

TOWN OF PINETOPS NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Well, it has been a rather hot summer, but with many clear days to get out and do all of those things for which we cherish the summer season. We hope all of you had a wonderful summer!

Grants awarded to the Town

Three of the Town's applications for grants for the sewer and water departments were approved for funding! The grants are funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the State Revolving Loan Fund for Water and Sewer projects. Two of the grants will be used for asset inventories and assessments of the Water and Sewer operations, and one grant will be used for much-needed replacement of old and constantly failing water lines throughout the Town. The assessments will, in part, assist Town leadership in planning and prioritizing future needs as well as position the Town to score more favorably on grants and other funding opportunities. Unfortunately, you will not begin to see any construction until probably later next year due to rather lengthy state and federal procedures, combined with the usual time it takes to bid and procure contractors for such projects.

New Board/Committee is up and Running

The Board of Commissioners has appointed the members of the new Pinetops Community Development Advisory Board (PCDAB). The PCDAB began its initial training sessions in late August with Mr. Bruce Naegelen of the State Department of Commerce. The PCDAB is a planned part of the economic-community development initiatives proactively taken by your Board of Commissioners that took place over the last two years. The members of the PCDAB are Mr. Benjamin Mayo, Ms. Suzanne Coker-Craig, Mr. Ron Pate, Mr. Kyle Cecchi, and Ms. Tierra Norwood. Two alternates were also appointed: Ms. Phyllis Arrington and Ms. Ardean Eason. We want to thank these individuals for committing to devote some of their valuable time, talent, and efforts to the Town of Pinetops!

New Director for the Utility/Public Works Department:

Finally, the summer saw the retirement of long-time Public Works/Utility Department Director Phil Webb. Phil had been with the Town for over 40 years. Phil will still be contracting with the Town for about a year, assisting with approving reports for the State while our current crew completes their final certifications. David Phillips, who has served as Assistant Director under Phil for the last four years, was chosen to be his successor as the new Director of the Public Works/Utility Department.

Upcoming Vigil

A vigil will be held at the gazebo, located across from Town Hall, on Thursday, October 25th, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Those that want to participate must bring their own candle.

Fall Cleanup of Yard Waste AND Overall New Policy on Solid Waste Collections

As we enter the fall season, please be aware of and honor the rules for how to place your leaves and other yard debris in order for them to be collected by the Town crew. **Also, please be advised that the Town recently enacted a new policy on solid waste collections.** A copy of the new guidelines is on the other side of this document, or it can be found on the Town website, pinetopsnc.com, or by visiting/contacting Town Hall during regular business hours.