



# Council Chatter

## Mayor's Corner

Happy Labor Day to everyone! As we enter the month of September with cooler, crisp days and fall on the way, I want to remind everyone about safety! Our children are back at school and waiting on the buses, walking to school, etc. Please be aware as you are leaving for work or coming home and watch for buses and students. I also hope that



you all are enjoying what is left of warm weather and events around town. On Saturday, September 8th we have community yard sale day. To end summer, we have the End of Summer Celebration planned for Saturday, September 15th beginning at 4pm. This event is at Town Park and will have food sales including GVFD fried chicken along with music by Deuces Wild with special guests, Big City Band. We hope you will come out to this great community event and enjoy the fun!

I would like to say a public THANK YOU to Corrie Bauserman, police officer who retired on August 16th. He worked for the Town for 9 years and was a great asset as well as a great friend to many! We will

miss Corrie, but wish him well in his future adventures! On the topic of personnel, I would like to welcome the new employees with the Town: Ashley Collier was hired in July as the Director of Parks and Tourism for our Town. Her office is at Grand Caverns Stone Lodge, stop in and welcome her!

Over the past two months, council has worked with Planning Commission regarding short term rentals and other proposed changes to zoning. I would encourage people to come to public hearings, as advertised, so we know how our citizens feel about these topics. In addition, we are working through the Parks Committee to add a dog park at Mountain View Park as well as adding a fence between the road and playground there. Lastly, most recently, Grand Caverns has been paved around Shelter 2 making the area look very nice.

Moving into October, I want to remind you about our Annual Senior Citizens meal on Saturday, October 13th. An invitation will be coming soon to you with the menu included. We hope to see you there for a great meal and fellowship time!

Also, October 13th, the Grottoes Methodist Church is hosting a Com-



munity Pig Roast from 5:00-7:30pm - everyone is invited! With Halloween in October, the Town of Grottoes will be trick or treating on Wednesday, October 31st. Please be careful and safe during this fun time for children!

As always, your Town Council is here for you. At any time, feel free to leave us a message at town hall or ask for a call back. I hope you continue to enjoy the warm weather and time with your families!

Emily Holloway  
Mayor

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### BZA Vacancy

The Board of Zoning Appeals currently has a vacancy that needs to be filled. This is to fill the remainder of the vacant term which will expire December 30, 2020. Anyone interested in applying to serve on the BZA please complete a volunteer application located on the Town's website under the employment tab and return it to the Town Clerk by Friday, September 28, 2018. If you have any questions please contact the Town Office at 249-5896.

## Manager's Message

Wow, has summer really gone by this quick? It feels like just yesterday we were gearing up for it. I hope everyone has enjoyed their time in the sun, in between all the rain we've had!

I would like to remind everyone of our End of Summer Celebration event on September 15<sup>th</sup>, at Mountain View Park. We will have live music by "Deuces Wild" and "Big City Band". Also available will be pony and barrel train rides, face painting, our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Car Cruise-In, the Fire Department Cake wheel, and of course, Grottoes Fire Depart-

ment concessions...meaning: their **World-Famous Chicken!** Come down to the park between 4pm and 9pm for a great evening.

Town Hall is also selling tickets for the Southern Grace Country Christmas Dinner Show at the Grottoes Fire Department on December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. The Southern Grace Band will provide the entertainment while the meal will be provided by the Grottoes



Fire Department. Tickets are \$20 and cover both the meal and show.

Also, our next Grand Caverns Signature 5k Race will be on September 28<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the race go towards a new playground at the Grand Caverns Park.

As we move into the fall months, please remember that if I can ever be of help to you give me a call at Town Hall (540) 249-5896 at any time.

Nathan Garrison  
Town Manager

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## Library News M-F 1-6 pm 540-434-4475 option 3

**The Monarchs Are Arriving:** Come say hello to our monarch friends, as they transform from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. This annual event is a highlight.

**Intergenerational Share Book:** Help us create a Share Book. Share a recipe, story, photo...anything interesting about yourself. Add your bit to the book when you visit throughout September, Intergenerational Month, and enjoy reading other people's entries. Let's celebrate all ages!

**Trick or Treat @ the Library:** Stop by the library 6-8 pm on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to pick out a free gently used book for your Halloween treat.

**2018 Summer Reading, Libraries Rock, is Over:** Congratulations to all who participated and had a rocking good time reading this summer.

**Great American Read:** Have you heard about the Great American Read? Check it out on [pbs.org](http://pbs.org) and stop by the library for a list of the 100 books.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 3: Library Closed  
Sept 4: Brown Bag @ noon  
Sept 5: Family Fun Storytime 1 pm  
Sept 6: Lego Club 4 pm  
Sept 12: Family Fun Storytime 1 pm  
Sept 13: Crafty Kids 4 pm  
Sept 18: Teen & Adult Coloring 4 pm  
Sept 19: Family Fun Storytime 1 pm  
Sept 20: Lego Club 4 pm  
Sept 26: Family Fun Storytime 1 pm  
Sept 27: Keva Planks 4 pm  
Oct 2: Brown Bag @noon  
Oct 3: Family Fun Storytime 1 pm  
Oct 4: Lego Club 4 pm  
Oct 10: Storytime Break  
Oct 11: Crafty Kids 4 pm  
Oct 16: Teen & Adult Coloring 4 pm  
Oct 17: Storytime Break  
Oct 18: Lego Club 4 pm  
Oct 24: Family Fun Storytime 1 pm  
Oct 25: Keva Planks 4 pm  
Oct 31: Family Fun Storytime 1 pm

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## Park Place

Hello to all of Grottoes! My name is Ashley Collier and I'm your new Tourism and Parks Director. I've worked at Grand Caverns for a while now and am very excited at the opportunity to serve Grottoes in this capacity. Please feel free to stop by and say hi!

