With Fall comes the changing of weather and cooler temperatures....

Send us your photos of how you "Play Outside in Jonesville"
to be used in upcoming newsletters!

Email to: dlundy@townofjonesvillenc.com

Jonesville Journal

Autumn 2020

Letter from the Town Manager

Citizens of Jonesville,

I hope you and your family are well.

Since March 28, 2020, Jonesville has operated under a State of Emergency. It was enacted to comply with orders issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina. It also serves as a means for social distancing and is intended to keep everyone safe. Initially, we asked you to limit exposure to staff by using online bill pay options and utilizing the drive thru rather than face to face contact. Later, we closed the Town Hall to visitors and required bills to be paid online, phone, mail, or by drive thru. Presently, in addition to the drive thru being open, we have opened the front counter for face to face interaction. We require face covering and social distancing until further notice. Thank you for your positive reaction and understanding the urgency and the need for the measures we are taking.

Moving forward, the current restrictions are set to expire on October 23rd. Depending on state COVID-19 trends, restrictions may be lifted more slowly, or some restrictions may have to be reinstated to ensure the health and safety of North Carolinians. It is important to note, we will comply with orders as directed by the state with the purpose of keeping you and your family as safe as possible.

On a more positive note, I believe Jonesville will come through this stronger than ever. We prepared this year's budget to account for shortfalls that may come because of the crisis, while maintaining essential services. We have received COVID related funding to assist the town and we will continue to explore additional funding opportunities as they become available. Know this, we are working as best as we can to get through these challenging times, and with your help and understanding we will succeed.

I pray that you and your family stay safe and ask for God's blessing upon us all.

Thank you,

Michael W. Pardue, Town Manager

Financial Assistance Info

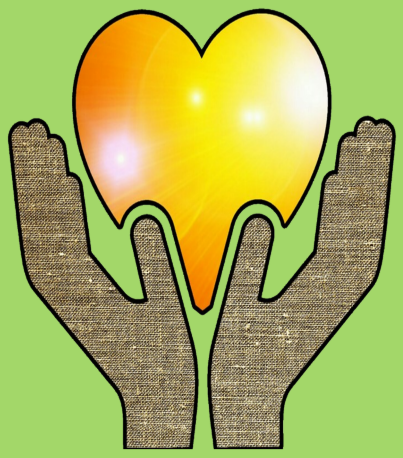
We understand that the past several months have been difficult on everyone and the Town of Jonesville would like to help!

With monies allotted from the CARES Act, the Town has created a grant program to assist customers that have been affected by the pandemic.

This grant will now assist with utility bills and power bills.

Please contact Town Hall at 336-835-3426 for additional information regarding eligibility and application.

APPLY BEFORE 12-5-2020!



YVEDDI has also created a program to assist families within the area!

Both the YVEDDI program and Town of Jonesville CARES assistance grant can be utilized together.

Contact them directly for more information.

What's happening at the NEW Jonesville Library…

We are very excited to open up in our new, permanent home, located at 112 North Swaim Street. Please come out and see what all we have to offer!

The most amazing thing about libraries is that no matter who you are, we have something for you! We are the spot to apply for jobs, a place for children to work on crafts, the epicenter for escaping reality into the world of literature, and so much more! Our slogan is "we are more than a book warehouse" and we prove it everyday.

Thank you to everyone for your support over the years and we look forward to seeing you in our new home!

Sincerely,

Your Jonesville Public Library Staff

Letter from the Jonesville Tourism Authority

Dear Jonesville resident,

We need your help. We need for you to help us tell the stories of Jonesville-Arlington.

Jonesville celebrated its bicentennial in 2011 and its history is fairly well-documented. But the true heart, the spirit, of most every community is better found in the stories of and from its people--the stories that don't generally get documented, the stories that are passed on in families, the stories that are told at the barber and beauty shops, the tales that were shared, once upon a time, at the little neighborhood grocery stores.

We want to hear your stories. We want to hear your story about your joke-telling uncle, your aunt who wore garish hats to church.

What was your favorite restaurant when you were growing up around here? (Could you afford to go out to eat?). Anyone remember Ray's Kingburger? Jonesville Drug? Martin's Bake Shop?

Who was your favorite teacher? Your most fondly remembered minister? Your family doctor?

