

TO: Mayor Pillion & Town Council:
FROM: Mike Cochran, Town Manager
RE: Town Manager Report for January 2023

FINANCE & TREASURY -

- Budget preparation for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year has started. This process is rather detailed and involved but we are ahead of schedule.
- Staff met with Davenport Public Finance during the month to review their annual comprehensive financial review.

RECREATION -

- Fencing is being installed around the Splash Pad at The Meadows. This will be opened and dedicated before this May. The Rotary Club is donating \$100,000 towards this amenity. A sign notating the generous gift will be located at the site. We will plan a ribbon cutting once the opening date nears.
- Staff is working with the youth committee to finish the design for the inclusive playground at the Meadows. Note that this is the playground that Ballad Health donated \$100,000 towards.

PUBLIC WORKS -

- East Main Street Flood Mitigation-
 - ARPA Funded Project- \$4 M
 - Survey and In-stream Inspection Work is finished.
 - AMT is developing 30% Plans.
- Creeper Trail Trestle Repairs -
 - ARPA Funded Project- \$1.25 M
 - PROSIM is finalizing the bid documents for TOA review.
 - Project Dates:
 - January 30, 2023 - Published bid documents
 - February 8, 2023 - Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting
 - February 22, 2023 - Final date to submit questions
 - March 1, 2023 - Bid Due for opening
- Valley Street traffic calming study was presented to the HPRB to gather community input. A written report with recommendations will be issued in approx. 6 weeks.
- Our street sweeper will be out for repair for approx. three weeks. The repair will reduce the dust cloud that is currently created when it goes by.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM HIGHLIGHTS -

Abingdon Downtown Lodging/Hospitality Tour is February 22nd or 23rd. Tonya will take staff to more than 10 local lodging locations for a site and amenities tour. If a member of Council would like to go, please let me know.

American Pickers is planning to return to Virginia this March. They are looking for leads throughout the state, specifically interesting characters with fascinating items and lots of them!

They are looking for unusual and unique items - something they've never seen before with an extraordinary story!

Collectors interested in being considered for the show should reach out by phone at (646) 493-2184; please leave a voicemail, email at AmericanPickers@cineflix.com, or on Facebook: @GotAPick. Please include your full name, city/state, contact information, and a brief description of their collection.

Note that the Pickers **only pick private collections**, so **NO** stores, malls, flea markets, museums, auctions, businesses, or anything open to the public.

FIRE DEPARTMENT -

- The Town of Abingdon Fire Department responded to 49 incidents in the month of January utilizing a total of 384 staff hours. Representing 41% of the call volume, with 20 calls within the town limits. Calls outside the town limits represented 59% of the total with 29 responses.

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	7	14.29%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	15	30.61%
Service Call	1	2.04%
Good Intent Call	14	28.57%
False Alarm & False Call	11	22.45%
Special Incident Type	1	2.04%
TOTAL	49	100%

- Both the full-time firefighters as well as the fire chief are attending training to be fire inspectors in order to be able to provide this service in town. This is a long class that is being spread over the months of January and February.

POLICE DEPARTMENT -

- The police department has been working on enhancing awareness of the speed limit on Valley Street. Since the meeting on this, the APD has conducted 37 traffic stops, while issuing 15 citations. The Virginia State Police assisted APD and issued 7 traffic citations on multiple traffic stops.
- For the month of January, the PD conducted 136 traffic stops and issued 79 citations for various reasons.
- Investigator Jason Austin, a 20-year APD veteran retired.
- Officer Adam Heath was promoted to investigations.

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- PHONE NUMBER
- WHERE YOUR COLLECTION IS LOCATED
- A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEMS

