

TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

August 2018



Happy summer from
the Town of Cajah's
Mountain!

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Meeting Dates & Location

- ◆ **Town Council:** First Tuesday of each month at Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Planning Board:** Second Thursday of each month at Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. as needed
- ◆ Your Council Members from left to right:

Councilman
Lloyd Robbins

Councilwoman
Cheryl Pritchard

Councilman
Jeff Bolick

Mayor
Ronnie Setzer

Mayor Pro Tem
Allen Stewart



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The Town of Cajah's Mountain – *"It's Good To Be Home"*

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cajah's Mountain hope everyone is enjoying summer! The Council has been working on a new town park, expanding the sewer system, and assisting several businesses expand within the Town. For all the information about these new projects, see the contents section to the left for the appropriate pages.



"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." - Harry S. Truman



**Mayor Setzer Welcomes
New Family Member**

Mayor Ronnie Setzer received exciting news on August 13. He was informed that his daughter, Brandi Cox, and son-in-law, Joshua, had given birth to his second grandchild, Colton James Cox. Pictured below is a picture of baby Colton.



Colton weighed in at 7 lbs, 12 ounces. This is Ronnie and Debbie's second grandchild. Please help the Town of Cahaj's Mountain congratulate Debbie and Ronnie on this wonderful achievement!

Sewer Expansion Funded

The Town Council has entered into the beginning phases of expanding the Town's sewer system. The project began when the Town Council voted to apply for grants and loans in April. The Council agreed unanimously to have The Wooten Company file an application on the Town's behalf. After three months of waiting on a decision, the Town was approved for a 0% interest loan from the State Water Infrastructure Authority on August 1st. Project costs are expected to be around two million dollars.



Town Manager Shook presented the Council with the award letter on August 6th. The project aims to provide sewer services to nearly 70 homes with most of those in Sutton Place. While the Town is making great progress to expanding our sewer system, the process takes roughly two years before construction begins. The exact design and placement of the lines will come over the next 12-14 months.

Town Park Update

The Cahaj's Mountain Town Council held a special meeting and public hearing on March 5th to discuss the submission of a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant application. The Council were in support. The Town, in our last newsletter, asked all citizens for input in the creation of the park. Here are the most desired options people chose to have considered in the park:

- Picnic Tables
- Swings
- Crawl Tubes
- Playgrounds
- Walking Track
- Seating
- Slides
- BBQ Grilles
- Play Houses
- Climbers



The Town projects costs for the park at \$87,150. If awarded PARTF funds, the Town is responsible for \$43,575 of the total. This will include many of the options listed above, including a quarter-mile walking track that connects the park with Town Hall. The walking track came from many citizens personally requesting a place where they could walk and run in Town limits. The Town will know by September if we are funded through PARTF.

2018-2019 Town Budget

Every year the Town Council approves a budget for the general fund and sewer enterprise fund. The first budget reading takes place in May and second in June. All budgets require the Town to hold a public hearing to receive input from you, our citizens. The Town Council approved the following totals for the two funds in June:

<u>FUNDS:</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SEWER FUND</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 690,275.00</u>	<u>\$ 158,590.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 690,275.00</u>	<u>\$ 158,590.00</u>

The general fund includes expenses for administration, public works, public buildings and grounds, a reimbursement for the County Sales Tax agreement, sewer expansion and park construction. Sewer fund expenses include waste water treatment, pump station servicing, upgrades and repairs. The new budget runs July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2019. The budget is available for inspection on the Town website and inside Town hall during normal operating hours.

New Development

New development is happening in Cahaj’s Mountain! South Fork Medical, a primary physicians office located on Connelly Springs Road in Cahaj’s Mountain, has begun construction for a new medical office facility. The new building will feature a modern medical office facility that houses administration, primary care physicians and the former pediatrics office. More updates on Southfork soon!



Dollar General, a publicly traded corporation with over 15,000 stores in 45 different states, will open their second Cahaj’s Mountain location in the next few weeks, sometime in August or September. The store will offer quicker access to food, medical

supplies, office supplies, school supplies, household items, and clothing to those who travel the north side of Town. Please stop in to visit our newest business!

A Word from Our Sewer System ORC

Ordinary kitchen cooking grease is dangerous in the pipes beneath your home and in our sanitary sewage system. Over time grease build-up clogs pipes, reduces sewage flow, and acts as a magnet for other debris. Eventually this build-up can clog pipes enough to result in a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO). An SSO is the backup of raw sewage into the street, the environment or even into **your home** through your sinks, showers or toilets.

Help us to prolong the life of our sewer system by keeping grease out of the sewer system. When cooking with grease or oil, pour the used liquid into a can or canister for disposal. Once the hot grease has cooled, just toss it in the trash.

Wipe additional grease from pots, pans and plates with a paper towel before placing them in the sink or dishwasher.

By following these simple rules, we can prolong the life of our sewer system, keep sewer costs low, and keep sewage out of our pipes and homes.

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