



# The Frontier

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## THE THIN BLUE LINE

Have you ever worked night and day and didn't feel appreciated? I bet you have! The Gate City Police Department has been trying to show their appreciation by implementing the Officer of the Month Awards; Sgt. Justin Miller and Ofc. Dustin Folk. was a medical call inside the town along with the Scott County Life Saving Crew. During the January Council Meeting, Sgt. Miller was awarded top honors of Officer of the Year for 2015. There is a plaque hung inside Town Hall for public viewing and we welcome anyone to come by and take a look. After all, who is one item that will remain at the top of the list; Saving Lives. This program has been offered out, by receiving 2 Life Saving Awards. Sgt. Justin Miller has then?

However, one of these officers doesn't like to be appreciated and be recognized for a job well done at work every now and then?

- Chief Scott Fink



### TOWN HALL INFORMATION

- Hours- Monday through Friday 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM
- 156 E Jackson St.
- (276) 386-3831
- Visit [MyGateCity.com](http://MyGateCity.com) for bill payment or current events.

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On behalf of our Mayor, Town Council, and staff I wish to extend to you a very happy New Year! We have been very busy! I am happy to report to you that three new business have opened in Gate City: S &S Auto, CrossFit Ionracas, and Berrie Vintage. We hope that you will support locally owned businesses as it is essential to our local economy. We have completed our Water System Hydraulic & Energy Efficiency Enhancements project in December 2015. This included a new bulk chemical storage tank, HVAC upgrades, new windows, filter improvements, sedimentation basin repairs, installing a sludge re-

moval system in the sedimentation basin, installing a chemical handling system, a series of filter, building, and a laboratory improvements, high service pump, and relocation of fluoride treatment equipment. All of these upgrades are designed to improve the operating efficiency of the Water Treatment Plant. The Gate City Water Treatment Plant is rated as the number one treatment plant in Virginia by the Virginia Department of Health. We have won the Gold standard award every year since 2009. Our recent water distribution audit discovered

17 leaks which all have been repaired. By repairing the leaks we have captured over 2 million gallons a month. In addition to the work done at the Water Treatment Plant and distribution system the Town Hall has a new roof and heat pumps. We have also paved Michael Road. We are starting our budget process for next year. If you have an issue with roads or any other concerns you would like your town to address please contact me at the Town Hall. We are here to serve you! Greg Jones – Town Manager

## A WORD FROM YOUR MAYOR

We saw many good things come to pass in Gate City in 2015. Our memory bank now holds all that as history. We look forward with anticipation into 2016 and all that is waiting for us to accomplish this year. When I began my journey as your Mayor, I stated that we could become drawn into the "gloom and doom" attitude that seemed to be the norm. I said then, and still say, that we must prepare for the future believing that

our economy is becoming more favorable and we need to prepare in faith. We cannot sit by and let opportunities pass us by. Many of you have stepped up to become actively involved in the happenings of "YOUR TOWN," and that's just what it is. It is YOUR TOWN! As Mayor and Council, we are servants here to serve you, the citizens. However, it takes the joint effort of all to make "OUR TOWN" the

place that we want it to be.

Would you ask yourself, "Am I in cooperation with or opposition to what is taking place in my town?" "Do I support unity or division?" Join us in 2016 and help us see that 2016 can be the best year "OUR TOWN" has ever experienced.

Stay Warm this Winter,

Frances Perry, Mayor



**FRANCES PERRY**

## C E L E B R A T I N G N E W B U S I N E S S W I T H S & S A U T O



At S & S Auto, we recently celebrated our grand opening on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2016. S & S Auto is a family owned business, operated by Dave Strong and Mike Stanley. Providing all your auto mechanic needs including general maintenance, tune-ups, brakes, oil changes, from top to bottom we repair everything. S & S Auto is located at 352 W Jackson in downtown Gate City, just a short drive from everywhere. So come on down and see us, we are open Monday through Friday 8 AM until 5 PM and Saturdays by appointment. Our family would love to take care of your family's automotive needs and we look forward to serving our community.

## F R O M T H E D E S K O F T H E C H I E F

No one likes to get pulled over especially when we are in a hurry for an appointment or work. In the day and time we are living it seems like everyone is on the edge and already expecting the worst. Some things to consider when being stopped by the police. Upon getting stopped turn your signal on gradually

pulling off on the side of the road way. Stay seated without making any sudden movements. Upon the officer approaching the side of your car, it would be courteous to have your hands on the steering wheel. If it is dark outside it would be advisable that the interior light be on and have your hands on the steering wheel.

Some people like to have the license and registration readily available for the officer when he gets up to our car. When a person is moving around inside the car looking for registration and other items it raises some concern for the officer that is approaching your car, not knowing what is going to happen next.

Another good approach is to let the officer know if you have a gun and a gun permit. When the officer asks for your license and registration then it would be better to look for those items so he can watch the movements. In doing this small courteous act it will allow you and the officer to have a better interaction and lower the anxiety of the traffic stop.

## GATE CITY FRONTIER, INC. BY: MARK FREEMAN

Gate City now has a new tool to help move the Town into the future. Gate City Frontier is a newly organized 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation established to support the revitalization of Downtown Gate City. Gate City Frontier was established from a group of local business and community leaders as an independent organization with several immediate goals. First and foremost is to work on several initiatives that will reshape and improve the Town's ability to increase population, community development, involvement, and economic opportunities within the community and the Downtown.

