

Council Chatter

Mayor's Corner

Can you believe September is here already? Despite the pandemic, Grottoes has been busy this summer! I first want to congratulate our town on the Risk Management Award from VRSA. This award was granted for staffs efforts of promoting risk management throughout our town.

I hope all of you were able to attend a Cardinals game this year! It was an amazing season and our team finished 3rd in RCBL. It was great to see so many of you supporting our hometown team! Another great addition to summer was the pool at Grand Caverns and its renovations. If you didn't get to visit the pool this summer, make plans to come and swim next summer.

Normally this is the time of year we begin



Rick Management Award from VRSA - pictured left to right Councilman Mark Keeler, Councilman Joshua Bailey, Councilwoman Jo Plaster, Town Manager Nathan Garrison, Mayor Emily Holloway, Councilman David Raynes, and Councilman C.W. Stephenson. Absent Councilman Tim Leeth

thinking about school starting and children waiting on the bus. Due to the pandemic, school will look differently for students living in Grottoes but some students will be waiting on the bus and most will be learning virtually at home. With this, I want to remind everyone to be cautious when driving in town. With nice weather, we have a lot of children playing and families walking during all times of the day. Please be cau-

tious and aware of those on the street. I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the end of summer. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call town hall and speak to the town manager or leave a message for a council member to call you back.

Emily Holloway,
Mayor

REMINDER

Trash cans must be out by
7:00 am.
(or the night before)
to ensure trash is collected

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Manager's Message

It seems summer has come and gone. I feel it flew by. I hope everyone is doing well and had an enjoyable summer. I would like to congratulate our Grottoes Cardinals for a fantastic and fun season they had this year. All home games during the regular season were free admission and we appreciate their hard work in making a fun season for us to attend.

Although we have had to cancel some of our previous

events this year, **Our End of Summer Celebration** event is **ON** for September 12th, at Mountain View Park. We will have live music by "Danczet". Also available will be Grottoes Volunteer Fire Department concessions, meaning their **World-Famous Chicken!** Come down to the park between 4pm and 9pm for a great evening. I hope to see you all there. The Fire Department will be having chicken on Friday evening as well.

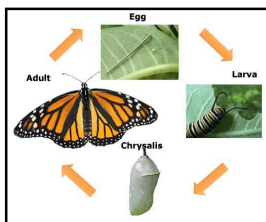


Hall at (540) 249-5896.

Library News

September is Monarch

month: This annual event is always a highlight! Stop by to visit our Monarch habitat as we watch the amazing progression from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. Each adult is released from the front porch of Town Hall as they become ready. Kid helpers are always welcome for this exciting event! Plan to check out one of our books about Monarchs to learn more about the incredible



life cycle of these beautiful creatures.

Craft kits for PreK through 5th graders will continue through the Fall. Each month a new bagged craft kit will arrive for **FREE** pick-up. Come in to get yours today!

Digital programming is coming soon! Watch for updates on our website

www.mrlib.org. We miss our "in person" gatherings, but this will be the next best thing!

540-434-4475 option 3

Current Library Hours will continue through December. The delivery van, bringing new books and items on hold, continues to arrive 3 times each week. Please note our new Friday hours. Don't be caught short of supplies for the weekends!

Thought for today: "The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up." –Mark Twain

Peggy Counts,
Branch Manager

Park Place

The summer is winding down and fall is quickly upon us. Thank you to all our residents who came out and enjoyed the newly renovated pool. We understand these are trying times for everyone and greatly appreciate you helping us provide fun and safe family entertainment by following our regulations. We are looking forward to next pool season when we can have our new water features on for your enjoyment as well!

Grand Caverns is still open and operating. Ask about our Grottoes resident discount!

Events:

The **End of Summer Celebration** will be from Sept 12th starting at 4 at Mountain View Park.

The **Grand Caverns Signature 5K Race** is scheduled for Friday, September 25th at 6PM. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new children's playground at the park.



Grottoes Police Department

Greetings Everyone,

As we might not see as many children out this year, school is back in session and children will be walking to and from bus stops, and waiting by the road for the bus. Please drive carefully in your morning and afternoon travels, and be alert.



A reminder to everyone that the Police Department has a medication disposal box that is located in the lobby. These medications can now be disposed of properly so as not to contaminate our local water supply or being used by non-prescribed individuals.

We continue to receive complaints about property maintenance violations. The Town has an ordinance that requires every-

one's property to be maintained. We strive to keep our Town looking nice, so please help by keeping your property looking nice.

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.

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

Grottoes Fire Department



CELEBRATING 72 YEARS OF SERVICE to the great Town of Grottoes and counties of Rockingham and Augusta.

Visit us @ www.grottoesfire.com and on Facebook

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Sunday **EACH** Month – **EAT LUNCH WITH us** - 11:00am-1:00pm –
\$10/person; \$6 for children 10 & under

Entrée Sept. 20	Fried Tenderloin
Entrée Oct. 19	Roast Beef
Entrée Nov. 16	Thanksgiving Meal

Sept. 11 & 12 Chicken & Fries in the Park
October 1 Annual Fund Drive starts

*Our Facilities Hall is available to rent for banquets, parties, etc.
Call 540-578-3642, 540-569-0456, or 540-578-3301 for pricing and more information.*

Senior Citizens Lunch

To ensure the safety of our senior citizens this year and to maintain social distancing standards, Grottoes will be offering our annual Senior Citizens lunch delivered right to your door.

On October 10th volunteers, town employees, and council will be delivering a hot lunch meal of cube steak with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, a roll, coleslaw, and pumpkin pie.

All orders must be received by **September 30th** for food to be ordered, and a delivery route to be mapped. **We will not be able receive late orders.** Please call the town office (249-5896) for your reservation as soon as possible.



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
540-249-5893

(Food Bank is closed on the 5th)

GRAND CAVERNS



SIGNATURE 5K RACE SERIES

September 25th

6:00 pm

Grand Caverns Park

All proceeds go toward a new
playground at Grand Caverns

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VOTE ★ ELECTION ★ DAY

November 3rd

6 am - 7 pm

Grottoes Town Hall

Mayor - Joshua K. Bailey
Joanne L. "Jo" Plaster

Council - Charles K. Lawhorne
Michael W. Kohl
Tim Y. Leeth
Mark Alan Sterling

Brush Site Open

Saturday, September 12th

Tuesday, September 15th

Saturday, October 3rd

Tuesday, October 20th

Saturday, November 7th

Tuesday, November 17th

8:00 am - 12:00 noon



Grottoes Town Officials

Town Council

Emily Holloway, Mayor

David Raynes

Mark Keeler

Joshua Bailey

Tim Leeth

Jo Plaster

C.W. Stephenson

Planning Commission

Justin Neitzey, Chairman

Jen Smith

Mark Keeler

Kevin Campbell

David Bradley

Nathan Foerster

Vacancy

Board of Zoning Appeals

Margie Mayes, Chairwoman

Justin Neitzey

Ellen Showers

David Gorjup

Christa Hall

Council meets the Second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall. Council may also hold a workshop at 6:00 pm prior to the monthly meeting.

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

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