Grand Caverns and Mountain View Parks have had another great and successful summer! I hope all of our town residents have had the opportu-

nity to visit and enjoy their parks.

We have a couple of exciting things in store for September. First, our End of Summer Celebration will be at Mountain View Park on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM- 9:00 PM. There will be pony rides, face painting, a car show, live music by Deuces Wild & Big City Band, and food available by the Grottoes Fire Department. Come on out and have fun!

Second, we have the Grand Cav-

erns Signature 5K Race on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in Grand Caverns Park. Registration begins at 5:00 PM. There is a registration fee and you can find more information online at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) keywords: Grand Caverns Signature 5K. All proceeds from this 5K go toward a new playground at Grand Caverns Park. Donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated by us and, more importantly, every Grottoes child!

## From the Chief's Desk...

Greetings Everyone,

School is back in session and children will be walking to and from bus stops, and waiting by the road to be picked up. Please drive carefully in your morning and afternoon travels, and be alert.

I would like to remind everyone that when mowing grass, please do not leave your grass clippings on the roadway. Grass clippings on the roadway can be a danger to motorists, especially those who ride motorcycles. It only takes a few moments to blow your clippings back out of the street.

We have received complaints of some property maintenance violations. The Town has an ordinance that requires everyone's property to be maintained. We strive to keep our Town looking nice, so please keep your lawn mowed and your property looking respectable.



In addition, keep in mind that all vehicles on your property must have at minimum, a current inspection decal or current tags and be in operating condition.

To all of you who keep your property looking nice... THANK YOU!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call **249-5707** to reach me or any of our Police Officers.

*John Painter*  
Chief of Police

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## Grottoes Volunteer Fire Department

A huge "THANK YOU" for your support at our annual lawn party and summer bash raffle. We greatly appreciate your support. Our Annual Fund Drive will start in October and donations can be mailed or left at the fire station in the locked box at the main entrance.

### JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Sunday Lunch- Times 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Cost - \$10 adults; \$6.00 children 10 & under*

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** We will sell food, including our deep fried chicken, during

the Town's End of Summer Celebration at Mt. View Park. Food will be ready beginning at 4:00 pm.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Lunch, Roast beef, gravy, cole slaw, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll with butter, oreo cheesecake, tea or coffee

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** Sunday Lunch, Fried Tenderloin, gravy, cole slaw, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll with butter, apple crisp, tea or coffee

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Ham & Turkey Buffet dinner starting at 4:00 pm.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Lunch, Turkey and Dressing Thanksgiving Lunch with Pumpkin Pie, tea or coffee

**December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Grace Country Christmas Dinner Show; tickets being sold at Town Hall and at any Southern Grace concert

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Lunch Cubed Steak, gravy, garden salad, mashed potatoes, lima beans, roll with butter, assorted cupcakes, tea or coffee

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## Grand Caverns Signature 5K Race

**Friday, September 28th**

**5K starts @ 6:00 pm**

**1 Mile Fun Run @ 6:05 pm**

- Race Day Registration available
- Packet pick-up begins at 5:00 pm
- Post-race prizes & munchies
- Awesome race shirts are included

**CERTIFIED 5K Race!**



Facebook: Grand Caverns Signature 5K  
Register Online: [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com)  
Keywords: Grand Caverns Signature 5K  
Mail: P.O. Box 1034, Grottoes, VA 24441  
Checks: Grand Caverns Signature 5K  
Weather: 100% Guaranteed (rain likely)!

For More Information: contact Mike Betts at [mike@grandcaverns-5k.com](mailto:mike@grandcaverns-5k.com)

ALL Proceeds will go towards a new PLAYGROUND at the Grand Caverns Park for public use.

Fundraising goal \$70,000.00



2018 Title Sponsor



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www.ci.grottoes.va.us

### Brush Site Open

Sept. 8 8-12  
Oct. 13 8-12  
Nov. 3 8-12

### Grottoes Ruritan Club Meetings

are held on the third  
Thursday of every month.  
If you would like to  
attend a meeting or join  
the club, Call or email  
Mark Keeler at 249-5988  
or keelermf@gmail.com.

### Senior Citizen's Luncheon

Saturday, October 13, 2018  
Grottoes Vol. Fire Dept.

Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon and the  
doors will open at 11:30 a.m. If you are 65  
or older and in the past have not received  
an invitation, please call us at 249-5896.

The Rockingham County Recreation  
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.

### 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)



- Music: Deuces Wild \ Big City Band
- Fire Dept. "Lawn Party Chicken" & more
- Cake Wheel
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Cruise - In
- Free Pony Rides & Barrel Train Rides
- Free Face Painting

### Southern Grace COUNTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER SHOW

Grottoes Volunteer Fire Department  
Friday, December 7th 6:00 PM  
Saturday, December 8th 6:00 PM  
Cost: \$20 - Includes Meal- by Grottoes Fire Dept

*Tickets Available at:*  
*Southern Grace Shows*  
*Grottoes Town Office*

Trick or Treat - Wednesday, October 31st

## Grottoes Town Officials

### Town Council

Emily Holloway, Mayor  
David Raynes, Vice-Mayor  
Mark Sterling  
Marjorie Funk  
Mark Keeler  
Joshua Bailey  
Tim Leeth

### Planning Commission

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

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Margie Mayes, Chairwoman  
Don MacDanel  
Justin Neitzey  
Ellen Showers  
Vacancy

Town Council meets the second Mon-  
day of the month at 7:00 pm in the  
Council Chambers. A workshop is held  
on the even months at 5:30 pm before  
the regular meeting.

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.