



## Town of Hurt Newsletter: *Autumn*, 2017

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It seems 2017 just recently began, yet October will herald the final quarter of the year. **Autumn** -- golden harvest, cooler temperatures, fall festivals, pumpkins, colorful leaves!

**Golden Jubilee Celebration:** The anniversary committee continues to work on details for a Golden Jubilee to be held September 23, from 2 – 7 p.m. at the Roosevelt Mattox Park (in case of rainout, New Prospect Baptist Church FLC). The event includes crafts, classic cars, food trucks, children’s activities, and commemorative T-shirts. The shirts are being sold by the Staunton River Medical Center committee, with proceeds from the sale going toward prescriptions for indigent patients of the medical center.

**Semicentennial Sponsorship Letter:** Enclosed with this newsletter is a letter from the anniversary committee. Much effort is being made to have an event commemorating the town’s Golden Jubilee as economically as possible. In an effort to guard taxpayer dollars, the committee is asking businesses to sponsor this event. Hurt citizens may also want to contribute. All donations are sincerely appreciated. Please contact Dixie Shelton Poindexter, committee chair, at 324-7352 or 485-4671 if you have questions.

**Swimming Pool Safety Fencing:** Over the summer, concerns have been brought before Council concerning residential swimming pool safety – primarily that of some pools not being surrounded by structures to prevent people, especially children, from falling in and being injured or even drowning. Council is still considering a potential ordinance to address this safety concern, but no final decision has been made pending further review by Town Attorney John Eller, Jr. Council will hear public comments and questions during the public input portion of its meetings on first Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

**Temporary Farewell to Councilman:** Councilman Michael Blackstock has advised that he will be moving outside the town limits and will thus resign from the council effective August 31. We will miss Michael, and wish him the best in his new home. Please note he will still be around town with Blackstock Construction and with B & B Market. We appreciate his serving on the council.

**Congratulations to Council Appointee:** Steve Watson has accepted appointment to Blackstock’s seat beginning September 1, and will serve on the same committees (Budget & Finance and Public Works). His term runs through December 31, 2018.

**Delinquent Taxes:** We continue canvassing unpaid tax lists for 2013 through 2016. As we do so, notices are being sent to past due accounts, with the intention of stepping up collection efforts. Anyone with an outstanding balance or related question should contact Treasurer Susan Nichols at 434-324-4411 or by email: [clerk@townofhurtva.org](mailto:clerk@townofhurtva.org).

**Logging Traffic Along Pocket Road:** A timber harvest is underway at the town’s Key Industrial Park (KIP), known by some as simply the “town farm,” to make the property more accessible and presentable for economic development prospects. Please continue to be mindful of machinery and truck traffic when driving on or near Pocket Road.

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**School Openings and Traffic Safety:** Pittsylvania County Schools opened for the 2017-18 academic year on August 9, Campbell County Schools open August 15, and Faith Christian Academy opens August 16. When traveling our streets, please be alert to the presence of buses and students, along with new traffic patterns. For all our children's safety, exercise added measures of caution.

**Truck/Tractor Pull:** McCormick's Riverside Arena will host its second annual NTPA event on August 25 and 26 at 7:00 PM each evening. Last year's "debut" event was a real success, and it is our aspiration that this year's be even better. We welcome the NTPA to Hurt again this year, along with the recreational opportunity and business it will bring, and we thank the McCormick family for providing the venue. We do ask that everyone be mindful of the increased traffic and population during that weekend, and that extra caution be observed when traveling through the area surrounding the arena.

**Labor Day Holiday:** Hurt Town Offices will close on Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day, a federal holiday in the U.S. since 1894 and also observed in Canada the same day. "Labor Day" refers to the day's original purpose of recognizing the American Labor Movement and the contributions of working Americans to society.

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Labor Day – September 4  
 Grandparents Day – September 10  
 Patriot Day – September 11  
 Constitution/Citizenship Day – September 17  
 Autumnal Equinox – September 22  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee -- September 23**  
 Columbus Day (Observed) – October 9  
 Daylight Saving Time Ends – November 5  
 Election Day – November 7  
 Veterans Day – November 11 (observed Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>)  
 Thanksgiving – November 23

**Council Meeting Dates\***

**September 5**  
**October 3**  
**November 7**  
**December 5**

*\*7:00 p.m. first Tuesdays,  
 unless otherwise announced*

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*"Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort" – John Ruskin*

*"All achievements, all earned riches, have their beginning in an idea." – Napoleon Hill*

*"It always seems impossible until it's done." – Nelson Mandela*

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