



Council Chatter

Town of Grottoes, July 2025

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Mayor's Corner

It's summertime! The pool is open and is a great place to cool off on these hot days. Be sure to keep yourselves hydrated, spend some time in the shade and catch a Cardinals Baseball Game too! I hope everyone has had a great summer so far and had a wonderful 4th of July!

There is a lot happening here in Town. We held our 3rd annual "Party in the Park" Festival at John Painter Park! We had a great time with the bands Revival, Lucas Knott and "The Mix!" Our Vendors this year were The Alpine Goat Brewery, Brothers Craft Brewing, Bluestone Vineyard, Ott Street Eats, Six Oaks BBQ, Tops Provisions, LLC, Dirty Dogs Soda Shoppe and Mad Man Printing! Special thanks to all of our Sponsors, Volunteers, Grand Caverns Staff, Town of Grottoes Admin. & Public Works Department and the Grottoes Police Department who helped make this happen!

All proceeds of this event go to Grottoes Parks, Tourism and Recreation!

Our sponsors this year were Steven Toyota, Walker Transportation Services, Ye Olde Coffee House, El Carreton, Shreckhise Landscape and Design, Milstead Construction, LLC, Grottoes Family Dentistry, Pepsi CO, Funkhouser Real Estate Group, Cutting Edge Lawn Care, Ace Hardware and Tops Provisions! Stay tuned for next year's event! If you are interested in being a part and helping with this event, please reach out to me, council or town staff.

We have some new businesses in town! "Newman Groomin'" on 5th Street held their Grand Opening, Saturday June 21st and The Grottoes Car Wash opened for business, Wednesday, June 25th! The car wash has been completely renovated and under new ownership. There's more in store.... Stay tuned and support local!

Be sure and come out to John E. Painter Park, for Friday night Bluegrass! Friday, July 11th at 6PM, will be the official dedication of the stage in Honor of former Chief of Police, William "Bill" Davies who was killed in the line of duty in 1988. The stage's renovation would not have been completed without the help of the Bluegrass Coordinator himself, Roger "Pee Wee" Randall! This will be a very special night for all, and I hope to see you all there!

Lastly, if you are interested in serving our community in a larger capacity do not hesitate to reach out to me or your fellow council with your thoughts and feedback. Remember, sometimes it's not us who makes the call, it's the call that has chosen you.

Your Mayor,

Your Mayor,

Jo Plaster



Town Manager's Memo

I hope everyone's summer is off to a good start – it's certainly been hot, but it's summer in Virginia so it goes with the territory at times.

The Town has wrapped up the very important Sixth Street water line project and will be continuing down Dogwood to Third Street this summer with a new water line that will be fed off the new line on 6th Street. These improvements will add durability and increased water volumes in the Town's system.

Now that the 6th Street line is complete, paving is scheduled soon to get the street cleaned up and looking good. In addition to

6th Street, the following streets are also slated to be paved this summer:

Berkeley Ave. from the south side of A Street to the dead end.

Birch Ave. from the south side of 6th Street to the north side of 3rd Street.

4th Street from the east side of Dogwood Ave. to the west side of Birch Ave.

8th Street from the east side of Birch Ave. to the dead end.

18th Street from east of Dogwood Ave. to the dead end.

All road cuts from the water main breaks that occurred over winter.



There are many events happening around Town this summer that are always posted on the calendar on the Town's website, whether it's bluegrass, baseball, festivals or just hanging out at the pool, there is a lot happening in town.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the summer!

- Kyle D. O'Brien

Library News

Mon-Thurs 10-6pm

Fri 10-2pm

540-434-4475 option 3

Color Our World – Summer Reading 2025 continues through August 3, 2025. Go to mrlib.org and follow the links for *Color Our World*. Read for prizes. Claim your prizes at Grottoes Branch Library. Special thanks to local businesses *Grand Caverns* and *Flowers By Rose* for their donations to this program. Other prizes include coupons from Green Valley Book Fair, McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Rockingham County Fair and MORE! Free Friday Wristbands will get your child Free entry to fun events all summer.

Fun for Tweens and Teens coming this fall. Special fun events for 11-17 year olds. First meeting is **September 16** from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Our first activity is *Tiny Book Making*.

CircleTime – Come and sing with us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am. Flannel board stories and read-aloud books create family fun for all ages. Special summer story times:

7/2 story time with the Harrisonburg Turks

7/9 story time with Grand Caverns Park Ranger, Kelly Parkman

7/30 Colorful World of Seuss story time with Mark and Cheryl Keeler and the Cat in the Hat!

