



## Town of Hurt Newsletter: Summer, 2017

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**Water Quality Report Posted On Town Website:** The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) requires all localities with municipal water systems to annually distribute a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on water quality as an assurance to public health. To better communicate with our citizenry in an “information age” and to save tax dollars on postage and printing, this year we plan to begin publishing the CCR on our website. Everyone is encouraged to read our most recent CCR (2016), which is now available at: <https://townofhurtva.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/water-quality-ccr-2016.pdf> Printed copies are available at town hall or via email at: [publicworks@townofhurtva.org](mailto:publicworks@townofhurtva.org).

**Water Bills Based On Estimation This Quarter:** Due to extenuating circumstances, residential water meters could not be read manually during this cycle. Therefore, the enclosed water bills are computer estimations based on the previous 12 months’ usage history. Our software is designed to “even out” charges on the next billing in August.

**Hurt Volunteer Fire Department 5K Run/Walk:** If you have not already, there is still time to support our fire department in their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K run/walk. Contact Jason Lovelace at 434-941-5296 or any fire fighter for further details. Please note the streets along the route will be closed from 7:45 until approximately 10:00 on the morning of May 27 to allow for the safety of the participants. Be sure to come outside and cheer for your favorite runners and walkers. They need and appreciate your support.

**Public Hearing On Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2017-18:** The public hearing on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is scheduled for June 6 at 7:00 p.m. A budget summary will be published in the *Altavista Journal* on May 24 and 31 for your perusal. For the detailed version, visit: <https://townofhurtva.gov/propbudget17-18>. Printed copies may also be obtained at town hall.

**Semicentennial:** Our April 2 Community Anniversary Reception was a success, and we appreciate all who helped and/or attended this event. There was something for everyone ranging from historical documents and photos to music to food. Our state legislators presented the town with a resolution recognizing our first 50 years. This framed resolution is now displayed at town hall. A very special thank you goes out to New Prospect Baptist Church and its members for providing the venue, refreshments, and decorations. We also truly appreciate the Hurt Elementary School chorus and its director, Ms. Melanie Frederick, for providing the musical treat. These young people are truly an example of dedication we can all learn from and were the hit of the event! Be sure to check the town website for information concerning other upcoming events.

**Lawn Maintenance Ordinance:** Council and staff members have received numerous complaints concerning properties in the town that, due to overgrowth of grass and/or weeds, are detracting from the appearance of our community. Everyone is asked to please be aware that Town Ordinance Section 10-17 requires lawns be kept mowed to heights less than 12 inches, and to maintain each parcel of property in that condition. Notices of violation are being sent in this mailing.

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**Overdue Taxes:** Our town council and treasurer are in the process of reviewing unpaid tax lists for 2013 through 2016, with the intention of stepping up collection efforts over the next few months. Anyone with an outstanding balance or related question should contact Treasurer Susan Nichols at 434-324-4411 or email: [clerk@townofhurtva.org](mailto:clerk@townofhurtva.org).

**School Information:** The last day for students attending school in Pittsylvania County is May 25. They return to school August 9. For students attending Campbell County schools, the last day is May 31 with an August 15 return date. Please be aware of this when traveling our streets. Watch for buses and students, and exercise caution.

**Upcoming Holiday:** Government offices will close on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Though there remains some discussion among historians and others as to the precise time and place of its origin, the holiday was officially so named 50 years ago (1967) by Federal law. While extended weekends are enjoyable, let us all set aside time to give this solemn occasion its proper place -- a time to remember and honor all the men and women who have lost their lives in service to our country throughout its history. Without their sacrifices, we would not enjoy the liberties we have today.

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Memorial Day – May 29

D-Day – June 6

Flag Day – June 14

Father’s Day – June 18

Summer Solstice – June 21

Independence Day – July 4

Purple Heart Day – August 7

Senior Citizens Day – August 21

Labor Day – September 4

**Council Meeting Dates\***

June 6

July 12

August 1

September 5

\*7:00 p.m.

*first Tuesdays, unless  
otherwise announced*

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*“Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.”* – Jonathan Swift

*“Observe decorum, and it will open a path to morality.”* – Mason Cooley

*“Don’t let the seeds stop you from enjoying the watermelon.”* – Unknown