

*Town of North Hills Town Crier*  
*July - September 2017*

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**2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS TOWN OF NORTH HILLS**

FISHING IN THE HILLS	
SPRING YARD SALE	
SPRING CLEAN UP	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
FALL YARD SALE	September 9 <sup>th</sup>
URBAN DEER HUNT	See attachment
HALLOWEEN	TBA
LEAF RECOVERY	October 21 <sup>st</sup> – December 4 <sup>th</sup>
CHRISTMAS AT THE POND	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>
SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>
ADOPT A HIGHWAY	TBA

Upcoming events: Please see the outline above for upcoming events and dates.

Street user fees are upon us again. Fees are due prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid late charges.

**Please mail your checks P.O. Box 4322 Parkersburg,**  
**WV 26104**

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We have several needs for volunteers. The towns' administration cannot possibly tackle all the needs of the town adequately. Please look over the chart below and contact the coordinator of the event or project you would like to assist with. Their contact information can be found below. Please detach this and keep for your records.

## PROJECT/COMMITTEE'S

Please detach  
for future  
reference

Welcome Committee	Chris Johnson	
Outdoor Activities	Chris Johnson, Don Stemple	
Fourth of July / Labor Day Celebrations'		
Fishing in the Hills	Don Stemple, Chris Johnson, Dale Baumgartner	
Neighborhood Watch	Gene Hilton	
Grant Coordination	Greg Burd	
Leaf Recovery	Chris Johnson	
Playground development	Chris Johnson	
Pond recovery	Greg Burd	
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We want to impress upon everyone the importance of having visible addresses on your homes. In the event you must call 911 you want the Fire/EMS/Police to be able to find you as quickly as possible. Be certain your address is easily seen from the street. Look around as you drive through town and see if your address is easily found. Mailbox posts are great but I recommend you put the address on both sides. If it's on your house keep it visible from the street. Is it illuminated at night? Are there bushes covering it? Pretty simple and low cost fix if you have not already done this.

Don Stemple took on the responsibility of applying for and subsequently received benches through the Wood County Solid Waste Authority again this year.

7 benches were obtained at no charge to the town. They will be installed as weather and time permits.

KUDO's to Megan Chevront Lake. She stepped up and coordinated the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. She did a great job on short notice. Thank You!

We have begun mailing letters to some residence concerning ordinance violations and or concerns about their properties. Council adopted a form letter for this purpose, although some specifics may be included to address particular concerns. The Mayor attempts to talk with homeowners prior to taking this step as we would much rather resolve concerns on a personal level. This is not always successful with work schedules etc. If you receive a notice, please contact the Mayor to discuss your plans to rectify the concerns or feel free to attend the council meeting. It is our hope we can fix problems when they are small and continue the rich history of the town by maintaining our properties at the standard we are accustomed to.

We have had several complaint about two specific problems.

(1) Speeding. I know we have a lot of cut through traffic however, we also have a lot of residence that exceed the limits. I have requested that the Sheriff's office do additional patrols and run some radar in the neighborhood.

(2) Is a continuation of the dog Poo problem. If you walk your dog and it uses someone's yard for a potty break pick it up and put it in the trash please. If you see this happen in your yard and they do not pick it up say something to the dogs owner. If you cannot resolve it there is an ordinance in place, but I really think this is something that adults should be able to work out.

## URBAN DEER HUNT AND DEER REDUCTION

### HIGHLITES FOR 2017

1. Permits will be limited to 25 max. Permitting session will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, from 6:00pm until 7:00pm at the North Hills pond.
2. Town residents can include "reference hunters" for permits.
  - a. Several residents have asked if their relatives/friends could participate; a short written note of reference signed by the resident is required to obtain the permit.
3. The harvest limit is five deer per person. An antlerless deer must be taken first per state law.
4. We have had several residents (who are not hunters) volunteer their properties to assist in the deer reduction effort; some of these properties were not hunted due to lack of hunters and access/parking to the property. To make this process easier for all, If you would like your property hunted by a permitted hunter, email your request to [gburd@mail.com](mailto:gburd@mail.com) so that the safety aspects and assignments can be evaluated. An approved list will be made available.
  - a. If the property is approved for inclusion in the urban hunt, it will then be the responsibility of the permit holder to contact the resident and arrange for a place to park and placement of any stands or attractants.  
Last year's urban hunt was very successful with 23 deer taken over the 10 days of approved hunting, this success rate of almost two deer per day is one of the highest in the state. 84 deer have been taken within the town during the last four town of north Hills Urban Hunts.

### URBAN DEER HUNT GENERAL RULES

#### **A SPECIAL WRITTEN PERMIT IS REQUIRED**

PERMITTING SESSION WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, AT 6:00PM UNTIL 7:00PM AT THE NORTH HILLS POND.

HUNT DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20, 21, 22  
AND  
SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 28, 29  
INCLUSIVE

DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF DEER HARVESTED, ADDITIONAL DATES WILL BE CONSIDERED

DESIGNATED HUNT TIMES: DAYLIGHT TO 10:00 AM AND 4:00 PM TO DARK ON TOWN PROPERTY AND ALL APPROVED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

## BOWHUNTING ONLY

### 1. KEY INFORMATION

- You must be at least 18 years old to be considered for a permit.
- The North Hills urban deer hunt is restricted to bow hunting only; crossbows may also be utilized.
- The urban deer hunt and reduction privileges are restricted to the residents of North Hills, extended family members, non-residents of the town who have the reference of a town resident, members of the Waverly volunteer fire department, and employees of the Union Williams public service district.
- A land is considered “posted” in the eyes of the department of natural resources if that land is 5 acres or less and has a residence on the property.
- Critical item: if you need to trail and/or recover a deer on another resident’s property then permissions are required from that resident. Trailing or recovering a deer on town or pool property does not require additional permission.

