

CAN'T-MISS EVENTS

16th Annual Old Mill Heritage Day

Explore Pigeon Forge's past and present during the 16th annual Old Mill Heritage Day on Sept. 28. This event is fun for the whole family and will feature arts and crafts, pumpkin painting, entertainment, music and much more.

Spooktacular/Community Safety Day

This year's Community Halloween Spooktacular & Safety Day will be held on Oct. 24 at the Pigeon Forge Community Center. The Spooktacular event will include trick-or-treating, hayrides, a haunted house, music and more from 6-9 p.m. The Safety Day event will include live safety demonstrations and activities from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Annual Festival of Christmas Past Program

Great Smoky Mountains National Park will host the annual Festival of Christmas Past event on Dec. 7 at the Sugarlands Visitor Center. The festival honors the tradition of people in the area gathering at Christmas time to celebrate the holiday through music, storytelling and crafts. The event will feature mountain music, shape note singing, crafts and a living history walk. For more information and a full schedule call the visitor center at 436-1291.

TROLLEY UPDATES

Two new Pigeon Forge trolleys featuring a mountain-scape design were recently unveiled, and as new vehicles are introduced into the fleet, each will feature an image of a Smoky Mountains sunset. With a record-breaking ridership of more than 3.1 million in the 2018-2019 season, our transit system is now the second largest rural transit system in the U.S.

As a reminder, Pigeon Forge residents and those who work in the city may purchase a year-round pass (\$35 per person), a \$3 one-day pass, a \$1 North or South Parkway ticket as well as tickets for additional route options at the Pigeon Forge Trolley Office located in the Old Mill district at traffic light seven. (There is no charge for children ages three and under.)



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COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE

Earlene Teaster,
City Manager

We've had a busy year, and the fun continues with the fall season. As millions flock to Great Smoky Mountains National Park to catch a glimpse of the brilliant fall foliage, our city will welcome the autumn season with decorations, fall-themed food and celebrations of crafts, entertainment and heritage.

Cooler temperatures aren't the only thing to celebrate this season. On Nov. 22, we will illuminate millions of lights throughout the city in celebration of our 30th annual Smoky Mountain Winterfest. In preparation for this year's milestone, I'd like to thank every person and business for giving our guests so many reasons to visit Pigeon Forge for the past three decades. Winterfest is truly a wonderful time of year, and we're excited to welcome family and friends to enjoy our home during the holiday season. Make sure to set aside some time with your family to enjoy this special time of year here in Pigeon Forge.

We'd also like to say congratulations to Pigeon Forge Fire Chief Tony Watson who was recently named president of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association during the 2019 TFCA/SEAFCA Joint Annual Conference. Under Chief Watson's leadership, the Pigeon Forge Fire Department continues to do outstanding work to keep our community informed and safe. We're pleased that he is able to serve our great state in this new role.



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 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).

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 UPDATES

If you haven't visited the library in a while, this fall is the perfect time to come see us. In addition to our regular after-school and preschool programs, we have added a variety of programs for adults.



In September, we will begin a series on our Appalachian Heritage: the Scots-Irish Influence. On Thursday, Sept. 26, Bob Valentine (pictured left) will share Celtic storytelling and music.

Kicking off October, we will host Grandma Gatewood's Walk, a play presented by Anne Van Curen (pictured right), on Thursday, Oct. 3. Grandma Gatewood comes alive as Anne puts on her tennis shoes, grabs her walking stick, and begins her narrative of adventures on the Appalachian Trail.



On Thursday, Oct. 10, our guest will be bagpiper Andrew Bryan. Each of these programs will begin at 6 p.m.

If you enjoy climbing up your family tree, join us on the first Thursday of each month for a genealogy class at 6 p.m. Bring your questions or any new information you've discovered to discuss!

For information on these or any other library services, call 429-7490 or check us out on the web at www.pfpl.net or www.facebook.com/pflibrary.

PFFD UPDATES

The fire department would like to congratulate Charles Powers on his promotion to Deputy Fire Chief of the City of Pigeon Forge Fire Department. Deputy Chief Powers has served the City of Pigeon Forge for more than 14 years in various positions including Police Communications Officer, Communication Training Officer and Firefighter/AEMT. Deputy Chief Powers has extensive experience, successful leadership ability, and a proven dedication to safety on and off-duty. Congratulations, Deputy Chief Powers!



Reminder

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.

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.

