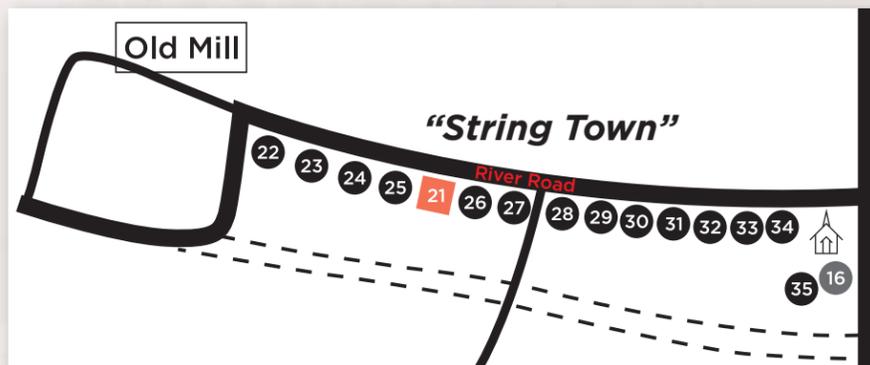


PIGEON FORGE SCRAPBOOK

In 1930 large chunks of snow and ice float down river ready to go over the edge. If you look to the right you'll see a "string" of white farmhouses. Fittingly, this area by the Old Mill was known as "Stringtown." Here is a map of the area in 1930.



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- #22. John & Hettie Emory
- #23. George & Carla Fain
- #24. Joe & Ellen Davis
(the original Mill House)
- #25. Freeman & Sallie Stott
- #26. Jim & Ola Large
- #27. Andy Householder
(formerly a switchboard center)
- #28. Bill & Mae Quarrells

- #29. John & Emma Wynn
- #30. Filmore & Berthane McMahan
- #31. Mel & Mae Blazer
- #32. The Methodist Parsonage
- #33. Dr. Ashley & Mary Ogle
- #34. Wesley & Anah Seaton
- #35. Oscar & Bettie Shultz



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CITY HALL UPDATE

Earlene Teaster,
City Manager

The new year, more than ever before, has brought a renewed sense of hope that with the COVID-19 vaccine distribution we may soon return to a new more cautious normal. This issue of the Messenger newsletter contains resource links to Tennessee's vaccination plan. Please use this link to determine what group you're in and keep an eye out for when your group is eligible to receive the vaccine.

While we're hopeful, we must also stay vigilant in the fight against COVID-19. Please remember to abide by mask requirements when you're out and about, and when indoors with people outside of your household.

As Pigeon Forge residents, you have once again proven your resilience in crisis as well as your love for your neighbor. If we continue to care for ourselves, our neighbors and our visitors, we will stay healthy and get through this together.

Thank you for all the work you continue to do to make Pigeon Forge a safe and fun place for families to live and visit.

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 city-hall@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 Victoria Johnson 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.

SEVIER COUNTY MASK MANDATE

Please remember that the Sevier County mask mandate has been extended through Feb. 27, 2021. This requires face coverings in indoor public spaces and outdoor spaces in which social distancing isn't possible. You can read more about the mandate, including all exclusions, at www.seviercountyttn.gov.

QUARANTINE/ISOLATION CALCULATOR

Tennessee has released a new COVID-19 quarantine and isolation calculator to help determine how long those who have either tested positive (both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases) or been exposed to a positive case should quarantine or isolate.

Please visit <https://covid19.tn.gov/prevention/quarantine-isolation-calculator/> for more information and to calculate the necessary quarantine and isolation time.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

The state of Tennessee has begun distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine to all 95 counties and are being administered in a phased dependent upon individual risk. In the first phase, inpatient and other high-exposure healthcare workers, residents and staff of long-term care facilities, and first responders will have access to the vaccine.

Information on each phase of the vaccine distribution will be widely circulated.

Please visit <https://covid19.tn.gov/prevention/vaccine/> to see Tennessee's vaccine plan and check which phase you are eligible to receive the vaccine.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Dollywood Opening Day

Dollywood
March 13, 2021

Chuck Wagon Cookoff

Mama's Farmhouse
March 26-28, 2021

PFPD NEWS

Congratulations to Pigeon Forge Police Department Officer Nate Wyrick for being named Officer of the Quarter. Officer Wyrick's quick response and attention to detail allowed him to recently arrest a felony robbery suspect. He has faithfully served the Pigeon Forge community with integrity for more than 21 years. Congratulations Officer Wyrick!



PFPD Chief Richie Catlett, Officer Nate Wyrick, Sgt. Jeff Trentham



PFPD Chief Richie Catlett,
Officer Kel McCarter

Congratulations to Pigeon Forge Police Department Officer Kel McCarter on being named the Employee of the Year for 2020. Officer McCarter is a member of the motor division as well as a member of the Tactical Rescue Unit. In an especially tough year, Officer McCarter served the citizens and guests of Pigeon Forge with professionalism and integrity. He is hardworking and proud to serve the Pigeon Forge community.

STAY UP TO DATE

For real-time updates and city announcements, please visit www.CityofPigeonForge.com or follow the City of Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism Facebook page.

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 and sign up.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

Please remember, if you feel unwell or have been around anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please get tested. It is crucial that you and anyone who has been exposed to someone who is sick be tested—even if you do not have symptoms. **You can be symptom-free and be sick with COVID-19. Remember: when in doubt, get a test!**

Please schedule a visit at the Sevier County Health Department for a free test. Call 865-429-6232 for an appointment on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Sevier County Health Department will continue to provide drive-thru testing on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (no appointment necessary).

Testing also is available at the UT Urgent Care Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The clinic is located at 1130 Middle Creek Rd. in Sevierville. Anyone who has symptoms or who has been exposed to the virus should call the clinic from the parking lot (865-365-3074) for instructions before entering the building.

By getting tested, you are helping stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and helping keep the residents, employees and visitors of Pigeon Forge safe.

LIBRARY UPDATE

As a new year begins, we're happy to be open and offer many of our regular services, while keeping your safety in mind. The Library is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to come browse our collection for yourself or take advantage of curbside pickup at the library's entrance. Inside the library we are sanitizing every computer station after each use, and returned items are quarantined before being placed back onto the shelves. We offer boating exams, notary services, and passport services by appointment. Although we have not returned to in-person children's programs, check out our Facebook page for online story times and other virtual programs at www.facebook.com/pflibrary. To schedule a curbside pickup, or for any other information, give us a call at 865-429-7490.



Julie Fortenberry, Marcia Nelson, Carol Gattis