Thursdays Afterschool Fun – 4:00-5:00 pm. All Ages welcome!

Keva Planks – every 1st Thursday

Board Games – every 2nd Thursday

Lego Club – every 3rd Thursday

Dogs2Read2 – every 4th Thursday

Mostly Books – Adult book club meets on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Join this eclectic group and share what you have been reading.



Happy Reading, *Peggy Counts*, Branch Manager

Park Place

Happy Summer from your Parks Department!

As many of you are aware, the community pool at Grand Caverns Park is up and operational 7 days a week. General public hours are 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The pool will continue to operate 7 days a week until August 10th, after which, it'll remain open only on weekends until Labor Day. We have a wonderful team of folks who keep us safe at the pool, be sure to thank them for their service and commitment.

As is true every summer, we keep a close eye on all things green at both parks. Hopefully the rain will continue, but if it halts, we'll become more conservative less we risk "scorching" grass during a hot/dry spell. So far so good, any recently neglected sections of late are quickly getting caught up on. Including the pool staff, your Parks & Tourism Department has onboarded and trained 19 new employees! We're wrapping up the final trainings, so thank you again for everyone's patience these last 2.5



months. Mind you, all this has been in the midst of several special events and the grand reopening of our pool!

Austin Shank

Director of Parks & Tourism

Why You Should Bookmark www.townofgrottoes.com

The Town of Grottoes has a fresh new look online—and it's more than just a pretty face! Our updated website, www.townofgrottoes.com, is designed to keep you connected, informed, and involved in all things Grottoes. If you haven't checked it out lately, here are some great reasons to visit:

Stay in the Know: Our online calendar keeps you informed about public meetings & local events.. If we know, you'll know!

Get Timely Announcements: We regularly post important notices—like water service alerts, road closures, or trash pickup updates—right on the homepage. It's the quickest way to get accurate info straight from Town Hall.

Easy Access to Documents: Looking for a permit application or curious about town plans? You can easily find forms, reports, ordinances, and meeting minutes in one convenient place.

Transparency You Can Trust: We believe in open government. That's why we share agendas, minutes, and policy documents online, so you can stay informed about the decisions shaping our community.

Opportunities to Get Involved: Interested in volunteering, joining a committee, or attending a public hearing? Our site highlights ways you can engage with local government and help shape the future of Grottoes.

Explore More of Grottoes: With updated photos and information about parks, trails, and recreation, our site makes it easy to rediscover all the great things right here in town.

Designed for You: Whether you're on a phone, tablet, or desktop, our website is mobile-friendly and easy to use—so town information is always just a tap or click away.

The new www.townofgrottoes.com is your one-stop source for staying connected to your hometown. From public notices to event details, online payments, and everything in between, it's never been easier to stay in the loop. Take a look today—you might be surprised how helpful it can be!

Grottoes Volunteer Fire Department

Upcoming Events:

July

NO Sunday Lunch

August 17th

Sunday Lunch
Fried Cube Steak w/Pan Gravy

August 23rd

SUMMER BASH RAFFLE
@ Fire Department
See insert for more details!

September 21st

Sunday Lunch



Town of Grottoes

601 Dogwood Avenue
P.O. Box 146
Grottoes, VA 24441

Phone: 540-249-5896

www.TownOfGrottoes.com

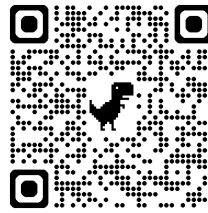


The Rockingham County Recreation Department **Senior Citizens BINGO** for the Grottoes area is held at the Grottoes Town Hall in the community room on the fourth Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Brush Site Open

July 12th
August 2nd
August 6th
September 6th

TEXT ALERTS



Grottoes Community Yard Sale *Saturday, Sept. 6th*



[Visit TownOfGrottoes.com](http://VisitTownOfGrottoes.com)



GVFD
SUMMER BASH

AUGUST 23, 2025
TICKETS NOW
ON SALE

DEDICATION CEREMONY
WILLIAM "BILL" DAVIES
STAGE
Honoring Grottoes Police Chief
William "Bill" Davies, 1975-1988
EOW: July 21, 1988

JULY 11, 2025 - 6PM
Music to follow by Elmore Buzzini
Brought to you by the Town of Grottoes and

Neighborhood Primary Care Clinic

Formerly Known As Mobile Primary Care Clinic

Hosted By:
Grottoes Fire
Department

109 3rd Street
Grottoes VA, 24441



Second Tuesday of Each Month
10:00am - 2:00pm
Registration closes at 1:00pm

NEVER MISS AN EVENT IN GROTTOES

You can subscribe to the Town Calendar and add it to your Outlook, Google, etc.

