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VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information call Village Hall at 983-0029.

Regular Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Village Hall.

Park and Recreation Committee

6:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Village Hall

History Committee

10:00 a.m. the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at Village Hall

THE VILLAGER

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Village Acquires Land for Future Park and Recreation & Green Space

The Village Council made an offer to purchase 9.5 acres of land immediately adjacent to the current Village Park in November of 2017. The property is part of an original 14.3 acre tract that adjoined the western boundary of the existing Village Park. The Village Council met on November 2, 2017 and approved this offer to purchase 9.5 acres of land for \$78,000. The recent tax appraisal of the property valued the 9.5 acres at \$8,273 per acre. This would make the tax value of the 9.5 acre tract worth approximately \$78,594.

The offer was accepted by the owner in November and the property subdivided with the Village buying 9.5 acres and the owner retaining a 4.8 acre building tract. The Village Land Use and Development Plan identifies this parcel as future recreational and green space. The Village did not borrow any money for this purchase and utilized cash reserves which are restricted for recreational use to complete the purchase. The land was surveyed, subdivided, and transferred to Village ownership prior to the end of December 2017. However, prior to completing the purchase, the Village filed for a waiver to apply for a grant from PARTF (Park And Recreational Trust Fund). The waiver would allow the Village to apply for a grant to reimburse a portion of the purchase. Such a grant application could reimburse the Village for 50% of eligible costs for the purchase. Such

optional fees such as survey costs and attorney fees may be included in the grant application. The Village can apply for the grant by submitting an application before May 1st of 2018. If the grant is filed and not awarded in 2018, the Village could file an additional application prior to May of 2019 as the waiver would be good for 18 months from the point it was approved.

The waiver was approved by PARTF and we were notified of this prior to completion of the purchase. The Village Council has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. to hear comments from the public concerning public support for the filing of a grant application to reimburse 50% of the cost of obtaining the land. The recoverable 50% would amount to a total of \$41,998. which would be returned to Village cash reserves. This meeting is open to the public and all citizens are encouraged to attend and make their views known. Also included in this newsletter is further information concerning a recreational needs survey and how you may provide input to the Council concerning different types of recreation that could be placed on the land addition to Village Park.

Dan Corder
Village Administrator

BULK PICKUP



As the warm weather approaches, it's time to begin preparing for the Village of Tobacoville's annual **Bulk Item Pickup**. Collections will begin on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until the pickup is complete. Residents are requested to have all items at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 23rd. Items which have not been placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. may not be collected. Please keep in mind that the collection vehicle will only pass by your property one time during the collection period. As an additional reminder, the collection vehicles will not pick up household garbage which should be placed in your garbage cart and picked up on your regular trash day. Please keep garbage separate from bulk pickup items. Garbage will be picked up as normal by Foothill Waste Solutions. Also, any items containing glass must be separated from other items to reduce breakage potential.

Please note that TV's, computers and computer related electronics are now banned from the landfill! These items can no longer be picked up during bulk pickup! They must be recycled by taking them to an acceptable recycling center.

Now is the time to start cleaning out the basement and digging through the garage for free

pickup and disposal! In order to assist you with guidelines for items we will pick up, we have provided a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items. **If you have any questions prior to the pickup, please contact Village Hall at 983-0029.**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Furniture
- Major appliances
- Grills (no tanks)
- Water heaters
- Mattresses
- Toilets
- Carpet
- Lawnmowers with gas and oil removed
- Toys
- Bicycles
- Glass windows and doors

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Trash usually picked up on garbage day
- No items with any type of gas tank
- Metal drums
- Hazardous materials
- Liquids of any kind
- Paint
- Construction debris and building materials
- Asphalt, concrete, or rocks
- Yard waste, firewood, lumber, and stumps
- Cars, vehicle parts, batteries, or tires
- Propane or gas tanks
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- TV's and all computer related equipment

National Day of Prayer

Churches located inside the Village of Tobacoville are once again co-sponsoring the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3, 2018. The non-denominational observance will be held at 12:00 noon at the Village Gazebo. All residents and their guests are invited to attend. The National Day of Prayer is a tradition first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775. The first Thursday in May has been designated National Day of Prayer and sets aside time to pray for guidance in federal, state, and local government. Further information will be provided on the Village website concerning the service and who will be conducting it.

