew Andes
Lieutenant: Justin Zullig
Training Officer: Jeremy Wampler

President: Molly Rhodes
Vice President: April Pazdric
Treasurer: Misty Shaver
Secretary: Rebecca Zullig
Board Members at Large:
Tony Giangualano
Tim Johnson

As always, we look forward to serving you in 2019 and thank you for your continued support!



Members of Grottoes Rescue

Town of Grottoes

601 Dogwood Avenue
P.O. Box 146
Grottoes, VA 24441

Phone: 540-249-5896
Fax: 540-249-5726
www.ci.grottoes.va.us

ERMA Food Pantry

Grottoes United Methodist
Church
located at 300 4th St.
(corner of 4th St & Cherry Ave)
Every Monday
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
For more information call
249-5893
(Food Bank is closed on the 5th
Monday and major holidays)

Brush Site Open

Feb CLOSED
Mar 2nd 8 am - 12 pm

If you have questions please
contact the Town during regular
business hours at 249-5896

CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees can be dropped off
behind the maintenance shed
located behind the Town Hall. They
will not be picked up with your
weekly trash. If you have questions,
please call 249-5896.

Mountain View & Grand Caverns Parks

Shelter rentals will begin on
March 1, 2019. Please call the
Stone Lodge at 249-5705 to
reserve a shelter for your family
reunion, graduation picnic, com-
pany picnics, or whatever the
occasion. Plan now, shelters rent
out quickly!

The Rockingham County Recrea-
tion Department **Senior Citizens
BINGO** for the Grottoes area is
held at the Grottoes Town Hall in
the community room on the fourth
Monday of each month from
10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Home Decorating Contest Winners

Reason for the Season - 400 Cherry Avenue
Clark Griswold - 1802 Dogwood Avenue
Elegance - 112 Park Avenue

Thanks to everyone who participated this year and we look
forward to seeing more decorations next year.

Grottoes Community Little League

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SPRING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Online registration is open for the Grottoes Little
League 2019 spring season!!!! Follow the address
below to our website to sign up online. It is quick
and easy and can be done from the convenience
of your couch in your PJ's!!!

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Grottoes Town Officials

Grottoes Town Council

Emily Holloway, Mayor
David Raynes
Mark Keeler
Joshua Bailey
Tim Leeth
CW Stephenson
Jo Plaster

Planning Commission

Justin Neitzey, Chairman
Jen Smith
Rebecca Holloway
Mark Keeler
David Bradley
Kevin Campbell
Justin Morris

Board of Zoning Appeals

Margie Mayes, Chairwoman
Justin Neitzey
Don MacDanel
Ellen Showers
David Gorjup

Town Council meets the second
Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in
the Council Chambers. A workshop is
held at 6:00 pm before the regular
meeting, when needed.

Planning Commission meets the last
Tuesday of the odd months at 7:00
pm in the Council Chambers.

BZA meets the third Tuesday of the
month (when needed) at 7:00 pm in
the Council Chambers.

Agendas will be posted on the website the Friday before the meeting.