



THE HEARTBEAT

PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION |**
First Wednesday of
the Month | May 2nd
at 11:00 a.m.

**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING |** Second
Wednesday of the
Month | May 9th at
7:00 p.m.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING**
| May 23rd at 7:00
p.m.

**FINANCE AND
ORDINANCE MEETING**
| May 31st at 9:00
a.m.

I have loved
witnessing
FARMVILLE'S
RENAISSANCE...

MAY | 2018

Meet JAY WILKERSON, Town Horticulturist



How long have you worked for the Town? What positions have you held?

I started with the Town in December of last year, so I am a new employee. I took over for the previous horticulturist, David Fowlkes, who recently retired.

What do you do in your role for the Town?

As Farmville's horticulturist, I am responsible for all of the ornamental plants within the Town limits, including planting annual and perennial flower beds, designing planters, pruning trees and maintenance on landscaping around municipal buildings. The best part of my job is watching everything grow and change; no two days are ever the same. I get to do my hobby for a living, that's such a privilege. David did amazing things with the Town's aesthetics and I am looking forward to following in his footsteps.

What do you love most about Farmville?

I grew up on 2nd Street and have lived in the area ever since graduating from Longwood in '05. I have loved witnessing Farmville's renaissance the last few years. Seeing so many shops,

restaurants, and tourist attractions like the High Bridge Trail develop has been very exciting. The Downtown area has become an inviting place where locals and visitors alike can take a stroll down Main Street and discover new things with each visit.

What is your favorite quote?

"My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant's point of view."

-H. Fred Dale

If you could witness any historical event (past, present, or future), what would it be?

I am going to cheat and answer this question with a place rather than an event. I would like to spend a day walking around the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Any feat of botanical engineering impressive enough to be labeled one of the Wonders of the Ancient World is probably worth the trip.



FARMER'S MARKET

The farmer's market is a great place to get fresh local fruits and vegetables, baked goods and handmade crafts. The Farmville Community Marketplace is open every Saturday from 9am - 1pm. It is located in downtown Farmville at 213 North Street. Local vendors are welcome to join. For more information on becoming a vendor, please contact the Town Treasurer's Office at 392-3333.

DAY FISHING TRIPS

Fishing is a peaceful way to pass the time. The Recreation Department offers fishing opportunities at Wilck's Lake. Individuals are **ONLY** required to have a State fishing license (NO Town license required). If you would like more information about these opportunities, please contact the Recreation Department at 392-3737.



LIFEGUARDS WANTED

The Town of Farmville is seeking to fill lifeguard positions at the Farmville Municipal Golf Course and Pool. This is a great summer employment opportunity with flexible work scheduling. If you are interested, you can find an application on our website and turn it in to the Town Treasurer's Office, 116 N. Main St.

HOUSE NUMBERS REQUIRED

Farmville Town Code requires owners of any house, business, apartment, factory or any other building to properly display a house number. Numbers must be at least three (3) inches in height and be visible from the street. The best location for your house number would be next to your front door or in the front yard.