Village Links

The Village of Tobacoville now has a Facebook page. Residents can find it by searching Village of Tobacoville on facebook or by using the web address below:

<https://www.facebook.com/VillageofTobacovilleNC/>

The Village website is www.tobacovillenc.org. It will be redesigned during 2018.

"Little Free Library" At Village Park

A "Little Free Library" was constructed and installed in Village Park last fall. It was a project that was initiated as a Girl Scout Gold Award Project by Elise Colburn. Community members were encouraged to borrow and replace books as they read them. Large numbers of books were donated to start the library. The books are available for borrowing any time the park is open. There have been over 50,000 "Little Free Libraries" that have been constructed worldwide. The actual construction was done by Elise Colburn, and Village Maintenance Supervisor Doug Hood assisted with the installation near the entrance of the Village Park Playground. Elise was notified that her project earned her the Girl Scout Gold Award and she received Council recognition for this in the January, 2018 Council meeting. It was an excellent addition to the Village Park.

"Take a book, leave a book"



2018-2019 Budget Update

The Village budget preparations for the next fiscal year are already in progress, and the Council has scheduled several budget workshops. The proposed budget for 2018-2019 will be presented to the Council on May 3rd. After that, budget adoption can only take place after a public hearing which typically takes place in June.

As of July 2018, the Village will have paid off 11 years on an existing 15 year \$450,000 loan on the Village Hall which was completed in 2007. As of July 2018, the balance on that loan will be approximately \$120,000. Even with this debt, the Village has excellent fund balances. As of March 1, 2018, the General Fund balance is around \$1,337,213. Powell Bill Funds (street funds) total \$810,558.

Restricted funds total \$123,168 and Services fund balance is \$70,045. Total fund balance as of April 1st, 2018 is \$2,340,984.

The upcoming budget should not require a tax increase. The Village changed vendors in 2017 for employee health benefits in order to reduce costs and also changed garbage service providers to increase service and reduce costs. No major projects are expected to be performed during the 2018-2019 budget cycle and a pay as you go approach will be recommended for any facility additions to the new Village Park land. There are funds provided for the adequate maintenance of Village Park and all facilities, as well as continued service at the same levels as previous years.

Recreational Needs Survey

The Village of Tobaccoville Council has decided to survey the Village residents prior to filing an application to apply for a PARTF Grant to assist with the acquisition of a 9.5 acre parcel of land immediately adjacent to the Village Park. Such a grant would pay for approximately 50% of the purchase price of the property. The Council would like to gain more insight into what types of recreational opportunities our citizens would want and need for this new addition to the Village Park. You may fill out the survey online at the following web address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tobaccoville>.

You may also fill out the hard copy of the survey on page 5 of this newsletter and return it by one of the methods listed at the bottom of the survey.



Congratulations to Robin Key, who celebrated 25 years as our Village Clerk on March 8, 2018.

Robin is the first smiling face you see as you enter Village Hall. She is well organized, personable, enthusiastic, helpful and very dedicated to our community! We are blessed to have Robin as our Village Clerk and appreciate her hard work over the past 25 years. Congratulations Robin!

Congratulations to Justin Ritchey, a Volunteer firefighter with Old Richmond Fire Department.

Justin was awarded the Forsyth County Rescue Member of the Year Award by the Forsyth County Fire and Rescue Association. This is quite an accomplishment and honor as he was selected from a nominee list that contained career /paid firefighters from all over the county. Justin does his service as a volunteer in our community. We are proud of you Justin!

