



THE
CHIMNEY SWEEP
— EST. 2020 —

It's sweeping the city!

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

February provided several challenges and exciting opportunities in Forest City. After a water outage occurred due to a broken water line under the Second Broad River, Town crews worked through the night to get water restored much earlier than we anticipated. Street Supervisor Rick Blanton retired on February 1 after serving in various roles in the Street Department for thirty years. Chief Jay Jackson is retiring on March 1 after serving as the Police Chief for ten years, and we invite the public to his retirement party at the Forest City Clubhouse on February 28 from 3-5PM. We held the ribbon cutting for the Park Square Fitness Center that has workout stations, a swing and picnic tables.

We have some exciting event news coming in March so make sure you follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay up-to-date on all of the events at POPS!

-Janet Mason, Town Manager



Cherry Bounce Festival

Mark your calendars for the second annual Cherry Bounce Festival on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 at POPS! Courtney and Amy recently met with Josh Owens, a local moonshiner and descendant of the creator of Cherry Bounce moonshine, Amos Owens, to discuss this year's festival. Stay tuned for more details!



Wal-Mart Foundation Local Community Grant

Mooneyham Library recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation, which will be used to purchase STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) materials for the library's Toddler Time Story program. Participation in Toddler Story Time has grown tremendously in the last two years, and it is offered twice a week for children ages birth to four. "We would like to thank the Walmart Foundation Grants Team, Facility #1036 and Manager Patrick Gould. This grant will enable us to expand our toddler story time program into new directions that will provide a foundation for our youngest patrons to discover and experience STEM," said librarian Denise Strickland.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

On February 7, heavy rainfall caused a major water line break in Forest City, resulting in 3,000 customers without water. Along with the McGill Associates team, we identified repairs and coordinated with NCDOT to install a temporary water line. Thank you to our many crew members who worked for over 48 hours straight to get water restored as quickly as possible!



STAFF REPORT

NEW IN TOWN

• Tyler Norville was hired as a Firefighter/EMT.

HAPPY TRAILS

• Congratulations to Street Supervisor Rick Blanton for his retirement from the Street Department on February 1, 2020.

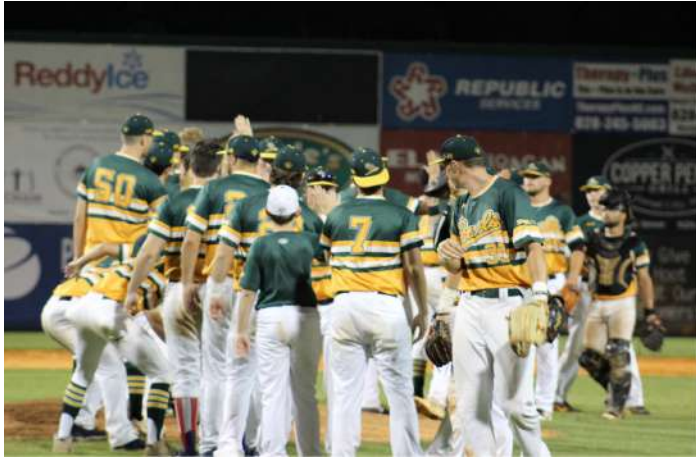
JOIN THE TEAM

• The Town of Forest City is accepting applications for Meter Technician and Utility Maintenance Crew Leader.

PARK SQUARE FITNESS CENTER

The fitness stations and the gazebo swing were generously provided by the following families and organizations in appreciation of the citizens of Forest City: the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Drop-In Food Stores, Major Lee's, Main Street Insurance Group, Smith's Drugs, the Matthew Pannell Shining Star Foundation, the Lee and Mary Harrill family and the John and Jade Harrill family. Many thanks to these donors and everyone involved in the design and implementation process!





MERCHANT CORNER

The 2020 Forest City Owls season is right around the corner and more firework shows are coming to McNair Field! Support the “boys of summer” and stop by Owls On Main located at 138 E. Main Street City to purchase your season tickets and Owls merch today! You can also order season tickets by calling 828.245.0000 or visiting forestcitybaseball.com.

COUNCIL CONNECTION

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

- Police Officers Jeremy Arnett and Victoria Bennett were sworn in by Mayor Steve Holland.
- Council reviewed the FY 2018-2019 Audit Report.
- Council awarded Chief Jay Jackson with his service side arm.
- Council approved the application for the Forest City Owls to use McNair Field for the 2020 season.
- Council accepted the amended Residential Subdivision Incentive Policy.
- Council approved the I-74 Resolution to support the designation of US 74 between I-26 and I-85 to a future interstate quality corridor.

FEBRUARY 17, 2020

- Keith Webb of McGill Associates presented a Farmer's Market Design Update.
- Council approved the Planning Board's updated recommendation to amend the definition of accessory structures.
- Council approved applicant Tommy Smith's request for approval of a major subdivision, Deerfield, off of Westwood Drive.
- Council approved the purchase of two buildings at 126 and 128 Park Square to be used for storage.
- Council approved four budget amendments - three from the General Fund and one from the Water and Sewer Fund.
- Council approved the amended audit contract for FY 2018-2019.
- Council approved the continued use of the services of Gould Killian CPA Group, P.A. for the external audit required for FY 2019-2020.

Remember that you can watch the council meetings live on our website!



SUPPORT LOCAL

JOIN US IN WELCOMING THESE NEW BUSINESSES TO FOREST CITY!

- America's Fudge Shop — 155 E. Main Street — 10AM-7PM T-F, 10AM-5PM S — Stop by to taste 24+ flavors - buy four pieces and get two free!
- Blue Monkey Coffee Co. — 184 E. Main Street — 6:30AM-4PM M-F, 8AM-4PM S-U — Try a \$1.50 cup of drip coffee or have a latte customized by one of their expert baristas!
- Burnt Chimney Gifts & Decor — 483 S. Broadway Street — 10AM-6PM T-S — This unique shop offers handmade items and home decor like wreaths, handpainted signs, jewelry and more.
- Dustin's Way Collective — 173 E. Main Street — A full-service production company committed to crafting stories that matter, imagery that captivates and relationships that last.

REALTY BITES

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT

- Epiphany Spaces (located on the second floor of the historic National Bank building/above The Pie Safe) — 102 W. Main Street — private office space for \$350/month & shared office space with conference room access for \$100/month
- 141 Mill Street — 864 sq. ft. building with private parking area for \$650/month with \$500 damage deposit

MARCHING FORWARD

- Sunday, 3/1 — 1-6PM — Community Blood Drive — Walmart
- Monday, 3/2 — National Read Across America Day — Check out a book at Mooneyham Library!
- Tuesday, 3/3 — 2-7PM — Community Blood Drive — Broadway Plaza
- Friday, 3/13 — 7:30-10:30PM — Rocky Yelton & the Hired Guns — Twisted Pear
- Saturday, 3/14 — National Pi Day — Grab a slice at one of our local restaurants!
- Sunday, 3/15 — 1-6PM — Community Blood Drive — Walmart
- Tuesday, 3/17 — St. Patrick's Day
- Friday, 3/27 — 7:30-10:30PM — Kill Devils — Twisted Pear
- Saturday, 3/28 — 8-11AM — Hands For Hope Pancake Breakfast & Walk — Grace Chapel
- Saturday, 3/28 — 6-9PM — Pistol Hill — Moe's

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