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THE TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD

Quarterly Newsletter
Winter 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR:



Hello to my fellow citizens of Mount Gilead. I hope your New Year is off to a great start and that 2023 will be a happy, prosperous, and safe year for each of you. I would like to take this time to thank the citizens for entrusting me as your Mayor and the Board of Commissioners to govern our beautiful town. It is our goal to always strive to move our town forward in the most efficient way possible and make the best decisions we can for all citizens. Please know that I am always available to discuss any Town matter with any citizen! Please call me or call Town Hall to schedule a time to sit and talk with me.

In Your Service,
Mayor Beverly A. Harris



We are always on the lookout for Food Trucks to come to our Town and give the citizens some exciting new food options. This is a free service that the Town offers. If you know of anyone who is interested in setting up in our Town, please have them contact us at Town Hall at

(910) 439-5111

We welcome all community and town news as long as its non-profit, church or school related. This newsletter is published quarterly, and our purpose is to help keep the community informed of any upcoming events that may be happening in our area. To have your information published in the newsletter, please send us an email* and include any pictures/logos to mlee@mtgileadnc.com or call

(910) 439-5111.

** We reserve the right to edit any information to accommodate space allowed*



Cotton & Wood will be hosting a Saint Patrick's Day get together! You can come in a Saint Patrick's Day outfit if you would like. This will be taking place March 17th from 5 - 8 p.m. Main Street, Mt. Gilead.

Moving Time!

The Mount Gilead Florist will be moving to main street where the old Lake Tillery Law once was. Kelly's Sew Happy Boutique will be closing in Mount Gilead and AmberLynn will be moving into Kelly's location. Angela Salazar (Craft Along with Angela) will be moving into AmberLynn's location. She will be doing crafts on Saturdays. Please continue to show love and support to all businesses!



Welcome Our New Town Manager

Hello everyone, my name is Dylan Haman. I will be the new Town Manager starting May 15th. I will be in town every Thursday from 1-5pm and every Friday during town hours. Feel free to stop in and say hello! I am very excited to begin working on the current town projects, and hope to offer my expertise to make the town a better place.



A FEW TIDBITS ABOUT ME:

- I am from Lincoln County, North Carolina
- I am a UNCC Alumni and I am currently a Master of Public Administration Candidate at Appalachian State University.
- I am a Mayor Roy Maness Scholar at Appalachian State



Black History Program 2023 at Highland Community Center



Highland had their Annual Black History Celebration on February 25th. They had a play and sing along with an “Ole Timey Dinner”. The Mayor Beverly Harris was also recognized at the event as well as Mount Gilead’s first black mayor!

NEW WAYS TO MANAGE YOUR TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD UTILITY ACCOUNT



Town of Mount Gilead Utility Customers now have the option of paying their bills online, by phone, paperless billing, receive text notifications and reminders and more. Please call Town Hall to sign up for these new services.

As a friendly reminder, payments are due on the 5th of each month. Payments received after the 5th will receive a **\$15 late fee**. Payments not received by 5 pm on the 15th of each month may result in services being disconnected for nonpayment and a reconnection fee applied before services can be restored. To pay your bill online go to:

www.mtgileadnc.com

Click on the orange “**Make Utility Payment**” box at the bottom of the home page. You will need your account number for this service.

A \$3.95 convenience fee will apply. You can also pay your bill by phone by dialing
844-241-6333

MOUNT GILEAD CIVITAN CLUB
109 South School Street, Mount Gilead, NC 27306

**ANNUAL SPRING
PINE NEEDLE SALE**

DELIVERY DATES:
MARCH 4, 2023
APRIL 1, 2023

\$6.50 PER BALE

NEW: Boy Scout Troop 6 will spread your pine needles for you for an additional \$2.50 per bale.

OTHER PAY METHODS:
BY MAIL: MOUNT GILEAD CIVITAN CLUB, PO BOX 486, MOUNT GILEAD, NC 27306
CHECK OR MONEY ORDER: TOWN HALL, 300 E. 4TH ST., MOUNT GILEAD, NC 27306

NAME: _____
DELIVERY ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____ ALT. PHONE: _____
DELIVERY DATE (CHECK ONE): MARCH 4 APRIL 1
ORDER QUANTITY (BALES): _____ @ \$6.50 EACH = \$ _____ TOTAL DUE _____

**Spring Landscaping
is just around the
corner...**

Mount Gilead Civitan Club

The Mount Gilead Civitan Club is raising money to help fund the building of the Albert Johnson Memorial Pocket Park on South Main Street. The Pocket Park has been an ongoing project that came to life in 2018 and became an approved part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan in 2021. The park’s design will have a beautifully landscaped area for citizens and visitors to sit and enjoy the scenery. The park will also incorporate the top of the old Town water tower as the roof of a constructed stage/large gazebo that will be valuable for musical events and Town festivities. The sidewalks/walking path throughout the park will be constructed of engraved bricks that can be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone special or a business.


The Civitan have two beautiful quilts that have been donated and handmade by local citizens that they are raffling. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Town Hall or by any Civitan member. Call Town Hall for more information or to purchase tickets. The Drawing will be during the Fall Festival on October

Blood Drive!

