The Lost Year 2020

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December
What’s Happening…  It has been a strange year, indeed. A lot has happened and yet it feels as though nothing has happened since the Covid-19 Pandemic was declared. A year frozen in time. A year many of us would like to put behind us and forget.

As we look back on 2020, much of it was spent at home isolated from others. Our homes became and continue to be our “new work spaces”. For some, a nice break from the office environment with the comforts of home close by being able to use your own bathrooms, food at your fingertips, frequent breaks or stepping outside to enjoy some air or to sneak in an extra walk with your dog to break up your work day.

For others - too much isolation, boredom, not enough to do, along with a lot of cleaning up and clearing out. Reports of extra stacks of garbage, trips to the dumpster and overflowing piles of furniture and other household items at donation centers, all part of the effects of the Pandemic of 2020. Life has changed for us all in different ways; from how and where we work to how and where we learn. So many questions, “what ifs”, and unknowns. Unknowns of how we will conduct business or recreate in the future. Most of the town's facilities have been closed to the public with activities, programs and trips cancelled or postponed and Council Meetings held via ZOOM. We are finally (and slowly) just now able to re-open some recreational activities. Not everything is ready to open just yet, but of those things that are, we are adhering to CDC and NC Covid-19 guidelines, cleaning more frequently, maintaining a six-foot distance from others, and wearing face masks whenever possible.

We are asking the same of anyone that visits and/or participates in any of our programs or activities. The Belle Johnston Community Center, along with all other town buildings (when they finally open), will clearly state that masks will be required in order to enter the building. Other restrictions may apply such as limiting the number of participants in a classroom or activity. Please abide by these requirements as our Parks and Recreation Department is working hard to bring unique programming and activities to our residents and children during these unusual times in as safe a manner as possible. Not all activities are open just yet so be sure to read carefully what is and what is NOT currently being offered. Some programs will be altered - we will not be having a Halloween Bash as we have had in the past but offering an outdoor movie instead. Unfortunately, at this time, we do not know what activities will be held during the holiday season - the annual Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa or even if Santa will ride through town on Christmas eve or not as the health and safety of our residents must come first. All we can do is suggest following the Parks and Recreation Facebook and Instagram pages and the Pineville Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page, along with updates on the town's website at:  www.pinevillenc.gov.  Additionally, look for updates and information on or in your Pineville Electric bills.

We won't be publishing again until January, 2021 so we would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. Please continue to practice safe measures and stay well. We'll see you in the New Year, along with a new Trash Schedule.
SENIOR NEWS

During the unprecedented time of the pandemic, Mecklenburg County Senior Nutrition is providing nutritional support in the form of prepared meals to seniors 60 years of age and above who are unable to shop/cook due to poor physical/cognitive health and they do not have reliable support from friends and family. Senior Nutrition drivers deliver five healthy meals once a week to seniors who meet eligibility criteria for home-delivered meals. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please call: Just-1-Call (704-432-1111).

STORM WATER NEWS

Did you know that storm drains lead directly to our waterways? Most of Pineville drains into Sugar Creek, which then flows into South Carolina and empties into the Catawba River. Keep that in mind when disposing of motor oil and other household hazardous wastes. These wastes should be disposed of by pouring them into a sealed container, not the storm drainage system. Make sure to label the container with its contents, then you can take it to any of these Mecklenburg County Solid Waste facilities for disposal:

- **FOXHOLE RECYCLING CENTER**
  17131 Lancaster Highway, Charlotte, NC 28277
- **COMPOST CENTRAL AND RECYCLING CENTER**
  140 Valleydale Road, Charlotte, NC 28214
- **HICKORY GROVE RECYCLING CENTER**
  8007 Pence Road, Charlotte, NC 28215
- **NORTH MECKLENBURG RECYCLING CENTER**
  12300 Statesville Road, Huntersville, NC 28078

Remember that only rain should go down the storm drain. For more information including volunteer opportunities, visit StormWater.CharMeck.org. To report stormwater pollution, call 3-1-1 or use the CLT+ app.

