

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE



The Pigeon Forge Community Center will host the 6th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 16, 2019, at the Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center. The dance will include a DJ to spin the tunes, a photo booth and refreshments. Always a popular event for dads and daughters, the dance will take place from 4-6 p.m. and cost of admission is \$20 per couple, with \$5 for each additional child. Proceeds from the dance will benefit the Forever Parks Foundation.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

New Year's Eve at the Island

The Island at Pigeon Forge

Dec. 31

Daddy Daughter Dance

Pigeon Forge Community Center

Feb. 16

Dollywood Opening Day

Dollywood

March 16

MAILBOX OR ONLINE?

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COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

Earlene Teaster,
City Manager

As we bid farewell to 2018 and look forward to greeting the new year, it's a good time for reflection.

We are in the midst of another outstanding year in Pigeon Forge. We have welcomed more quality businesses to town and seen more and more visitors choosing Pigeon Forge as their destination of choice. At the same time, we anxiously await new developments, including a major addition to Dollywood, as well as new entertainment in the coming year.

The LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge celebrated its first five years. The Center has played a major role in bringing thousands of new visitors to town, visitors that will certainly become repeat visitors, thanks to the warm welcome they receive in Pigeon Forge.

Tourism is what keeps Pigeon Forge alive and prospering. We truly believe everyone living here is part of the tourism industry, because your welcoming spirit keeps our visitors coming back time after time and contributing to the city's revenue. We have heard from hundreds of people that one of the reasons they choose to come to Pigeon Forge is that they feel like they're coming home, like they're visiting family and neighbors.

The City Commissioners are proud to represent the residents of Pigeon Forge. Please remember that we are here to serve you and welcome the opportunity to talk with you about our fine city.

Blessings to each of you this Christmas season and best wishes for a happy and bountiful New Year.

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.

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.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Thanks to a generous donation from our Friends of the Library, the Pigeon Forge Library has a new reading nook. Cold winter months are the perfect time to come stop in, enjoy a good book and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate or coffee next to our welcoming fireplace. If you can't come to the library, we have many resources available online at pfpl.net or facebook.com/pflibrary, including digital magazines, eBooks, and audio books. For information on these or other library services, please call us at 429-7490.



PFPD NEWS

The Pigeon Forge Police Department is proud to welcome these new faces to our law enforcement family.



Kyle Andre



Marilyn Hardin



Christopher MacElveen



Cody Stubblefield



Dennis Sutton

PFFD NEWS

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

HEATING YOUR HOME

- * 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. We will come to your house and install them for you at no cost.

WINTER STORM SAFETY

- * In case of an emergency, plan two ways out of the home; clear the driveway and front walk of ice and snow to provide easy access to your home.
- * Make sure your house number can be seen from the street, so emergency personnel can find you if you need help.
- * Be prepared for power outages with flashlights, battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries; never use candles to provide light.
- * Stay aware of winter weather forecasts by listening to television or radio for updates or watch for bulletins online.
- * Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room and when you go to bed. Electric space heaters are a major cause of house fires.



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 nearly two dozen trophies from the International Festival and Events Association.

PIGEON FORGE SCRAPBOOK

BONNIE LOU & BUSTER'S SMOKY MOUNTAIN HAYRIDE



Driving along the Pigeon Forge Parkway today, you'll find that our town is filled with entertainment ... music theaters, magic and comedy shows, dinner theaters and more. The first musical show in Pigeon Forge was "Bonnie Lou and Buster's Smoky Mountain Hayride." The Smoky Mountain Hayride opened at the Coliseum in 1972 and ran until Bonnie Lou and Buster retired in 1994. The popular show featured bluegrass and gospel music, clogging and comedy. It was located near present-day traffic light # 4.