Mount Gilead Masonic Lodge will be having a blood drive at Blackmer Lodge on Wednesday, April 5th from 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at 109 South School Street, Mount Gilead. Walk-Ins welcome!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



**Blood Drive
Mt. Gilead Masonic Lodge**

At Blackmer Lodge
109 South School Street
Mount Gilead, NC 27306

**Wednesday, April 5th
2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BlackmerLodge to schedule an appointment.

Always, donors should eat iron-rich foods 2 weeks before donating blood.
Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine on the day of the drive.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Be cool. Give Blood. Come give April 1-23 for an exclusive American Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town. Joe Cool! Get yours, while supplies last - then show off your cool, kind spirit.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Notes from the Interim Town Manager



Mr. Ray Allen

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve as your Interim Town Manager. My entire career has been spent in local government, and since retiring from full time work, I have served as Interim Manager in two area counties and four municipalities. I joined the Mt. Gilead staff on January 23 and am in the process of becoming more familiar with the community.

Mt. Gilead is a beautiful community with a charming downtown and a great collection of turn of the century commercial buildings. Many of these buildings now house vibrant small businesses that contribute to the town's quality of life and serve to attract visitors.

Although I have only been here a short while I have been impressed with the commitment of the Town Board of Commissioners and staff to this town and its citizens. As with every community there are challenges and problems, but I have seen that the Board and staff are willing to listen to differing opinions to try to make good decisions for the Town.

I hope that you will take some time to read through this newsletter and discover what's new in Mt. Gilead and learn about upcoming events. Please feel free to call me at Town Hall or call to make an appointment if you have Town issues that you would like to discuss.

Ray Allen

Mount Gilead Cruise-In (1st Sundays)

Get ready to dust off all your classic/custom cars, trucks, and motorcycles because the cruise-ins are back in town on the first Sunday of each month.

The event will include food trucks (vendors TBD each event), classic cars and other vehicles. Several downtown stores will be open for business as well.

Cruise on down to Mt. Gilead for an amazing time! Contact Amy Johnson at Memory Lane to register or for more information. **(910) 606-9169** or contact them through **Facebook @Mt Gilead Cruise-Ins**



First Annual Cookout with a Cop

~sponsored by Mount Gilead Police Department



Shop with A Cop 2022



DID YOU KNOW?

TOP 5 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY IN YOUR HOME

1. UTILIZE NATURAL LIGHT

One of the easiest ways to conserve energy at home is to embrace the use of natural light whenever possible. Simply opening the curtains and letting sunlight in can go a long way toward reducing your electricity usage, which is great for the environment and your bank account. Studies have shown that natural light also increases serotonin levels in the brain, which means you'll feel happier and more relaxed, too

2. TURN OFF LIGHTS AND ELECTRONICS WHEN NOT IN USE

To help conserve energy with minimal effort, try abiding by the following tips:

- If you tend to fall asleep in front of the TV often, you can typically program the TV to shut off after a certain time so it's not on all night. Computers use a lot of energy, so be sure to put them into sleep mode, hibernate, or shut them down at the end of the day.
- Try to get into the habit of turning lights off when you leave rooms. This will help you avoid leaving them on all day if you leave the house.

3. REPLACE TRADITIONAL LIGHT BULBS WITH LED

LED bulbs are a little more expensive than traditional incandescent lights, but they are up to 80% more energy efficient. Additionally, they have a longer lifetime and generate a lot less heat.

4. GET A SMART THERMOSTAT

By efficiently controlling the temperature in your home, you can ensure that your HVAC units aren't working harder than they need to, and you aren't using more electricity or natural gas than necessary. Smart thermostats can learn your schedule to keep your house at an optimal temperature when you're typically home, and then automatically adjust for the times you're away or asleep.

5. ENSURE YOUR HOME IS PROPERLY INSULATED

To ensure your home is properly insulated make sure doors shut flush with the frame. If there are any gaps, consider buying weather stripping to limit escaping air. Ensure your windows are properly sealed. Window treatments are cheap and can reduce your heating and cooling costs by up to 25%. Check the foundation in your basement for any cracks that might be letting air in or out. You can fill these with expanding foam. Track down where cold drafts are coming from in the winter. These areas are also likely letting cool air out in the summer.

Gilmont Service Club

The Gilmont Service Club (formerly Mount Gilead Lions Club) will be sponsoring a spring trash pickup on Saturday, March 25. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the Speckled Paw Coffee Shop at 9 a.m. For more information about Gilmont Service Club, contact Ben Blake, President at (910) 975-1934.

The Gilmont Service Club will also be sponsoring a Coed adult softball league. Looking to field four teams from the surrounding area. All games are to be played on the Mt Gilead Park Field on Sunday afternoon/evening. They are looking to start on April the 16th. It will cost \$350 per team. Get your team pulled together and have your team Captain contact Corey Smith at (740)-438-2378. Refreshments will be available at the games courtesy of the Gilmont Service Club. For more information about Gilmont Service Club,

Let's Play Ball!



There will be an application on the Montgomery County Schools website that you will have to complete prior to these dates:

- Thursday March 2nd – Candor Elementary
- Thursday March 14th – Star & Mt. Gilead Elementary
- Thursday March 16th – Green Ridge & Troy Elementary

Please Bring:

- Your Child (They must be 5 years old by August 31, 2023)
 - Your child's birth certificate
 - Current address documentation
 - Current immunization record

MCS Welcomes Your Child's Registration for KINDERGARTEN for the 2023-2024 School Year