Lawn & Leaf Bags Give-Away

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The bags will be made available at Compost Central and Recycling (140 Valleydale Road for municipal pickup. Residents can pick up a supply of these lawn/leaf bags at:

- **PINEVILLE TOWN HALL** • 200 Dover St.
  Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm.
  Bags will be located in the Town Hall Lobby.
  Masks are required when you pick up your bags.
  Bags come in bundles of 5.
- Or at any of the four Full-Service Recycling Centers:
  Foxhole • North Mecklenburg • Hickory Grove Compost Central.

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The President James K. Polk State Historic Site will welcome visitors back into our Visitor Center and historic structures beginning on September 12, with some new procedures in place to help ensure the safety of staff and visitors, including:

- Limiting visitors to 50% of occupancy, to allow a comfortable visit to the Visitor Center and historic structures.
- Requiring cloth masks to enter the Visitor Center and historic structures, as outlined in Executive Order 163.
- Installing hand sanitizer stations and increasing the frequency of cleaning high touch public areas and restrooms.
- Installing protective barriers at sales counters and information desks.
- Interactive exhibit features will be paused or modified.

Visitors are expected to follow the “Three W’s” as outlined by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. WEAR a cloth mask over your nose and mouth, WAIT in line at least six feet away from others, and WASH your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, we ask that you postpone your visit.

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PPR Health & Wellness Tips: Take some time to yourself. Autumn and winter are the Earth’s way of telling us to slow down. Start a journal or track your moods to get more in touch with how your feeling. Boost your immune system. You can do this by drinking plenty of water, washing your hands often to prevent sickness, and eating nutritious foods. Stay active! It can be easy to just sit around all the time, but it’s important to get in some movement throughout the day. Raking leaves counts!

At press time basketball is not allowed because it is considered a contact sport. The indoor walking track and weight room are open. Check website www.pinevillenc.gov. You can also find us on Facebook (Pineville Parks and Recreation) and Instagram (pinevilleparknrec) for updates, dates and times.

We will offer these weekly through December!

Grab & Go Kits
Since we can’t reCREATE with our community at this time we are offering drive by recreation! What is a reCREATE grab n’ go? It’s a box or bag full of crafts, games, digital links to educational videos and movies, suggested family field trips that are fun for the whole family and will keep your children entertained for hours! Each Grab & Go Kit will include instructions, supplies and a list of any additional supplies needed. Limited kits will be available. One kit per child. Check out our Facebook page (Pineville Parks and Recreation) and Instagram (pinevilleparknrec) for more info, pick-up dates and times.
**PICKLEBALL AT THE BJCC GYM**

**Ages 12 and Up!**

Pineville Parks and Recreation offers **OPEN GYM PICKLEBALL**

- **Mondays:** 9:00am – 12:00pm
- **Fridays:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Cost:**
- Free to Pineville Residents (must show resident card)
- $2.00 Non-Resident Fee

You must bring your own paddle. Balls will be provided. Limited to 12 players per day in order to social distance.

To play, you must sign up at this website: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4BAEA62AA0FB6open

(980-237-4738) or championsinmotion.org

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**BOOTCAMP WITH LIA**

Classes take place outside in the parking lot of the Belle Johnston Community Center. Participants bring their own weights and mats, no requirement on how heavy weights are. It can be whatever weight participants are comfortable with using for an hour.

I am a native Charlottetown and working in sales before becoming a personal trainer two years ago. When I’m not training clients, I’m at home running around with my almost 2 year old Asher and my dog Stella. I’m also training to become a certified labor doula, to help women in other facets of health and wellness when I’m not training. When I’m not having fun with clients, I can be found binge watching some of my favorite shows, including Wentworth and Grey’s Anatomy, among others. I also love to curl up with a good book. When I’m not reading or having a binge-a-thon, I love all things crafts and love to crochet when I have the time. I also love to cook and bake, and have tried a few international delights, like macarons and made from scratch croissants. I love all things health and fitness and look forward to meeting you for a nice workout.

**Location:** Lake Park – 1000 Johnston Drive

**Days/Time:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday (5:15AM – 6:15AM)

**First week:** FREE • Single class: $10 • 5 Classes; $40

**Unlimited monthly:** $99

To register, contact Lia Woods - 704-451-6790

email: Lgwoods4610@gmail.com
EXPLORE THE ARTS

POP-UP PARC WORKSHOPS Want to learn a new skill? Join one of our new Pop-up PARC Workshops! Attend a PARC Workshop and learn a new skill in one evening without breaking the bank. We'll provide all the materials needed and you'll leave with the basic skills to use over and over again to recreate!

