

## COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE



The Community Center's Summer Camp program will provide children with the opportunity to spend their summer break meeting friends, participating in games and activities, going on field trips, and learning lifelong skills that they will use in the future. The camp age range is from 5 to 12 and runs Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. The Summer Camp price is a flat rate of \$80 per week. The camp will attend field trips to area attractions in Sevier County for an additional fee. Transportation also will be offered via the Pigeon Forge Community Center vans. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack will be provided every day for the children attending the camp. Every child also will receive a Summer Camp t-shirt. During the camp kids can expect to participate in activities including bowling, swimming, arts and crafts, movies, and select video games, just to name a few. Registration for Summer Camp is now available at the front desk of the Pigeon Forge Community Center.

### Summer Camp Dates:

- Week 1..... June 3-7
- Week 2..... June 10-14
- Week 3..... June 17-21
- Week 4..... June 24-28
- No Camp... July 1-5
- Week 5..... July 8-12
- Week 6..... July 15-19
- Week 7..... July 22-26
- Week 8..... July 29-August 2

### MAILBOX OR ONLINE?

If you had a preference, would you rather receive your quarterly copy of The Messenger online as opposed to regular mail? If so, simply go to [CityOfPigeonForge.com](http://CityOfPigeonForge.com) and sign up.

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## COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE

Earlene Teaster,  
City Manager

The summer season is here and our city is bustling with visitors. Our guests love that there's always something new to discover, and this year is no different with the recent opening of Dollywood's Wildwood Grove area, Pink Jeep Tours, Paula Deen's Lumberjack Adventure Park, and Dolly Parton's Pirates Voyage Dinner & Show.

While our variety of family fun attractions expands, city leaders continue to seek ways to improve our infrastructure. Designs for the Westside Connector Route are being finalized, and construction on the Jake Thomas Road extension is set to begin after the project has gone to bid this fall. Also, construction is underway on 2,000 new parking spaces at the corner of Jake Thomas Road and Teaster Lane, including a connecting pedestrian bridge.



On behalf of our residents and visitors, we're looking forward to these improvements.

## JUST THE FACTS

### PIGEON FORGE COMMISSIONERS

David Wear, Mayor  
Kevin McClure, Vice Mayor  
Ken Maples  
Jay Ogle  
Tony Watts

### CITY HALL

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday  
453-9061  
City Hall wants to hear from you. Send questions and comments to [cityhall@cityofpigeonforge.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofpigeonforge.com).

### YOU ARE INVITED

The public is encouraged to attend the following Pigeon Forge meetings at City Hall:

- City Council  
Second and fourth Monday at 5:30 p.m.
- City Planning Commission  
Fourth Tuesday at 3 p.m.

### CONTACT

If you have a story idea you would like to share, or if you would like to request more information on a story you read in this issue, please contact Jessica Nichols at the Department of Tourism at 429-7364.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Information about Pigeon Forge is right at your fingertips when you visit our website at [CityOfPigeonForge.com](http://CityOfPigeonForge.com).

## VETERANS HOMECOMING PARADE

Join the city of Pigeon Forge as it salutes America's military veterans during the 5th Annual Veterans Homecoming Parade on Saturday, August 10. As part of Celebrate Freedom!™ the parade honors military veterans, and will begin at 9 a.m. The parade will travel northbound on the Parkway to Traffic Light #5.

## LIBRARY UPDATE

Pigeon Forge Library's Summer Reading Program, A Universe of Stories, kicked off on Tuesday, June 4, at 1 p.m. with author and poet Alan Wolf. Wolf is an award-winning poet and master presenter who performs from memory and mixes theatre, music, and audience participation to create a captivating show. His show highlights his new book *The Day the Universe Exploded My Head: Poems To Take you Into Space And Back Again*.



Also in June, Mark Lippard entertains with his dazzling display of talent, athleticism and plenty of variety. He delivers a fast-paced, high-energy performance full of clean laughs, juggling, trick unicycling, fire eating, balancing acts, and fun-filled audience participation. Lippard will perform on June 25.

Visiting at the library for the first time on July 9, Animal Tales will perform *Animals of the Galaxy* where audiences can get up close and personal with animals. It promises to be edZoocational!

Closing out the library's summer programs will be perennial favorite Donna Pruett, the balloon lady, on Tuesday, July 16. Donna brings balloon creations to life in a fast-paced musical performance. A few lucky guests will even get to take home one of her life-sized balloon creations.