Visit www.townofgrottoes.com/calendar and click SUBSCRIBE

Grottoes Town Officials

Town Council

Jo Plaster, Mayor
David Raynes
Michael Kohl
Jim Justis
Joshua Bailey
Eddie Chittum
Maite Taylor

Planning Commission

Dylan Nicely
Michael Kohl
Darrel Baker
René Ehlenfeldt
Brooke Haas
Brandon Monnett
Richard Muttai

Board Of Zoning Appeals

Dylan Nicely
David Gorjup
Christa Hall
Vacant
Mark Keeler

Town Council meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. A work session will begin at 6:00 p.m., if needed.

Planning Commission Meets the last Tuesday of the odd months at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

BZA meets the third Tuesday of the month, when needed, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

GROTTOES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S



19th Annual Summer Bash Raffle August 23, 2025

List of Prizes and Times:

3:00 \$1000.00
3:10 Mossberg Camo .410 Turkey Gun
3:20 \$1000.00
3:30 Winchester SXP Camo 12Ga.
3:40 \$1000.00
3:50 CZ 457 Jaguar .22LR
4:00 \$1000.00
4:10 CVA Cascade 7MM Mag Veil Camo
4:20 \$1000.00
4:30 Traditions Nitro-Fire 50 Cal ML (Cerakote Camo)
4:40 \$1000.00
4:50 Ruger American Gen II 6MM ARC
5:00 \$1000.00
5:10 Winchester XPR 68 Western (Wood)
5:20 \$1000.00
5:30 Henry .22LR (Fathers Day Edition)

5:40 \$1000.00
5:50 ATI 12Ga. Over/Under
6:00 \$1000.00
6:10 CZ 457 .17 HMR
6:20 \$1000.00
6:30 Winchester XPR .300 WSM Camo
6:40 \$1000.00
6:50 Browning AB3 (Wood) 7MM-08
7:00 \$1000.00
7:10 Ruger American Gen II .22 ARC
7:20 Mossberg .30/06 Patriot Wood Combo w/Vortex Scope
7:30 \$2500.00
7:40 Henry HO24 Brass .45/70
7:50 Wicked Ridge Raider 400 Crossbow Package
8:00 \$25,000.00

**Door
Prizes**

**Meal
Included for
Ticket
Holders**

**50/50 Raffle &
Gun Table
Bingo & Pull Tabs
Starting at 2 pm**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

*Grottoes Fire Dept. * 109 3rd St. * Grottoes * 540-249-5911
*Dominion Outdoor * 15 Angela Ct. * Fishersville * 540-337-9218
*AI's Power Equipment * 605 Aspen Ave. * Grottoes * 540-249-3658
Steve's Archery * 261 Massanutten Ave. * Shenandoah * 540-652-6393
ATRS * 3028 Indian Trail Rd. * Keezletown * 540-269-8141
Randy's Hardware * 120 N. Main St. * Bridgewater * 540-828-3801
Floral Expressions w/Jolene * 315 W. Spotswood Trl * Elkton, VA * 540-298-1771
New Hope Grocery * 67 Battlefield Rd. * Fort Defiance * 540-363-5321
340 Quick Stop * 14014 S E. Side Hwy* Port Republic* 540-249-0028
Stokesville Market & Supply * 90 N River Rd * Mt Solon* 540-350-2177

More Information visit:

Cost: \$50.00 per Ticket
Complete list of rules can be found
on back of ticket or on Website
listed below

www.grottoesfire.com

To Purchase Tickets by Mail: Please return this portion with your Check for \$50 per ticket (made out to GVFD) to:
Grottoes Vol. Fire Dept., Summer Bash Raffle, PO Box 67, Grottoes, VA 24441
Must be postmarked by August 9, 2025

Number of Raffle Tickets Purchasing _____ x \$50 each = \$_____ Total Due

Please: " Mail Tickets Back to me at address below " I will pick up tickets at FD (call Tim @ 540-830-2894 to arrange pickup)

Print Name of Person Requesting Raffle Tickets by Mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # (include area code) _____ Email: _____

Signature of Person Requesting Raffle Ticket(s): _____

Date: _____