



## Hurt Citizen Newsletter: *Winter, 2017-18*

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As our Golden Anniversary year draws to a close, we take a few moments to reflect on our past while preparing to greet a fast-approaching 2018 with anticipation and hope. **Winter** – holiday festivities, great food, basketball, snow days, and resting up for spring!

- ❖ **Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Visit:** Hurt's second annual Christmas tree lighting will be held at Roosevelt Mattox Park (adjacent to Town Hall) on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00. New Prospect Baptist Church children's choir and the Hurt Elementary School Chorus, Jammers, and Flaggers are scheduled to provide a variety of holiday music as the town's new Norway spruce is illuminated. Following the short program, refreshments will be served in council chambers, where Santa is planning to meet with kids of all ages to review their lists.
- ❖ **Thunderstruck Fastpitch:** Welcome to this non-profit organization as they work to promote more youth involvement in sports and fitness, especially through softball. Located in Staunton Plaza, they welcome visitors to learn more about their program.
- ❖ **Change in Dentistry:** Our longstanding dentist Dr. Guy Walton, Jr. has retired. We wish him the best in his extra time with family and hobbies. He will be missed. The town is blessed to welcome Drs. Miller and Wolf to the same office as they serve both established and new patients. They plan to stay in the plaza location for now. Visit [www.millerwolfdental.com/](http://www.millerwolfdental.com/) for more details.
- ❖ **Hurt Receives Recognition from Washington:** Hurt has received a commemorative certificate and congratulatory letter from Congressman Tom Garrett for its 50 years of incorporation as a town. This honor was presented to Council November 7, and is displayed at Town Hall alongside one from the state legislature.
- ❖ **Semicentennial Committee Thank You:** Thank you to all citizens and businesses who contributed to and helped with Hurt's Golden Anniversary Festival on Sept. 23. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated, and we could not have done it without you. Also, thank you to our town staff who helped tremendously.
- ❖ **Next Time Capsule:** When the town's time capsule, buried in 1992, was opened November 5, the contents had water damage and most cannot be salvaged. Most of the items are papers and photographs. If another time capsule is prepared, it would likely be put in a sealed case and kept inside the building rather than buried. Should you have ideas for what should go into the next one, or if you have items that you would like to place in it, contact Susan at the town hall. A list will be kept until more information is gathered for the town's next time capsule.

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- ❖ **Town Tax Deadlines:** Please remember real estate and personal property taxes are due by Tuesday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. **Also note that beginning January 1, 2018, interest and penalties will be assessed on all unpaid tax balances.**
- ❖ **Holiday Office Hours and Refuse Collection Dates:** To recognize the significance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, and also to allow our staff valuable family time and needed respite from their work routines while sustaining services to our citizens, town offices will observe the following schedule this season:
  - Thanksgiving: closing at noon on Wednesday, November 22 and re-opening at regular time (8:00 a.m.) on Monday, November 27
  - Christmas: closed Friday through Tuesday, December 22 - 26, and re-opening at regular time on Wednesday, December 27
  - New Year's: closed Monday, January 1, 2018
  - Regular, Friday refuse collections are planned this holiday season - no altered schedule unless necessitated by weather or unforeseen circumstances.

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Thanksgiving – November 23		<u>Council Meeting Dates*</u>
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – Dec. 7		December 5
Winter Solstice – December 21		January 2
Christmas – December 25		February 6
New Year's Day – January 1		March 6
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 15		*7:00 p.m.
Valentine's Day – February 14		<i>first Tuesdays, unless</i>
Presidents' Day -- February 19		<i>otherwise announced</i>
Daylight Saving Time Begins – March 12		

**Celebrate Holidays Alive - Don't Drink and Drive!**  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Hurt Police Department**

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*"Another year is opening and another year is gone; We have passed the darkness of the night, we are in the early morn."* – Unknown

*"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles."*  
 – Walter Cronkite

*"Great leaders never accept the world as it was, and always work for the world as it should be."*  
 – Condoleezza Rice

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**Wishing everyone a blessed, joyous, and safe holiday season**  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*Mayor & Mrs. Gary Poindexter*