Preschool programs will be held throughout the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. Programs for toddlers are available at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in June. Babies and preschoolers also are eligible for prizes by attending the library and reading with their families.

A self-paced program is available for teens with a chance to win prizes at the end of the summer. Adults of all ages can participate in a summer reading program as well, with prizes awarded weekly.

For more details, visit the library at Traffic Light 2B in Pigeon Forge, or call 429-7490. Summer reading program information is also available online at [www.pfpl.net](http://www.pfpl.net) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pflibrary](http://www.facebook.com/pflibrary). All library programs are free.



## CELEBRATE FREEDOM!™

Pigeon Forge is honoring America's heroes during the month of August with Celebrate Freedom! Participating businesses say thank you to active and veteran military personnel, police, firefighters, paramedics and other first responders with special discounts. Visit the Pigeon Forge Welcome Center at Traffic Light #0 to receive the Celebrate Freedom! benefits.



## DOLLYWOOD'S SUMMER CELEBRATION



Summer fun doesn't stop at sundown during Dollywood's Summer Celebration. Kicking off June 22, the summer festival features extended park hours, letting guests take roller coaster rides at night while daily fireworks light up the evening sky. New this year, families can see the Wildwood Tree come alive during a nighttime show in the park's new land, Wildwood Grove.

### Rock the Smokies

Join Dollywood's Rock the Smokies for a day-long celebration of faith, fellowship and Christian rock music. This year's event is scheduled for August 24 and features For King & Country, Zach Williams and more. Admission to Dollywood, along with a reserved concert ticket, is included with purchase of a Rock the Smokies ticket.



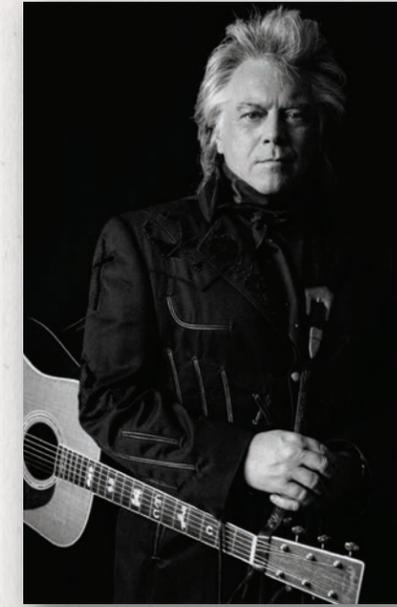
## OPEN IN PIGEON FORGE

### Pirates Voyage Dinner & Show



Pirates have sailed into Pigeon Forge and anchored at Dolly Parton's Pirates Voyage Dinner & Show, the city's newest dinner theater experience. Located adjacent to The Island in Pigeon Forge, Crimson and Sapphire pirates battle on deck, in water, and high above full-sized ships set in a 15-foot-deep indoor lagoon. The action-packed show also includes a four-course feast fit for a pirate. More information is available at [www.MyPigeonForge.com](http://www.MyPigeonForge.com).

## PATRIOT FESTIVAL



The 29th annual Pigeon Forge Patriot Festival takes place on July 4, 2019, and will celebrate Independence Day with Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives. The event will include a tribute to our nation's veterans, free entertainment from the Pigeon Forge Community Chorus, Free Fallin (a Tom Petty Tribute Band), a free Kids Karnival and more. At 8:30 p.m. event headliner Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives will get the crowd on its feet before the fireworks spectacular begins at 9:45 p.m. This is a free event, and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. No umbrellas or coolers are allowed.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Titanic 2nd Annual Color Run 5K Walk-Run for Autism**  
Titanic Museum Attraction  
July 20, 2019

**Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday**  
July 26-28, 2019

**Southeastern Shrine Association Shrine Parade**  
Pigeon Forge Parkway  
August 17, 2019

**Shades of the Past**  
Dollywood's Splash Country  
September 6-7, 2019

**Pigeon Forge Fall Rod Run**  
LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge  
September 12-14, 2019

**National Quartet Convention**  
LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge  
September 22-28, 2019

**Dollywood's Harvest Festival**  
Dollywood  
September 27 - November 2, 2019

**Old Mill Heritage Day**  
Old Mill Square  
September 28, 2019

## PFFD NEWS

With four out of five heart attacks happening at home, be prepared to save a life by joining the Pigeon Forge Fire Department for CPR and AED certification. The fire department is offering free CPR/AED certification classes on the third Thursday of every month from 5-9 p.m. Classes are held at Pigeon Forge Fire Station #1, 3229 Rena St. For more information call 429-7381.