



The Town of Farmville Newsletter

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Public Notices:

March 01 at 11 a.m.
Town Council Work Session

March 08 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing

March 08 at 7 p.m.
Town Council Meeting

March 29 at 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting

A Note from the Town Manager

Last year, 2016, was an exciting year for the Town of Farmville. The Vice Presidential Debate ensured that the eyes of the world knew that our small town is a welcoming, tight-knit community worthy of such an event. Now that the debate is over, we move on to a new year and with it, lots of economic and community growth in the town.

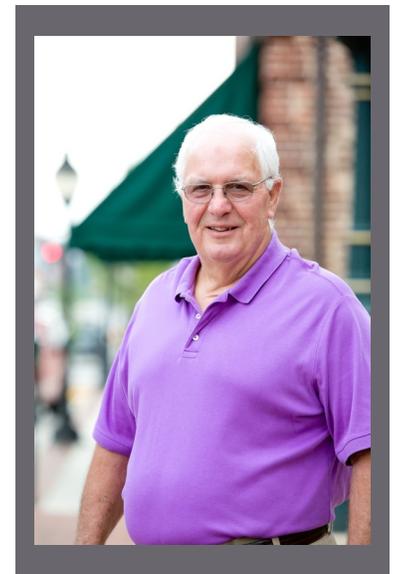
Three new hotels are being built and will be open within the upcoming year. New businesses are popping up across the town and bringing with them employment opportunities, tourism and economic growth. The Longwood University Bookstore is moving downtown on Main Street, which will bring more students into the downtown area and spur growth.

The heart of this town is you, the people. The people are what make this community so rich. More than ever before, you all

are participating in local organizations and initiatives that increase the success of our town. For that, I say, "thank you."

It is our goal with this newsletter to further connect you with what is going on in the town: local events, local achievements, updates on town projects and initiatives and most importantly, to connect you with the people who work for you and the town, including Town Council and town employees.

If you have suggestions, questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (434) 392-5686. It is our pleasure to serve you, the residents of Farmville. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with needed information and encourage you to be engaged.



Gerald J. Spates has served the town for 42 years.

Farmville Recognized as First Two-College Town in America



On January 25 representatives from the Town of Farmville, Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College were presented with a commemorative copy of a resolution commending the Town of Farmville for being the first two-college town in America. House Joint Resolution 479 was passed by the General Assembly in 2016.

Pictured left to right: Senator Mark Peake, Town Manager Gerry Spates, Hampden-Sydney College President Larry Stimpert, Delegate James E. Edmunds, III, Longwood University President W. Taylor Reveley, IV and Mayor David Whitus

Spring is Coming!

With spring cleaning and grass cutting season fast approaching, here are a few friendly reminders from the Property Inspector's office:

□ Please mow and weed eat your yard regularly. Town ordinances require that property owners keep their grass less than ten inches in length.

□ Your grass clippings cannot be blown onto the sidewalk or into the road. They should be swept up and bagged, if necessary.

□ Any household furniture or debris you would like to get rid of after cleaning cannot be placed on the curb. These items are not collected with the regular Town garbage pick-up. We do, however, have one spring clean-up in April for such items. Watch our website or The Farmville Herald for our Spring Cleanup date!

If you should have any questions concerning our ordinances, please do not hesitate to call our office at 392-8465.

Fun Farmville Fact:

In 1927 Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, attended a Lions Club conference at the Weyanoke Hotel.



Flowers by Town Horticulturalist, David Fowlkes

Photo by Courtney Vogel

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Meet Farmville Police Chief A.Q. "Andy" Ellington

What do you do as part of your job with the town?

I'm responsible for providing leadership and vision for the Farmville Police Department, both operationally and fiscally.



What do you love most about Farmville?

I love the beauty and charisma that Farmville has to offer as a community, as well as the history.

What is your favorite quote?

"It's never been a question of if; It's always been a question of when."

If you could witness any historical event, what would it be?

I would like to be present at a Presidential Inauguration.

After serving as a member of the Police Department for 29 years, Ellington was appointed Chief in July 2016. He resides in Rice with his wife, Tracey. He has two step-children, Kenneth Wallace and Jennifer Wallace Jamison, a son, Quinton Ellington, and one grandson, Ace Jamison.



For the full Parks & Recreation calendar, visit our website at www.farmvilleva.com/departments/parks-and-rec

Hoop Time! Adult Basketball League

Register Today!

Ages 18 & up

March 10th Registration Deadline

\$350 Team Fee

Games played at PEFYA Gymnasium
2750 Layne Street Farmville, VA

For more information or to register, contact the Farmville Rec. Dept. at 434-392-3737 or email: cbolt@farmvilleva.com

