

THE ECHO Newsletter

SUMMER 2020



Hello Summer & Hello Citizens,

Here are the buzz words of the season....Social Distancing!

Three months ago, I had never heard the term, had you? Now much of the world knows the concept and is familiar with the phrase that is an oxymoron.



For a very quick lesson on where to find the everchanging rules due to COVID-19, updates are always posted to the Town's website www.sevendevils.net at the **ALERTS** button and for very important info a yellow banner is displayed on the homepage.

Back in March, the Town consented to the State of Emergency at the county level. Our Town is located in two counties, Avery & Watauga, and these two counties have not been in sync. There is a link to each county, as well as a link for Gov. Cooper's Executive Orders. Even though the state is entering a Phase of easing restrictions, with so many unknowns of the effects of this, staying informed is vital. But so is personal responsibility for your own wellbeing, and those closest to you. For many, there is a desire to return to "life as we knew it", but realistically the rules have changed, at least for now.

The good news is our Town staff has been healthy, and functioning full hours without any disruption to the services for our citizens. Even though access to new Town Hall is closed to the public, you can email staff and the drive thru is open & all business needs have continued, whether payments, notary services, tree & sign permits, or treats for furry passengers.



To stay compliant with open meetings, the Town now offers all meetings in dual format with In-Person attendance, following max capacity limits or by joining in remotely via Go To Meeting. The details to join a Go To Meeting are posted on the website at:

For the Locals  Mark Your Calendar  Select the meeting

Be aware, you might need to download an app, so prep ahead of meeting time.

The Town of Seven Devils is closely monitoring COVID-19 & its impacts on summer events. Cancellation of events has already occurred and may continue. To stay up-to-date on summer events please visit www.sevendevils.net/calendar or be added to the Events Email list by emailing "Sign me up" to parksandrec@sevendevils.net

Additionally, the Town of Seven Devils has a Facebook Page with posted updates.



On page 2, I have included "News You Can Use" for recent Town business.

Be well...Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk



From the Public Works Department

The Public Works Committee on May 19th, discussed changing the method of debris pick up in the Town. There has been tremendous success with scheduling a community wide debris pick up, with cost savings to the Town with manpower, gas, time, wear & tear on equipment.

Effective, June 2020, the Town will cease having individual work orders placed for debris pick up.

2 deadlines listed below for **Town residents** to place debris at the road for Public Works pick up are:

June 15th & October 1st. Additional dates will be considered after a storm event.

Debris includes, small tree branch clippings, not to exceed 4 inches diameter & limited to a small pile.

Do Not Include—weeds, logs, household waste & **No commercial contractor debris**

All debris pick up is at the full discretion of the Public Works Director/Town Manager



TOWN COUNCIL UPDATES:

Long time Council Member Kay Ehlinger submitted her resignation, effective April 30, 2020. Kay & George Ehlinger have both served the Town in many roles throughout the years as citizens of Seven Devils. Kay leaves with mixed emotions as she loves this community. She has many fond memories & friendships, but she looks forward to the next chapter of life living closer to family.

Thank you Kay for the years of service.
You will be missed.



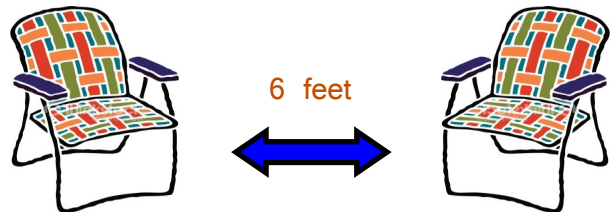
Leigh Sasse has been appointed to the Town Council & took the Oath of Office on May 12th

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

June 9th Town Council Meeting @ 5:30pm
June 16th Budget Workshop @ 10:00am

June 25th
Public Hearing Budget FY21 @ 10:00am
June 26th
Adopt BO FY21 @ 10:00am

*PUBLIC COMMENTS CAN BE EMAILED TO
TOWNCLERK@SEVENDEVILS.NET
DEADLINE FOR EMAIL IS 5PM THE DAY BEFORE MTG
EMAIL COMMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING (6/25) WILL
BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 24 HRS after June 26th @ 10am*



2020 Summer Events

There are lots of great events planned for this summer from concerts and Ranger Workshops to yoga classes and pickleball games.

Music on the Lawn Dates

Woodie and the String Pullers – July 10
The Jeff Little Trio – July 24
The Mountain Home Bluegrass Boys – Aug 14
Summer concerts will be held at Old Town Hall from 6-8pm



For the complete list of all summer events, dates, and information please visit www.sevendevils.net/summer-events

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If you would like to serve on a Board/Committee, there are vacant seats on Board of Adjustment, Public Works, & Public Safety. A volunteer is needed to serve as Red Cross Shelter Manager. Application & details are on the website at [Announcements](#).



Town Hall Closed
July 6th - Independence Day
September 7th - Labor Day

