**TOWN OF PINETOPS NEWS**

**APRIL 2022**

**The Pinetops Board of Commissioners** is pleased to announce that we have a new Town Administrator, Mr. Fred Ventresco. He has over 15 years administrative experience in managing local and state governments. He has a Master of Public Administration degree and a B. A. Public Management and Business Administration degree.

There will be a floating Meet and Greet for Mr. Ventresco, Sunday, May 1st, from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Pinetops Town Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Come by and help us in welcoming him to our town and community.

**PINETOPS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD** – The Pinetops Board of Commissioners has established the Pinetops Community Development Advisory Board. If you are interested in being a member of this board, applications are available at the Town Hall and on the Town’s website. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Town Administration Office no later than June 15, 2022.

**ELECTRIC RATES** - Pinetops residents currently pay two levels of charges for electricity KWh(14 cents per KWh for 0-750 KWh and 13 cents per KWh over 750 KWH.) The Board of Commissioners approved to implement a residential flat rate for electric KWH charges with an effective date of July 2023 (FY 2023-2024). The actual rate charge is to be determined.

**SPECIAL EVENTS REGULATIONS** - The Town Board has adopted an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pinetops to Provide Regulations for Special Events that are being held on Town property. This includes **PUBLIC** or **PRIVATE** gatherings on any **PUBLIC** property. If you are planning to hold a Special Event that will involve any Town Property, you need to go to the Town Hall and get a copy of the rules and regulations and complete an application for the event and to obtain a permit if event is approved.

**SPRINGTIME** – Spring is a beautiful time of the year. It’s a time of year when we all think about Spring cleaning, both indoors and especially outdoors. Listed here are a few tips for disposing of unwanted items and yard waste.

All yard waste (including grass clippings) should be placed out by the street, not in the street. If there is curbing at your residence, materials should be placed behind the curb. All limbs must be no longer than 4 feet, no wider than 6 inches to be picked up and no stumps will be removed as yard waste. Separate leaves, grass, limbs, bushes and other yard waste from any other items you are discarding. If you have wood or boards, remove any nails if any before throwing it away. If you have contracted with someone to do work for you, the contractor is responsible for hauling away anything they cut, demolish, or dig up.

**GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CARTS** – Carts are to be placed out by the street. There must be at least 3 feet between carts. They should also not be placed near any other obstruction that will prevent the truck from emptying the cart. Make sure the cart is not placed under a power line or low limbs that could be struck by the lift. Garbage should not be placed above the opening of the cart.

The Town Board meets the 1st Tuesday night each month at 6:00 PM at the town hall.

UPCOMING EVENT – Pinetops Tractor Pull – May 20th & May 21st.

TOWN HALL – 827-4435

POLICE DEPARTMENT – 827-5014