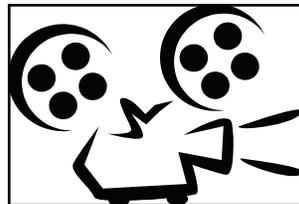
PARC News and Event Plans

The PARC Committee has actively been seeking to expand its membership, and would like to extend an invitation to any resident who might be interested in serving on the Committee to attend a meeting or help out at an event. The PARC is responsible for planning and coordinating Village recreational events and making recommendations to the Council concerning Park and Recreation. The PARC is busy right now planning the events for this year. Those events planned for 2018 include a music event on Saturday, May 19th from 4-7 p.m. The PARC has booked the band "June Rise" for this event. The Committee has decided to have food trucks for this event, but has not finalized

these plans as of the date of this newsletter. Three Movie Nights are planned. (June 8th, July 20th, and September 14th) A Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for November 26th.

The movie "Wonder" has been booked for the feature film show on June 8th in Village Park. The other movies have not been decided on yet. Please monitor our facebook page and the website for the announcement once they are finalized.

The Committee would like to know if you are interested in helping out or joining the PARC Committee. Please contact Administrator Dan Corder at 983-0029 to get an application for membership.



*June 8th Movie
"Wonder"
The Perfect
Family Film
for a Spring movie
under the stars
in Village Park*

*Movies In
The Park
Selected Dates are
June 8th, July 20th,
and September 14th
Rain Dates are
June 9th, July 21st,
and September 15th*

VILLAGE OF TOBACCOVILLE RECREATIONAL NEEDS SURVEY

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- 1. Please indicate how many people live in your house hold? _____
- 2. Please indicate the age and gender of all household members. (Circle gender and write in age in blank provided)

Age (18 & Over)	Age (under 18)
Adult #1 (M/F) _____	You th #1 (M/F) _____
Adult #2 (M/F) _____	You th #2 (M/F) _____
Adult #3 (M/F) _____	You th #3 (M/F) _____
Adult #4 (M/F) _____	You th #4 (M/F) _____
Adult #5 (M/F) _____	You th #5 (M/F) _____

- 3. Please check the recreational activities that you or family members participate in at the current Village Park. Select all that apply. If you select other please write in those activities.

<input type="checkbox"/> Walking, jogging, running	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Shelter/Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Playground	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball
<input type="checkbox"/> Playing horseshoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Movie in the Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	Other _____	Other _____

- 4. Please indicate what additional recreational facilities you or members of your household would like to see/use or participate in at the Village Park and the expansion area.

<input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater	<input type="checkbox"/> picnic shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> picnic areas with grills
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Bocce Ball
<input type="checkbox"/> Community garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Farmer’s Market	<input type="checkbox"/> Disk Golf (Frisbee)
<input type="checkbox"/> Multipurpose Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Splash Pad	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail with exercise stations
<input type="checkbox"/> Large natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Please explain if you checked other _____

- 5. Would you be willing to pay additional taxes to support new recreational facilities or activities?
 Yes No If you answered yes, then list the top three activities or facilities you would like to see.

- 6. Do you live within the Village corporate limits? Yes No

- 7. Comments: _____

Please mail completed surveys to Village of Tobacoville, P.O. Box 332, Tobacoville, N.C. 27050 or drop it by Village Hall. You may also scan it and e-mail it to administrator@tobacovillenc.org or fax it to 336-983-4334.

An online survey may be taken at the following web address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tobacoville>

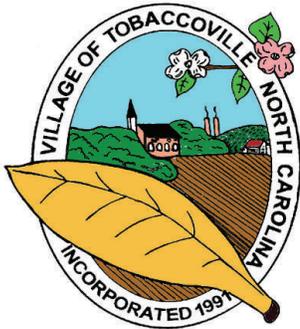
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PARTF GRANT For Village Park Land Acquisition
Project Specific Called Meeting
April 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Tobaccoville Village Hall**

The Village Council has called a special meeting on April 5, 2018 at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the acquisition of 9.5 acres of land adjacent to the Village Park and obtain comments regarding an application for a PARTF grant to assist with 50% of the cost of obtaining this land for park and recreational use. We are also very interested in hearing any comments regarding the types of recreation you would support. This meeting is open to the public and all citizens are encouraged to attend and make their views know. Should you have any questions please contact Village Administrator Dan Corder at 336-983-0029.

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