We will do this with the Main Street Program that has been a part of the Economic Development picture for some time. Initially as an Affiliate Member access to limited resources was provided but with a

successful application, our hopes are high this will be the year, we will have access to many important and necessary resources to facilitate Gate City's move forward. Grants, Services and Affiliations are among the most sought after outcomes of being a National Main Street Program. We are leveraging our position as the "Gate City" with an integral market, of which we are a part and to whom we should be promoting Gate City assets, of over a half a million people. Improving pedestrian movement around Town and making aesthetic improvements to the streets are also high on the list of projects. A lot of work has been done and more is needed to bring dreams to fruition. Attracting development is an initiative that is one of our primary objectives and is on the brink of major successes. Gate City is coming back like never before.

Attracting people to Town through Festivals

and Events like the Kickin' Back Concert Series is putting Gate City on the Map again as a destination. Gate City Frontier will be hosting all these initiatives through a partnership with the Town of Gate City and Local Business and Citizen Groups. Gate City Frontier sees Gate City being a destination for food, entertainment, hospitality and shopping as well as a great place to Work, Live and Play. We will be a major point of access and information to those traveling to the regions many activities and venues. Our Board of Director's and the Town of Gate City invite everyone to volunteer and be part of our pool of expertise and resources that can grow the plan we are now working on. There will be exciting announcements and surprises coming soon.



LOOKING FOR A NEW  
PLACE TO SHOP?  
TRY BERRIE VINTAGE



Berrie Vintage has recently opened its doors and would like to invite you to come shop and look for that unique and special gift for everyone on your list along with something special for yourself! Featuring vintage home décor, jewelry, handmade one of a kind treasures, antiques, and a new ladies fashion line that will start in January. Located at 173 West Jackson St. Suite 102 in downtown Gate City, VA.



Our hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 am–5 pm. We will be closed Sunday, Monday and all holidays.

"We will be hosting an official Open House on Saturday February 6th from 10 am to 5 pm. The first 50 customers will receive a handmade vintage valentine heart. Also come in to register for a fabulous door prize and refreshments will be served," said owner Heather Trapp.



Exp  
3/31/2016

10% OFF  
ANY SERVICE  
Military Discounts  
Available

Coupon  
must be  
present!

*Berrie Vintage*

10 % OFF

Coupon must be present!

Exp  
3/31/16

**Crossfit Ionracas**  
**2 for 1**  
**FUNDamentals**  
**Class**



Coupon must be present!  
Exp: 3/31/2016

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20% OFF

Lotion or Moisturizer

Full Size Only



\$1.00 OFF ANY PLATTER

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be present!



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CLOTHING  
ITEMS  
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Coupon must be present!  
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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

Feb 2—Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm  
Feb 3—Park Committee Meeting 4:30 pm  
Feb 9- Council Meeting 6:30 pm  
Feb 10- Sanitation Meeting 6 pm  
Feb 15- Town Hall will be CLOSED  
Mar 1—Planning Commission Meeting 6 pm  
Mar 2—Park Committee Meeting 4:30 pm  
Mar 8 – Council Meeting 6:30 pm  
Mar 9 – Sanitation Meeting 6 pm



## HOW DOES THE GATE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION SERVE YOU?

*By: Jo Ann Castle*

The Gate City Planning Commission exists to preserve and improve the integrity of your community. It does not have a budget nor the authority to make final decisions but is rather a research arm of the Gate City Town Council. Service on the Planning Commission is voluntary and is open to any resident of Gate City with meetings held monthly. The meetings are open to the public and all meeting records are open and available for anyone to read. When a resident or Council member sees a need for change or improvement in the use or appearance of structures or vacant land, including new construction, within the town, an application must be made for a Zoning Permit. The Gate City Town Manager reviews the application and if it does not strictly comply with the Town Zoning Ordinance, it is referred to the Planning Commission to investigate the request and determine first, how the change differs from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and second, if the change will enhance or diminish

the value of the area surrounding it. Primarily, the goal will always be to adhere to the requirements of the Planning Zone. But in some cases, the change will not adversely affect adjoining properties. For instance, if there is a request to operate a business in a residential zone, and if that business is of a type that will not change the appearance or use of other properties in the area, then the Commission will forward a recommendation, along with the reasons for their decision, to Town Council that the permit be granted as a Special Exception and Use. The Council will then hold a Public Hearing to give adjoining property owners the opportunity to speak either for or against the granting of the Special Exception and Use permit. If granted, that permit applies only for the specific use shown and to the individual requester. When that use is no longer needed or the individual no longer wants it, the permit is void and cannot be passed to another user, thus protecting the neighboring properties from a use they did

not approve. Each resident is most familiar with the area surrounding his own home or business. No one wants his neighborhood to change in such a way that could affect his use of his land or to negatively impact property values. To that end, having a planning commission to insure that the rules of each residential, business or industrial zone are followed is what keeps our community moving forward and growing in a predictable manner. We urge every resident and property owner to familiarize themselves with the planning zones in which your property lies. If you have not done so, you can visit the Gate City Town Hall and ask to read the ordinance as it applies to your area. And if your neighborhood is not represented on the Planning Commission, please consider becoming a member of the Gate City Planning Commission.

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