In order to social distance all Pop-up PARC Workshops classes will be limited to 10 people. Masks are required.

MODERN & MINIMAL WREATH This hoop wreath has a spray of faux eucalyptus and a touch of color. Perfect to style for a modern + minimal vibe or farmhouse rustic fall depending on how you customize it. You'll get to choose from several different options once you register.

Limit 10 people • Oct. 14th at 6:30pm

Belle Johnston Community Center $20/residents $25/non-residents (includes all materials)
Register by Oct. 8th • You must pay in advance.
Call 704-889-2400

HOLIDAY THEMED CHARCUTERIE BOARD

Limit 10 people • Oct. 27th at 6:30pm
Belle Johnston Community Center
Cost: $35 (includes small board and assorted foods)
Register by Oct. 15th
You must pay in advance.
Call 704-889-2400

MACRAME' Give your room a Boho vibe with a macramé wall hanging.

Limit 10 people • Nov. 4th at 6:30 pm
Belle Johnston Community Center
Cost: $30 (includes all materials)
Register by Oct. 21st • You must pay in advance - Call 704-889-2400

PAINT CLASSES

MASTERPIECES BY YOU Paint your own masterpiece with instructor Sharon Csiszer. Limited to 10 people. Mask required. All classes will be held in the dining room. The maximum number of participants will be 10 for each class. Cost: $10.00 resident of Pineville/ $15.00 non-resident. Please stop by the community center to pay and register for this class. 704-889-2400

Tuesday Oct. 13th (1pm - 3:30pm)
Register by Oct. 6th

Tuesday Nov. 17th (1pm - 3:30pm)
Register by Nov. 10th

Tuesday Dec. 15th (1pm - 3:30pm)
Register by Dec. 10th

POTTERY CLASSES ALL POTTERY CLASSES ARE LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE. MASKS REQUIRED.

FREE KIDS CLAY WORKSHOPS for Pineville Residents
Limited to 20 people. Masks required.
Wet Clay Creations (holiday/seasonal) project fired in the kiln at the Belle Johnston Community Center! This Free workshop is limited to the first 20 students (1st - 6th grade).
We supply everything needed! You have to register to attend (send an email titled “November PPR Free Class”- no walk ups are accepted due to having to limit this workshop to 20 kids.
Register at: artsdelivered@gmail.com
For more info please call 704-618-2222
Friday, November 6th (5:00pm – 6:30pm)

Look for Field Trips to return in 2021
We are so excited to take some fun trips in our new mini bus!
CALLING ALL FRIENDS FANATICS!

Do you think you can answer all the questions concerning the series? Well, now it’s time to put your knowledge to the test. Friends Trivia Night is a free event. Teams can be 2 – 6 people (open to residents and non-residents). Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Registration is required (limited space available). Sign up today by calling 704-889-2400. The age for this event is 10 and over. Dress up as your favorite character and you could be in the running for a prize.

We will NOT be providing refreshments, but you are welcome to bring your own. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH FROM 6:30PM – 8:30PM/MUST REGISTER BY October 9th or until we are full. LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE. MASKS REQUIRED.

BINGO NIGHT • NOVEMBER 13TH • 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Join us for a FREE fun filled night of Bingo with the family at the Belle Johnston Community Center. Play not only for fun, but also for the chance to win prizes. Upon arrival each participant will receive one bingo card to use for the night. We will NOT be serving refreshments, but you are welcome to bring your own. Doors open at 6:15pm. Starting at 6:30pm we will begin the first round. This is a great way to spend time with family and friends doing something fun on a Friday night. This event is open to both residents and non-residents, so bring all your family and friends, and join us for a night filled with family fun. Registration is required (limited space available). Sign up today by calling 704-889-2400. This program is for all ages- youth 11 & under must be accompanied by an adult. You must register by November 6th or until we are full. Limited to 25 people. Masks required.

Queen City Model Yacht Club

Racing and Sailing is temporarily halted due to blue green algae at the pond. Check website for updates when sailing will resume. www.queencitymyc.com.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE SOCIAL DISTANCE AND SET SAIL!

