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# MARS HILL LETTER

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## SUMMER 2023

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### MARS HILL POOL TO OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Town of Mars Hill Recreation Pool is expected to open Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and operate through early August as available staffing will allow.



The tentative pool operation hours are Monday-Saturday, noon until 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Seasonal pool passes and pool parties will be available this summer. Contact Town Hall at (828) 689-2301 for more information.

There is no better place to cool off this summer than the Mars Hill pool! The pool is located at 690 Park Drive. We'll see you there!

### ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Town of Mars Hill has released the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2022." This report contains details about our water source, what the water contains, and how it compares to standards set by state and federal regulators. The report can be viewed on the Town website at: <http://www.townofmarshill.org/ccr.php>. A paper copy can be obtained upon request at Town Hall.

### BAILEY MOUNTAIN ART SHOW

Local community artists celebrate and benefit Bailey Mountain Preserve in the Weizenblatt Gallery located in Moore Auditorium on the MHU campus! A reception for this exhibit will coincide with Mars Hill First Fridays June 2nd 5-8pm, and the show will run May 25 through Aug 18.



### FIRST FRIDAYS RETURN TO MARS HILL

First Fridays have returned! This monthly event features an evening of music, food, and fun for adults and children. Sponsored by Downtown businesses and the Town of Mars

Hill, this recurring event is the first Friday of each month and runs from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Businesses will be offering specials and chances to win prizes and a crafts market, live musical entertainment, and games and inflatables for the kids. We'll see you next Friday and every first Friday through December. Scheduled dates are: 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3 & 12/1.

### NEW LOCATION FOR JULY 4<sup>th</sup> FIREWORKS

The Town invites you to join us in celebration of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, with a patriotic festival and fireworks at a **NEW LOCATION**. Tell all your friends and neighbors that the annual Town fireworks display site has moved to an area off of Hickory Drive. The official fireworks viewing area will be Athletic Street and the MHU football stadium. However, the display will be visible all the way to Main Street, Bailey Street and areas all along Cascade Street/NC 213. MHU has graciously offered the use of the football stadium for this celebration event and the Town will close Athletic Street for the entertainment and festival activities. Free and plentiful parking will be available in all MHU parking lots.



The Mars Hill Fire Department will provide the fireworks display, expected to begin around 9:30 p.m.

The Town of Mars Hill is also sponsoring a festival celebration that will kick off at 3:00 p.m. on Athletic Street, and in and around the football stadium. There will be live music, food trucks, inflatables, a trackless train ride, and other games and entertainment for everyone.



The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, together with all of us at the Town, extend a special invitation to everyone to come enjoy a fun July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration here in Mars Hill.

Grab your chair and come to town for the festivities!

## TOWN SIGN ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

NC Department of Transportation regulations and the Town of Mars Hill sign ordinance prohibits signage in the right-of-ways and intersections of roadways. It is illegal and dangerous.



Throughout the COVID-19 period, the Town suspended the active enforcement of these regulations. This spring, all COVID-19 emergency orders ended and the Town will return to enforcement of the existing regulations on illegal signage.

Read the law: NCGS 136-32



## FRIENDS OF THE MARS HILL LIBRARY NEWS

The 2023 Summer Reading Program at Mars Hill Public Library is an exciting time for kids of all ages! This year's theme is "All Together Now" and emphasizes the importance of being a community that works together and supports each other. There will be all kinds of community related events.



The Friends of the Mars Hill Library are supporters of this program and look forward to it every year! We hope you will join us!

## FOG: WHAT IS IT AND HOW YOU CAN HELP?

**Residual fats, used cooking oils (UCO) and grease are collectively referred to as FOG.** FOG byproducts of food preparation must be properly managed to avoid these potentially troublesome materials from entering drain pipes in the home or commercial food service operations. When FOG is allowed to go down the drain, it solidifies, reducing and preventing water flow in drains and sewer pipes. Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) are clogs in the collection systems that can potentially result in raw sewage released into communities, causing potentially dangerous health conditions. These are costly events for wastewater utilities to clean up, dangerous for public health and can degrade the water quality of North Carolina's public waters.

Sanitary sewer systems are neither designed nor equipped to treat the FOG that accumulates on the interior of municipal sewer collection system pipes. Local governments, home kitchens and restaurants can all help to better manage FOG.

### DO

- ✓ Put oil and grease in collection containers
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms
- ✓ Keep grease out of wash water
- ✓ Place food scraps in collection containers

### DO NOT

- ✗ Pour oil and grease down drains
- ✗ Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- ✗ Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces

## DATES OF INTEREST

May 25-Aug. 18...Bailey Mtn Art Show – MHU Weizenblatt Gallery

May 27.....Mars Hill Recreation Pool Opens

May 29.....Memorial Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

Trash Pickup on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

June 2.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

July 4.....Independence Day Holiday

Town Offices Closed

**MARS HILL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS**

**ATHLETIC STREET, MHU STADIUM, and AREA**

**Festival Begins @ 3:00 / Fireworks @ 9:30 p.m.**

July 7.....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

July 8.....17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Doggett Bike Race

August 4....First Friday Event – Main and College Street

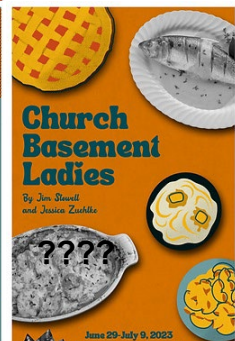
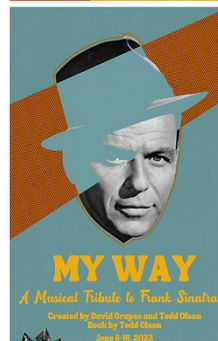
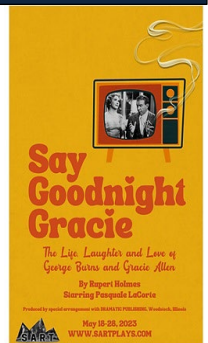
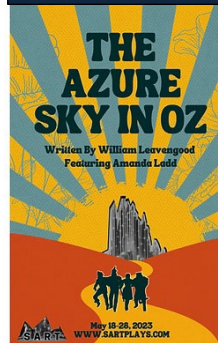
## FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET

Mars Hill Farmers and Artisans Market (MHFAM) takes place every Saturday until October 30th on College Street adjacent to the campus of Mars Hill University in downtown Mars Hill. Market Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Visit [www.marshillmarket.org](http://www.marshillmarket.org) for more information.

## SART SEASON 49

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[SARTSPAYS.COM](http://SARTSPAYS.COM)



# POOL OPENS SATURDAY, MAY 27th!!