

EVENTS OF INTEREST

New Year's Eve at The Island in Pigeon Forge

The Island in Pigeon Forge
December 31, 2023

Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas

Dollywood
Ends January 6, 2024

Pigeon Forge Smoky Mountain Winterfest Celebration

Ends February 18, 2024

Dollywood's Winter Music Series Baillie and the Boys

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
January 12-13, 2024

Dollywood's Winter Music Series T.G. Sheppard

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
January 19-20, 2024

Wilderness Wildlife Week™

The Ramsey Hotel & Convention Center
January 22-24, 2024

Dollywood's Winter Music Series Ronnie McDowell

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
January 26-27, 2024

Dollywood's Winter Music Series Aaron Tippin

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
February 2-3, 2024

Dollywood's Winter Music Series Bryan White

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
February 9-10, 2024

TITANIC's First Class Valentine's Day Dinner

TITANIC Museum Attraction
February 10, 2024

Dollywood's Winter Music Series T. Graham Brown

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
February 16-17, 2024

Dollywood's Winter Music Series Linda Davis

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
February 23-24, 2024

Chuck Wagon Cookoff

Dinner concert at *Mama's Farmhouse* (March 3, 2024)
Cookoff event at *Clabough's Campground* (March 4, 2024)
Cowboy Church and Breakfast at *Stages West* (March 5, 2024)

Dollywood's Opening Day

March 9, 2024

Corvette Expo

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge
March 15-16, 2024

St. Patrick's Day at The Island in Pigeon Forge

The Island in Pigeon Forge
March 17, 2024

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CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Earlene Teaster, City Manager

As we look back on another successful year for our city, we can't help but feel blessed to welcome so many visitors who feel at home in Pigeon Forge and continue to be able to improve our city's infrastructure.

Winter is now our city's second busiest season, and that's because we have so much to enjoy during the colder months. From Smoky Mountain Winterfest and the Wonders of Light Walking Trail to the decorations and events hosted by our community, we hope you have been able to get out and enjoy everything our area has to offer this season.

The fun doesn't stop after the holidays, remember, Winterfest lights will be illuminated until February 18, and there are plenty of local events to enjoy in the early part of the year. Look for the calendar of winter events in this issue of the Messenger.

As we look forward to 2024, I'm excited for what's to come and appreciative of your hospitality and work in our community. Thank you for making Pigeon Forge a great place to visit and live.

The City Commissioners and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!

WINNING EVENTS

Many Pigeon Forge residents, as well as our guests, enjoy our city-sponsored special events. We want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism Office of Special Events on having an award-winning year and receiving seven trophies from the International Festival and Events Association.



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.

The City of Pigeon Forge does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state-sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (12 U.S.C. 2000d).



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PFPD UPDATE

The Pigeon Forge Police Department would like to remind you that driving safely in winter weather can be challenging for even the most experienced driver. It's easy to forget after months of mild conditions that snow and ice demand careful driving and special preparation for your vehicle.



We ask you to drive slowly and be prepared in the event of a crash or if your vehicle breaks down. Always keep an emergency kit in the vehicle. Any of us can get caught out in the elements and we need to make sure our vehicles are well stocked to help get us out of trouble or to keep us safe until help arrives. Keep blankets, flashlights, jumper cables, and flares or emergency lights in your vehicle. Even if you don't need them, they can be used to help someone else in need on the road.

Wintertime in Pigeon Forge is a beautiful time of year, and we hope you enjoy it and stay safe.

For more winter driving safety tips visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at: www.nhtsa.gov

PFFD UPDATE

While winter in the Smokies is beautiful, the need to heat our homes can bring safety issues to Pigeon Forge residents. Here are some tips to stay safe this season.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heating equipment (furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater).
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your kitchen stove to heat your home.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room; ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container and keep that container a safe distance from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If you need smoke alarms for your home call the fire department at 865-429-7381 (non-emergency).

TRIPADVISOR TOP TENNESSEE DESTINATION

Tripadvisor recently released its Tripadvisor Travel Trends for 2022-2023 with a ranking of the top destinations for each state. In Tennessee, Pigeon Forge ranked just two spots behind Nashville based on unique user traffic and booking clicks. This ranking means the world to us because it's driven by our customers, and is made possible by our community's continued hard work and hospitality!

CAN'T-MISS EVENTS

Wilderness Wildlife Week™

Learn about and explore the great outdoors during the annual celebration of the flora, fauna and history of the Smokies including educational programs, workshops and even guided hikes in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. All Wilderness Wildlife Week™ activities are offered free of charge and are appropriate for all ages.



Chuck Wagon Cookoff



Cookies, or chuck wagon cooks, will circle their chuck wagons on March 3-5 for the annual Chuck Wagon Cookoff event at Clabough's Campground. The event brings genuine chuck wagons to cook the way cowboys do and includes cowboy-themed activities, live entertainment, and lunch served at high noon. Following lunch, guests can enjoy a Saturday evening concert of western music and cowboy poetry. The Chuck Wagon Cookoff

is free to attend. Tickets are required for the lunchtime meal and concert. The event also features an intimate evening dinner concert at Mama's Farmhouse on March 3 as well as the Cowboy Breakfast and Church at Stages West on March 5.

PIGEON FORGE SCRAPBOOK



at the plant. The bus would stop at several pick-up points in Pigeon Forge then in Sevierville. Even if you were not an employee of the plant, you could go between Pigeon Forge and Sevierville for a quarter a ride.

In the mid-twentieth century, most households could not afford one vehicle much less the two or three that some families now own. There were few modes of transportation other than walking or a bicycle, especially in a rural area. This made the ALCOA Work Bus an affordable, convenient way for Pigeon Forge and Sevierville residents to get to their jobs

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

The Pigeon Forge Community Center will host the Annual Daddy Daughter Dance in February 2024. The dance will include a DJ spinning family-favorites, a photo booth, and light refreshments. The popular event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. and admission is \$20 per couple with a fee of \$5 per additional child. Proceeds from the dance will benefit the Forever Parks Foundation. Tickets go on sale beginning in early January at the Community Center.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The cold winter months are the perfect time to stop by and enjoy a good book and a cup of hot chocolate or coffee next to our lovely fireplace. This is also a time people think about new year resolutions, and the library has materials to help you reach those goals. Whether it's diet and health, or finance and other areas, we have resources to assist you.

For some, travel is high on their list for 2024. If so, now is the best time of year to get a passport or have it renewed. The Department of State processes them fastest this time of year, and one of our passport agents will happily help you get the application process started. If you can't come in person, we have many resources available at www.pfpl.net.



For information on these or any other library service, call 429-7490. We're conveniently located adjacent to the Pigeon Forge Community Center at traffic light 2B.

JUST THE FACTS

Pigeon Forge Commissioners

David Wear, Mayor
Kevin McClure, Vice Mayor
Dr. Keith Whaley
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.

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.

Keep In Touch

Information about Pigeon Forge is right at your fingertips when you visit our website at CityofPigeonForge.com.

SIGN UP FOR CODE RED ALERTS

Sign up for Code Red!

If you'd like to be notified by the local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or community alerts, please register for the Code Red Alert System by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.