When we do resume, we will be practicing social distancing while sailing. You are invited to come and watch or try your hand at sailing radio control model sailboats at Pineville Lake Park. We have sail days (practice races and tune-ups) on most Wednesdays and Sundays from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. We have race days on most Saturdays from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. Occasionally we will host intra-club and/or regional Regattas at our site too.

You can sail any boat with us during sail days (Wednesdays and Sundays) but we race the Kyosho Seawind on race days (Saturdays and Regattas). The SeaWind Readyset comes with pre-painted ABS hull in a blue-white color scheme and rigged ready to assemble with installed electronics and a 2.4 Ghz radio. The SeaWind Readyset can be purchased at discounted prices on Amazon.com and other online stores. The quality of design and fittings continue to make the SeaWind an excellent fleet boat with enough performance potential to satisfy even the most discriminating skipper. The SeaWind COA has demonstrated a strong organization with active fleets in all AMYA Regions and an active annual program of Regional and National Championship Regattas. The Class Rules tightly control the boat elements to ensure new skippers are not faced with a costly refit to be competitive while allowing minor modifications to rigging (materials and adjustment methods) to facilitate tuning and to the hatch cover to ensure watertight integrity.

If you are interested in having some fun and making new friends contact us via our website: www.queencitymyc.com or by email at: qcmyc342@gmail.com or stop by.
**Update on Town Projects:**

**PINEVILLE TOWN HALL AND LIBRARY PROJECT** Pineville is currently accepting bids on this project. We anticipate groundbreaking happening in late October or early November. This project will be a joint partnership between Mecklenburg County-Library System-Pineville. The first floor will be the location of the Library and the second floor will be Town Offices.

**CONE MILL** Demolition of Cone Mills is continuing. The crew is currently constructing two state mandated temporary retention ponds. Over the next several months the contractor will be removing the concrete slabs and crushing them on-site so the Town can use the aggregate in projects. This will save the Town and taxpayers money because we will not have to purchase rock. This means that there may be some noise from the rock crushing machine in the area. The material will be used for the base at the new Town Hall and for the development project at Cone Mills.

**JUNK WEEK IS FINALLY HERE! ONE WEEK ONLY! OCTOBER 19 - 23, 2020**
It’s the week you have all been waiting patiently for. The week when our Public Works Department rides through town to pick up any old, unwanted items and it’s here for one week only. This is not a service offered by our trash collection company; this is a service offered free of charge from the Town to its residents. Public Works employees ride through town each day during this week to pick up your unwanted items. There are restrictions and we ask that you abide by them so that we can continue to offer this service to our residents. Please follow these guidelines that have been put in place:

- Minor renovation, flooring and other construction debris is acceptable ONLY if it is a reasonable amount; metal or wood posts or planks should not exceed 4 feet in length and all nails or other hazardous items removed or nailed down safely for pickup without injury
- Absolutely no excrement, bodily fluids or other biohazardous material of any kind will be picked up
- We can no longer pick up paint or petroleum products of any kind
- Items must be taken to the curb for pickup; employees are not permitted to go into your house to remove items or move them for you. Additionally, we do not want to take town trucks into your alleyways so please take your items to the front of the house to be picked up safely and easily
- Separate glass or other breakable items from any wood, metal, plastic or other products you put out at the curb
- Town employees have the right to refuse pickup of items they deem unsafe or hazardous

As long as these rules are followed and good, common safety sense is used, this program will continue to run. We appreciate your cooperation.

**FALL CRAFT**

**BEANBAG TOSS PUMPKINS** This creative idea doubles as a game you can play with your kids! Start by cutting large holes in the bottom of two pumpkins; scoop out the pulp and seeds. Trace a face on the pumpkins, then cut out the faces. Stack the pumpkins and use skewers to help hold the top pumpkin in place. Toss beanbags into mouths and enjoy! 10 points for bottom, 20 points for top.

**GIANT ORNAMENT BALLS**

*via Hallmark*

Nothing says Christmas quite like giant ornaments hanging in your front yard. Simply glue a plastic ball and a tin bucket together for a great yard decoration!

**EASY CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECES**

*via Pinterest*

Too many Christmas ornaments can spell a disastrously overcrowded tree... or inspire a great DIY project! Place these ornaments in an ornate vase, decorate with some curling ribbon, and voila.