

Notes from the Mayor

Happy Holidays! And welcome to 2018. The Council and I wish each of you a Safe and Happy New Year. The cold season is here, so please make sure that your homes are winter ready. Help your neighbors and the Town by keeping an eye out and reporting any of the typical water leaks that we see as the ground freezes and thaws.

Many thanks go out to Councilmen Bob Pyfer and Ed Zellers, Mr. Larry Crew, and Mr. Dick Story, along with all the other volunteers for all of their work setting up and running the Train Show at the old Town Hall again this year. The Show was again very well attended. Also, thanks go to the volunteers for the holiday decorations in Town and the caroling sponsored by the Betterton Fire Department and the Youth Group.

As in previous years, our Town employees will be picking up the used, undecorated evergreen trees for recycling on the 8th, 15th and 22nd of January (weather permitting). April 2nd will be the start of our typical Monday yard waste collection for recycling at the Nicholson Landfill.

The new Wastewater Treatment Plant construction is progressing along. Construction is expected to be complete by August. As has been stated in previous newsletters, this plant will be a replacement of our existing plant that was constructed in the late sixties.

We are still working on grant funding for the construction of the Greener Wheeler Avenue project and have submitted an application for grant funding to work on the bluff erosion on Bayside.

The latest word from the Postal Service is that the new Post Office will be here sometime in March of this year. As part of the new office installation, they are planning on setting up temporary cluster boxes in the back of Town Hall, at 100 Main Street, to be out of the way of the construction. The new office is to be installed at ground elevation with no need for a ramp.

The construction of the new outfall pipe and pervious pavement in the County Beach Parking Area is slated to begin soon, with an anticipated completion by April. This project is being done by way of a grant from the Department of Natural Resources and will help to improve the storm water quality heading into the river and bay.

That's all for now and as always, please stop by the Town Hall and/or attend a Council meeting if you should have any questions.

Mayor Sutton



Wreath at Betterton Community Center

Dates to Remember

Trash Pick-Up: Mondays

Recycling Pick-Up: Tuesdays

Undecorated Tree Pick-Up:

Jan 8th, 15th, & 22nd

Feb. 13th Pancake Day

Feb. 14th Valentine's Day

Mar. 11th Daylight's Savings Time Begins

Mar. 17th St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20th First Day of Spring

April 1st Easter

Town Office Holiday Closures

January 15th

Martin Luther King Day

February 19th

President's Day



Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

8 am – 3 pm

The office is closed on Wednesday and Holidays.

Council Meetings

Held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

All are invited to attend.

Please note there will NOT be a meeting on January 23.

Trash Update

Please make sure that ALL trash is in a container with a lid. Loose bags attract scavengers that peck the trash bags and create a health hazard. Please help keep the town of Betterton beautiful!

Twenty came to make Christmas wreaths

On December 2nd, Betterton had a great turn-out for a Wreath Making event. Residents brought clippings from their yards and created beautiful wreaths to take home while all enjoyed each other's company. Wreath making instruction was provided by Holly Harris McCoy.

Betterton VFC Car Show a success!

Betterton Volunteer Fire Company had its first annual Car Show this Fall. Around 70 vehicles were there. Lots of people attended and enjoyed the food, music, and fellowship. Prizes were awarded for the best in show.

In the Community

American Legion Bingo

Sundays

Doors open at 1pm

Bingo at 2 pm

Lions Club Horse Race

Saturday, March 3rd

Water/Sewer Due

February 10th

Next Water Reading

March 30th

Paperback Exchange

Drop off a book....or pick one up to read. Little Library Boxes are located around town.



Toy Drive for 4-H

Betterton Community Center had a collection box for new, unwrapped toys for kids in Kent County. The community really stepped up and donated more than 40 new toys to less fortunate families in the community. Great job, Betterton!



Did you know?

Mayor Donny Sutton was interviewed for an article for Governing.com about our radar sign and how the data recorded is helpful to better utilize funding for police patrols. Since the installation of the sign, speeds we have seen a consistent drop in speeds.

Betterton Annual Train Show was great fun for all!

Betterton's annual Train Show was held on December 16th and 17th. The trains were from the collections of several Betterton model train collectors. The show was well attended and featured several types of trains. Children and adults enjoyed attending the show on Saturday and Sunday after snow on Friday night.



Councilman Bob Pyfer and Resident Larry Crew keep the trains running on Saturday and Sunday at the Train show.



Resident Dick Story shows the children in town all of the exciting features of "Greater Betterton."

Betterton Youth Group

Betterton's youth group meets throughout the school year. All kids ages 6-16 are invited to come. Children under 6 may come if a parent stays. Youth group is held in the Basement of Betterton United Methodist Church. Dates for the Spring will be decided in January. For details, contact Patti Bone at (443) 298-0057.

Santa comes to Betterton

A Christmas Party was held by the American Legion Auxiliary on December 16th for local children and Post member's families. Approximately 60 children were there to see Santa and receive a gift. Thank you to Marzella's for donating the pizzas and the Kent County High School Jazz band for providing entertainment. Later that evening, the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company took carolers around town and Santa handed out more gifts to little ones who came out to see Santa.



Looking for bookshelves

We would like to set up a book nook at Betterton's Community Center, so that members of the public can use the lending library. We currently have books in bins, but would like to have bookshelves so that residents have more selection and it looks nicer. If you have a bookshelf in good condition you

would like to donate to the town, please stop by and talk to Elizabeth to see if it is the right dimensions and would work for our book nook. Thanks!

Do you have something newsworthy?

Any articles or photos you would like included in the Spring newsletter should be emailed to Elizabeth Greenwell at egreenwell@townofbetterton.com or Sheila Dlugoborski at info@townofbetterton.com no later than March 23rd. Of particular interest is information on upcoming events and photos of events you attended in town.