PFFD UPDATES

Congratulations to Lt. Matthew Pendleton on his graduation from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 10-week academy is one of the highest honors a police officer can achieve, and less than 1% of police officers worldwide have an opportunity to attend. Lt. Pendleton joins Chief Richard Catlett and Captain Dennis Adams as current PFFD members who have completed the prestigious program.



On Aug. 4, Officer Ricky Atchley retired after 31 years and nine months of faithful service to the community and citizens of Pigeon Forge. During his time at the police department, he served as a Motor Officer, Senior Patrol Officer and Field Training Officer. Officer Atchley has dedicated his life to serving the public, initially as a member of the United States Army then with the Sevierville Police Department before he found his home with the PFFD. While we will miss Officer Atchley, we wish him the best.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Shades of the Past

Dollywood's Splash Country
Sept. 6-7

Pigeon Forge Fall Rod Run

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge
Sept. 12-14

National Quartet Convention

LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge
Sept. 22-28

Dollywood's Harvest Festival, Great Pumpkin Luminights, Southern Gospel Jubilee

Dollywood
Sept. 27 - Nov. 2

Old Mill Heritage Day

Old Mill Square
Sept. 28

Rotary Club Craft Fair

Patriot Park
Sept. 28 - Oct. 26

Pigeon Forge Spooktacular & Safety Day Event

Pigeon Forge Community Center
Oct. 24

Halloween Trick or Treat

The Island in Pigeon Forge
Oct. 31

Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas

Dollywood
Nov. 9 - Jan. 4

Tree Lighting

The Island in Pigeon Forge
Nov. 23

Titanic Thanksgiving Fireworks

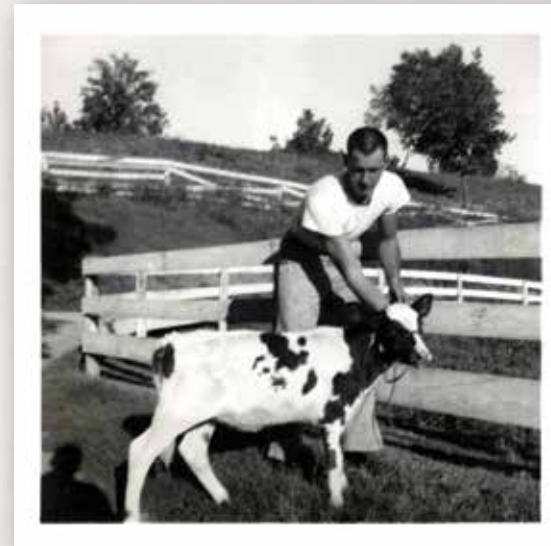
Titanic Museum Attraction
Nov. 28

Winterfest Community Night

Pigeon Forge High School
Dec. 5

PIGEON FORGE SCRAPBOOK

Broady Dairy



Dr. Robert A. Broady, a practicing Sevier County physician from 1937 to 1983, began a dairy farm near traffic light #10 in the 1940s with one half-breed Jersey cow. He purchased the cow from a family whose child was suffering from diphtheria. The sale provided money for the child's immediate treatment at Knoxville General Hospital. Before long others began paying Dr. Broady for treatment with cows. However, he never accepted a family's only milk cow. Instead, he

would ask for a calf the following spring. By 1952, Broady's Ayrshire dairy herd had the best record for quantity of milk produced in the Southeast. Broady Dairy milk was sold to plants in Knoxville, served in the hospital Dr. Broady opened, and was sold to local residents for fifty cents a gallon. The more affordable milk available to Sevier County residents meant less likelihood of rickets, a disorder caused by vitamin D deficiency.

Prior to their dairy farming Dr. Broady, along with his nurse and wife Ellen, did mission work in China for five years in the early 1930s. They saw more than 50,000 patients during that time. They were able to leave before World War II began and relocated to Ellen's home - Sevier County. After initially practicing medicine in an office above Wade's Department Store in downtown Sevierville, the Broadys opened a hospital in 1940 in downtown Sevierville. Together, they helped deliver more than 7,100 Sevier County babies throughout their nearly 50 years in practice. Their half decade of service left a lasting impact on the people of China and Sevier County.

30TH ANNUAL WINTERFEST

Pigeon Forge celebrates 30 years of holiday spirit and beauty during this year's Smoky Mountain Winterfest. The celebration kicks off Nov. 22 when more than five million lights are illuminated throughout the city. Lasting through Presidents Day, there is plenty of time to celebrate the season with your friends and family. Whether it's a tour through the city to see each light display, a holiday performance, or enjoying a warm and tasty winter treat, Winterfest is the perfect way to embrace the season this year.