Everybody has a story, about family, about growing up, about lessons learned, about things lost and found.

Jonesville is a special place, sure, but you can't get the real story of a place by reading an official history. You can't get the whole picture by just riding around town.

Send us your stories. 50 words, 800 words, that's up to you. Help us spread the word about the special town of Jonesville. You don't have to be a professional writer. Just tell us a story as you would tell it at home, as you would tell it to your friends. You can send your stories via email to: downtheriverroad@yahoo.com, or wthompson@townofjonesvillenc.com. You can also write us (please print legibly) at Town of Jonesville, 1503 NC Hwy 67, Jonesville NC 28642.

In the near future, we will present your stories in a feature called My Home Town (Jonesville doesn't have to be your actual hometown--if you have lived here 70 years or 6 months, if you were born here or moved here from New Jersey and you have a positive (funny, heartwarming, nostalgic) story to tell, tell it! To that end we already have a couple of stories almost ready, one about a comic book that was bought in Jonesville in the early 1960s, and another story about a little girl who salvaged one of her most treasured memories from Food Town. (Remember Food Town before it became Food Lion?) Intrigued? Stay tuned!

Heart of the Yadkin Valley
www.visitjonesvillenc.com

—Steve Martin

Jonesville Welcome Center Staff

Jonesville Police Department

As we approach Halloween and the Holiday season, which is a time people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Please be extra cautious as you take your children trick or treating, more kids are hit by vehicles on Halloween night than any other day of the year.

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and if possible, choose light colored clothing.
- Masks can obstruct a child's vision, so choose non-toxic face paint and make-up whenever possible.
- Have children carry glow sticks or flashlights so they can see better, as well as be seen by drivers.
- Stay alert - Watch out for cars that are turning or backing up and do not dart out into the street or cross in between parked cars.
- Walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, do not run across the street.
- It is best to cross the street safely at corners. And always look left, right, and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

As you enjoy festive meals, shopping trips and holiday get togethers, with family and friends, here are a few tips to remember.

- Shopping with a friend or family member can lessen your chance of being attacked.
- Plan your shopping trip carefully. Know where you are going and what routes you will take to get there.
- Do not leave valuable items out in the open.
- Always lock all your doors.
- Be aware of your surroundings and walk to your car with your keys out.
- Park in well-lit areas and always lock your car.
- Condense your packages to create the illusion that you did not purchase as much.
- Avoid carrying large handbags. Carry only what is necessary. Carry your purse close to your body.
- Keep wallets in front pockets or inside coat.
- Do not return to your vehicle if you see people loitering nearby.
- Carry a whistle or other audible device. If you feel threatened use it. If you are inside your vehicle, lock your doors and honk your horn to attract attention.
- Check underneath, in front and behind your car as you approach it.
- Update or create a home inventory of all your valuables, if the items are ever stolen this will help the police.

Safety Reminders!

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Arlington Fire Department
835-6184

Park Safety Reminders

Remember to do your part while visiting the park

Practice social distancing to help prevent the spread

- Avoid group gatherings
- Keep hands clean
- Wear your mask
- Use disinfectant wipes when touching public equipment in playgrounds and courts

811 Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Lend a Helping Hand! Keep Jonesville Clean

Check online or contact Town Hall at 336.835.3426 to find out how you can help!

Important Dates & Community Events

Town Calendar

Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

November 26th & 27th— In observance of Thanksgiving

Town Council & Planning Board Meetings:

Schedules can be found online at

www.jonesvillenc.gov

Jonesville Town Council

Mayor Gene Pardue

Mayor Pro Tempore Anita Darnell

Council Members

Andy Green Wayne Moore
Tracy Wall Regina Adkins

Town Manager
Michael Pardue

Jonesville Police Department
Police Chief Dane Mastin
Captain Scotty Vestal

Town Hall & Police Department

1503 NC Highway 67

Town Hall 336.835.3426

Police Department 336.835.5020

After Hours & Weekends

(Water or Police) 336.835.2855

Emergency - 911

Town Hall & Police Department office hours:
8:30AM-5:00PM
Monday-Friday.
The Welcome Center is staffed:
Monday-Friday from
9:00AM-5:00PM.
All offices are closed on
major holidays.

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