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# Pittman Center Times

Official Newsletter of the Town of Pittman Center

Dear Subscribers,

We are proud to bring you the spooky October edition of the Pittman Center Times! Thank you for subscribing and please continue to spread the word!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to call Town Hall at (865) 436-5499 or you can email us at [astownhall@gmail.com](mailto:astownhall@gmail.com).

Your PC Times Staff

## MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

It is hard to believe it is almost the Holiday season! We are happy to report that Glenn Cardwell's third book, *Pittman Center Photographic Documentation and History* has been received to much acclaim. If you have not picked up your copy stop by City Hall and get yours today.

We hope everyone has a safe Thanksgiving with their families and we look forward to talking to you soon with our post-Thanksgiving turkey stuffed newsletter at the end of next month!

Michael Borders  
City Administrator



## MEET PITTMAN CENTER'S MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR...

Leonard Riggins came to our Town of Pittman Center family in May of this year. Some of the duties that Leonard tackles are mowing, weedeating, woodworking, painting, road maintenance, vehicle maintenance, salting roads in the winter, downed tree removal and general maintenance along with sanitation services. Leonard came to the town with great experience from working with TDOT and bridge construction and all of the duties he carries from his Fireman's background. Leonard currently holds the rank of Lieutenant and Chief Engineer

of the Pittman Center Fire Department. One of the reasons for Leonard coming to Pittman Center was a schedule that would allow for more family time at home. In the rare instance that Leonard has any down time he can be found hunting deer and turkey, fishing in Greenbrier, camping, or enjoying a UT football game. Leonard enjoys the quiet, peaceful beauty that Pittman Center offers.



## CHIEF'S CORNER



I want to thank all of the residents of the Town of Pittman Center. It is a pleasure serving our Town as the Police Chief. Some confusion exists on how to contact the Pittman Center Police Department. The Pittman Center Police Department is dispatched by the Sevier Co. Sheriff's Office. If you need a police officer to respond to an emergency call 911. For non-emergency matters call 865-453-4668 option 3. This ensures we can respond to you as quickly and as safely as possible. Please do not call officers directly or call City Hall. I also want to remind everyone about the speed limits on some of our smaller roads. On Hills Creek Rd, Emerts Cove Rd, and Webb Creek Rd the speed limit is 20mph. We will be patrolling these areas for speeders and stop sign violations to ensure people are safe on these roads.

-Chief Clint Parton

## TOWN MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Town meetings are open to the public, and members of the community are encouraged to attend! Complete minutes (after they are approved by the BMA) are available on the Pittman Center web site. Below is an unofficial brief overview of the meetings.



Fall Colors from Pittman Center Elementary

**Design Review Commission (DRC):** At the October 14<sup>th</sup> DRC the Commission considered a sign located at 2159 East Parkway Gatlinburg, TN 37738 which was approved with a design modification.

**Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):** At the October 14<sup>th</sup> BZA the Board considered and approved a height, side yard, and rear yard variance for the submitted plans at 128 Perkins Road Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

**Planning Commission:** At the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the Commission discussed the Tourist Residency and Prohibition for Violation Ordinance, discussed Building Height Regulations, discussed rezoning at 5320 Pittman Center Road, discussed rezoning at 252 Buckhorn Road, and discussed the rezoning of Pinnacle Vista. The Commission will discuss possible modifications to the building height regulations at the next meeting. No action was taken on any item.

**Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA):** The Board discussed the Tourist Residency Permit Program and Permit Revocation, no action was taken. The Board voted to donate \$5,000 to the Pittman Center Volunteer Fire Department, \$3,000 to the Sevier Animal Care Center, \$3,500 to the Pittman Center Heritage Museum, and \$1,000 to Keep Sevier Beautiful.

**Recreation Board:** The Recreation Board met on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed and decided on entertainment for Heritage Day 2020, discussed the original LPRF Grant proposal from 2016, discussed a proposal to renovate the City Hall Park, and discussed Yule Log.

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday November, 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 (Please note this is not the regularly scheduled meeting date).

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30.

The next Tree Board meeting is yet to be determined. The next Recreation Board meeting is yet to be determined.

If you have any questions regarding agenda items or action please contact the City Administrator at (865) 436-5499.



## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

The Town's Maintenance Department is now working through our list of small-scale projects throughout Town. Some of the work done includes bank stabilization on

Grassy Branch and Little Branch Roads, graveling the pull offs on Emerts Cove Road, and clearing, ditching, culvert repair, and patching work on Hickey Road. The maintenance department has also pressure washed and cleaned the playground, fencing, and surrounding grounds. In the next month the department plans on continuing to work on smaller road projects along with doing maintenance projects at the City Hall property.



Fall Colors from Emerts Cove Road

## **REMINDERS...**

Please remember in order to participate in the citizens comment section at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting you must fill out a form provided by Town staff and return the form prior to the end of day Tuesday before the Thursday meeting. You may also contact Town staff and have the form filled out over the phone.

Pittman Center Fall Festival for Pittman Center Elementary is on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, contact the school at (865) 436-4515 for more information!

Yule Log will be Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm at Pittman Center City Hall.

Heritage Day will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Pittman Center City Hall grounds.

**Just for fun.....**  
*Mountain Superstitions*



- If your nose starts itching, company is sure to be on its way.
- If you drop a biscuit while taking them from the oven, you will have unwelcome company soon.
- Cats and dogs won't enter into a room where there are spirits or ghosts present.
- The number of winter snows can be told by counting the number of morning fogs you see in August.
- Never look directly at anyone with a sty on their eye or you will get one too.
- Don't pick a coin if it is laying tails up, that would be bad luck. Finding a coin heads up will bring good luck.
- It is bad luck to lay a hat on the bed.



- If someone is sweeping the floor and sweeps over your feet, you will never get married.
- If the bottom of your right foot itches, you are going to take a trip.
- It is bad luck to close a knife you did not open.
- You should never open an umbrella indoors, it will bring bad luck to the person who holds it over their head.