**FIREARMS ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE!**

### 2. THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES WILL BE OPEN FOR THE URBAN HUNT BY SPECIAL PERMIT:

- Town property located between the pond parking lot and link’s run gate.  
Two marked areas.
- Town property located between link’s run gate and lift station.  
Three marked stand areas.
- Town property from the sanitary lift station to the Mc Donough boundary.  
Four marked areas.
- Brentwood entrance (about 4 acres located under and adjacent to the power lines). One marked area.
- Town pond property as marked.
- Approved lots of private residences.

SIGNS WILL BE POSTED ACROSS TOWN THAT THE URBAN DEER HUNT IS IN PROGRESS; WALKING TRAILS, INCLUDING THE POND WILL BE CLOSED.

PERMISSION OF THE HOMEOWNER IS REQUIRED TO TRESSPASS ON ANY RESIDENT’S PRIVATE PROPERTY.

### 3. RULES AND GUIDELINES

- All persons desiring to participate in the North Hills urban hunt are required to attend a special safety and permitting session to be held at the North Hills pond (Under the big pine tree, Sept 1, 2016, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm).
- A hunting status board will be located at the locked gate of link’s run (adjacent to the pool parking lot). All hunters must record and make note of the stand they are hunting prior to entering the field; town residents or the guests of town residents hunting on their own property do not need to register on the board but are required to register and document their kill on the hunting status board.

- Any town resident wishing to participate in the urban hunt on their own property must secure written approval based on that resident having a (1) safe archery shooting area and (2) the resident assumes all liability for actions, permissions, and deer recovery.
- An antlerless deer must first be harvested before taking an antlered buck (state law). The urban hunt deer bag limit is five deer; bonus item, deer taken during an urban hunt does not count toward the regular WEST VIRGINIA SEASON BAG LIMIT.

#### SAFETY AWARENESS

IF YOU ARE TRACKING A WOUNDED DEER. YOU MUST WEAR A "HUNTER ORANGE VEST", AS OTHERS MAY BE IN THE FIELD. IF YOU EXIT THE PROPERTY AT DARK, YOU MUST USE A FLASHLIGHT TO SIGNAL YOUR APPROACH TO OTHERS WHO MAY ALSO STILL BE IN THE FIELD.

- Field dressing contents must be bagged and removed from the town and disposed of properly. Failure to comply will result in the immediate loss of permit.
- All state regulations and hunter certification requirements must be adhered to. Please bring and be prepared to present your West Virginia hunting license and hunter certification card.  
Feeders and attractants such as corn are permissible and encouraged. Do not place attractants on maintained town walking and biking trails.
- Participants must hunt in the assigned marked areas; absolutely no roving, other than to track a wounded deer, is allowed.
- Tree stands or ground stands/blinds are allowed, but must be supplied and installed by the participant. Reasonable trimming of branches and brush is allowable on town properties. Stands and ground blinds may be left in the field but are not to be placed on walking trails.
- Participants will be allowed to access the property behind the locked gate on link's run (truck or atv) to install stands and to retrieve or transport deer. Please respect other hunters and use good judgement if others are still in the field.
- All deer must be checked in via the new WV DNR online checking system.

#### Liabilities

Permit holders are accountable for and are liable for their actions while participating in the North Hills urban hunt. The town of North Hills and the North Hills swim and racquet club are permitting certain limited hunting activities on properties owned by the same and will not assume or accept any liability for injury or damages.

Permitted North Hills residents (or their approved designees) hunting on their own property are likewise accountable for and are liable for any injuries or damages occurring during this special urban hunt.

Residents of the town of North Hills who allow access to their property for the privilege of hunting on said property will in no way be held liable by the permit holder for injuries or damages incurred during the north hills urban deer hunt.

## Meat processing and/or donations to hunters helping the hungry

Safari meat processing (304 679 3340), located on route 31 will be taking early season deer.

- \* processing costs are \$65 per deer

- \* if you donate your deer to the "hunters helping the hungry" food bank, there is no processing charge (monetary donations are always appreciated).

Stay safe, shoot straight, and always tell the truth!!!

## Ladies Corner

Hello ladies! It has been my thought for a while now that while it's very important that all the town business be communicated in the town crier, that surely there was space (and quite probably a *need*) for the ladies of North Hills to have a section to share some things a bit more, well, shall we say girly. For instance, does anyone have a great peanut butter cookie recipe? You know the old-fashioned kind where my grandma criss-crossed the fork prints on top and sprinkled with a smidge of sugar? I'm really missing my grandma *and* her cookies right now.

We're also needing something new to hang on the front door. It's gotten a face lift with a new fresh coat of paint and sparkly hardware, but now it needs that umph of specialness. I've started a cute wreath made from cupcake liners (Pinterest is my pal) but it's taking forever to complete. I could do a giant "B" on the door, but something unique would be so much more fun. What are your thoughts ladies? Someone's bound to have a brilliant idea itching to come out.

My goal for this section of the newsletter is to have a recipe, craft, household project, something to offer each quarter for the other ladies to learn from or try in their homes. Maybe you have the best homemade dish detergent known to (wo)man – I want to know about it! If your kids have the neatest closets on the block because you have some awesome storage system made of pool noodles and shoe boxes, tell me about it so it can be shared in your town news.

Our next newsletter will be out in October. What's your favorite Thanksgiving tradition? Do you have a Christmas decorating idea to share? In the meantime, school's starting soon. Be sure you drive especially careful through the neighborhood during the mornings and afternoons when our kids are coming and going. Hug and kiss them goodbye (even when they cringe) and wave if they walk past your house, they'll remember it longer than we realize. Above all else, take care of one another.

Blessings,

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