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MARS HILL LETTER

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COVID-19 UPDATE

The Town of Mars Hill continues to operate under local and statewide state of emergency proclamations issued in March 2020. All Town facilities are operating following guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Residents are encouraged to continue utilizing our drop boxes, telephone, and mail to make payments.

While the CDC has eased masking and other protocols placed to control COVID-19, please consider receiving the vaccine available at a number of locations, including the Madison County Health Department, CVS, Ingles, and other providers. COVID-19 information from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Resources can be viewed online at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/>.

MARS HILL POOL OPENS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Town of Mars Hill is excited that summer is almost here and with it comes the need for a place to cool off. There is no better place to do that than the Mars Hill Pool at the Recreation Park.



The Town will follow guidance provided by health authorities allowing the pool to operate at full capacity. We will continue to require that patrons maintain appropriate social distancing and follow all other precautions to make sure that everyone has a

fun and safe experience at the pool. Please obey all signage and directions from recreation staff. Seasonal pool passes, swimming lessons, and pool parties will all be available this summer, so call Town Hall at (828) 689-2301 to make your reservations.

FIREWORKS JULY 4th

The Town of Mars Hill invites you to join us in celebration of Independence Day on Sunday, July 4th, with fireworks at the Recreation Park on Park Drive.

This year, this special tradition will mark America's 245th birthday. Grab your chair and come out to the park to see a great fireworks display brought to you by the hard-working staff of the Mars Hill Fire Department.



IN MEMORIAM DALE HYLEMON

The Town of Mars Hill was sad to learn of the passing of our friend and former co-worker, Dale Hylemon on May 5th. Dale was retired from the Town where he worked for over 30 years in the public works department as the water treatment operator. He was a hard worker who was a true asset to the Town. Dale was our good friend who will be missed by all of us.



Obituary

Bobby "Dale" Hylemon, age 71, of Fred Holcombe Rd. passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. He is the son of the late Joe and Lizzie Robinson Hylemon. Dale was a retired employee with the Town of Mars Hill as the treatment plant operator.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Carter Hylemon; daughter, Lora Ponder (Tim); son, Bobby Joe Hylemon; sisters, Lucille Metcalf, Eloise Rice, Wanda Willis (V.J.) and Joanne Rice (David); grandchildren, Jennifer Maynor (Curtis) and daughter Brielle, Michael Ponder, Matthew and MiKayla Hylemon and several nieces and nephews.

COMING SOON! ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Town of Mars Hill will begin offering online payment of water bills and other payments beginning July 1st. More information will be sent to water customers in the June statements and posted on the website and social media.

MARS HILL FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET 2021 SEASON IS OPEN

Mars Hill Farmers and Artisans Market (MHFAM) takes place every Saturday until October 30th on Market Street on the campus of Mars Hill University in downtown Mars Hill. For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, MHFAM is operating under modified guidelines to ensure a safe and user-friendly shopping environment through social distancing with increased spacing between tents, limiting customers in the shopping area, handwashing stations and extra sanitation efforts, and contactless payment options. We are encouraging shoppers to pre-order from vendors using information provided on our website.

Market Hours and Location:

SATURDAYS IN MARS HILL: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. College Street at Mars Hill University on Highway 213, in front of the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre. College Street will be closed to all vehicles during the market.

This year, we are continuing to accept EBT/SNAP transactions and to offer the Double Up Food Bucks program. This allows customers shopping with EBT/SNAP to be matched with up to an additional \$20 per day to spend on locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at the market.

MHFAM has also partnered with Beacon of Hope's food pantry in Marshall. MHFAM will offer a donation station at the management tent where shoppers can leave donations to be picked up by Beacon of Hope at the end of each market day for distribution through their food pantry the following week. Shoppers are encouraged to purchase extra items from the vendors at market, or they may make a monetary donation through the market management or on our website, which the market will then use to purchase products from our vendors to be donated to Beacon of Hope. Our vendors may also choose to donate excess products to the donation efforts as well.

MHFAM customers can expect to find a variety of garden starts, fresh seasonal produce, locally prepared foods, handmade crafts, and herbal & homecare products including: fresh baked goods, ice cream, fresh locally roasted coffee, eggs, goats milk soaps, pork, chicken, grass fed beef, herb infused honeys, fire ciders, elixirs/tinctures, teas, flowers, handmade jewelry, handmade pottery, and more.

From Our Friends at SART

SART Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament

WHEN: Friday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Reems Creek Golf Course

MORE INFO: Shotgun start at 2 p.m. Four person teams-\$95 per player.

Contact Dorothy Rapp at drapp@mhu.edu, 380-0029.

For more information visit: www.SARTPLAYS.com

DATES OF INTEREST

May 31...Memorial Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, June 1st

July 4... Independence Day Holiday – FIREWORKS!

July 5... Independence Day Holiday (Observed)

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, July 6th

**COVID-19 vaccines:
Safe, effective, free.**



From the Friends of the Mars Hill Library

The Friends of the Mars Hill Library invite you to purchase a ticket or three for a red, white and blue all-American quilt to benefit our fabulous Mars Hill Library. The raffle begins Thursday, May 27 and runs through Thursday, July 1 with drawing on July 2nd at the Mars Hill Library. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and are available at all Madison County libraries (Mars Hill, Marshall, and Hot Springs).



Quilt measures 64x76 (queen top size)

The Friends of the Mars Hill Library present an

ALL-AMERICAN QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets on sale, May 27th through Thursday July 1 at all three branches of the Madison County Public Libraries.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

Drawing on Friday July 2nd.

All proceeds go to the Mars Hill Library.



The Friends of the Mars Hill Library is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote and support the Mars Hill Library. During this pandemic, the library has created many online programs for children, teens, and adults. Check out their website today! www.madisoncountylibrary.net