

# Town of North Hills Town Crier Fall 2020



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## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS TOWN OF NORTH HILLS

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE	September 12th
TROUT STOCKING	October 19th
TROUT FISHING DERBY	October 24 <sup>th</sup> (Date Change)
URBAN DEER HUNT	Oct. 12-16, 19-23 & Jan 11-25
LEAF PICK-UP	Starts Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Dec. 3rd
ADOPT A HIGHWAY	November 7th

Upcoming events: Please see the outline above for upcoming events and dates.

## PROJECT/COMMITTEE'S

Welcome Committee	Available	
Outdoor Activities	Don Stemple, Dale Baumgartner	
Fourth of July / Holiday Celebrations'	Regina Smith	
Fishing in the Hills	Don Stemple, Dale Baumgartner	
Neighborhood Watch	Open	
Grant Coordination	Open Cheney English	
Leaf Recovery	Dale Baumgartner	
Playground development	Chris Nahley, Cheney English, Fred Newberry	
Pond recovery	Don Stemple, Dale Baumgartner, Fred Newberry	
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We are always in need of volunteers. It is what keeps our Tax Rate the lowest in the County!!! Remember you don' have to be a Council Member to be involved.

**When you volunteer, you receive more than you give!**

# **FISHING IN THE HILLS @ NORTH HILLS POND: October 24th.**

**STARTING AT 12 NOON**

**FREE HOT DOGS, BRATS, CHIPS, COOKIES, AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED  
AROUND 1 PM**

**PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN - PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILDEN FOR  
PRIZE DRAWINGS**

This event is a great way to enjoy a fall day outdoors with your family and neighbors. It's not about competition for who catches the biggest or most fish. But about fishing for the fun of it and teaching our children about the pleasures of fishing and enjoying life as it should be.

## TROUT STOCKING

Kids and parents will be allowed to help stock the pond with trout on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm. This is really fun to watch!! Event organizers will be available to answer any questions regarding preparations for the October 24<sup>th</sup> event.

Following the stocking, the lake will be closed to fishing until the time of the event (at 12 noon October 24<sup>th</sup> or rescheduled date). This will be enforced by council and local law enforcement.

## WEATHER AND CONTINGENCY

Weather is the unknown factor. A nice sunny day and we will have a great time. If the forecast is for light rain and/or chilly weather, the event will proceed (remember the big tent for refuge!!). If the forecast is for moderate rain and high winds, we will delay the event one day until Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Worse case weather, we would delay one week. Any schedule changes will be posted at the lake and announced via social media.

Call Don Stemple at 740-525-4251 or Bill Summers at 304-488-6068 with fishing or other questions about the event, or with offers for volunteer work and/or donations for the event.

## RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. This event is for north hills residents only and their non-resident immediate family (their children of any age, grandchildren, grandparents, and significant others). Any other related or non-related adult that is needed to assist a resident or family member in any capacity is certainly welcome as well.
2. No fishing license is required.
3. From 12 noon to 2:00pm Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>: fishing will begin only for those children

who are 14 years old or younger or children of any age who have a handicap or special need. After 2:00 pm on October 24<sup>th</sup>, the lake will be open to all others who have been invited to this event.

4. Children 7 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult who can assist them. Parents are responsible for the conduct and safety of their non-adult children of any age.

5. Each participant is allowed to catch and or keep 4 trout. Participants must quit fishing after having caught 4 trout, regardless of whether the trout are kept or returned to the lake. You are encouraged to keep the trout and take home for dinner.

6. If you are fortunate to have picked a “hot fishing spot”, after your child/children have caught their limit please relinquish “your spot” to others and consider showing others how to catch fish. We would like all children to catch at least one trout!!

7. Participants are expected to supply their own rod and reel, stringer, and bait. Instruction and assistance will be available from “fish coaches” for those who request or need assistance. A few extra rods will be available for those who are new to fishing and don’t have equipment or have equipment failure.

12. From noon until 2, adults are permitted to bait and cast for the younger children, but we want to see the children reel in and fight the fish. We also found that the kids enjoy netting the fish, so consider asking a nearby child to help do this.

14. This is an alcohol free and smoke free event. Alcoholic beverages at the lake or parking lot will not be tolerated!

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## Highway Clean-up

Please join your fellow residents in helping to keep the main entrances to our Town looking the best it can be. The Town of North Hills has adopted this section of highway and conducts clean-up days 3-4 times a year. If you want to help keep our surroundings looking tip-top please come to the pond parking lot on one of clean-up days on Saturday mornings. **Next Clean-up: November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a!!!**

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## **Town of North Hills Leaf and Brush Collection**

With the shortening of daylight hours, the leaves will start to fall and accumulate. In order to help those residents that do not have wooded lots next to them we will again be collecting bags of leaves. We will continue our collaboration with Quality Sanitation for our leaf and brush collection. The program will begin with trash collection on November 5, 2020 and run through December 3, 2020. Pick up days will coincide with Quality Sanitation's trash collection day on Thursdays. Please adhere to the guidelines below:

### **Town of North Hills Leaf and Brush Collection Rules:**

- Quality Sanitation charges the Town for each bag collected; so please only use if you do not otherwise have a good method of leaf disposal
- Sacks and bundles should be placed at the curb by 7AM on Thursdays during this period
- No more than 20 sacks and bundles total per household for this time period
- Sacks and bundles must not weigh more than 35 pounds each
- No grass clippings or trash in bags.
- All branches must be bundled. (12in max diameter and 4ft long max)
- If bags rip open they will be left behind
- Quality Sanitation Driver's discretion will apply to all guidelines listed above
- The program will start on November 5, 2020 and end on December 3, 2020
- The purpose of this program is to prevent leaf accumulation in the streets of the town, which lead to flooding in some areas and higher costs of storm water drainage system maintenance and repair.

We thank you for your cooperation with this program and its guidelines.

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## **North Hills Swim and Racquet Club Acquisition**



While the privately owned Swim and Racquet Club had a decent year in spite of this year's unique challenges related to the global pandemic; they have decided to close at the end of this season.

The Town has been presented the opportunity to assume ownership of the Pool. Council has been collecting information and input from residents and the Pool Board.

If you would like to give input and/or suggestions (for or against) the Town acquiring the Pool; please attend the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> which will be held at Kia Warner showroom at 7pm to accommodate larger attendance.

# TOWN OF NORTH HILLS URBAN DEER HUNT AND DEER REDUCTION PROGRAM:

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR FALL 2020-WINTER 2021:

1. Permits will be limited to 25 max. Permitting session will be held on September 25th, Friday, from 6:00pm until 7:00pm at the North Hills Pavilion.
2. Town residents can include “reference hunters” for permits.
  - a. Several residents have asked if their relatives/friends could participate; a short written note of reference signed by the resident is required to obtain the permit.
3. The harvest limit is five deer per person. An antlerless deer must be taken first per state law.
4. We have had several residents (who are not hunters) volunteer their properties to assist in the deer reduction effort; some of these properties were not hunted due to lack of hunters and access/parking to the property. To make this process easier for all, If you would like your property hunted by a permitted hunter, email your request to [mayor@northhillswv.com](mailto:mayor@northhillswv.com) so that the safety aspects and assignments can be evaluated.  
An approved list will be made available.
  - a. If the property is approved for inclusion in the urban hunt, it will then be the responsibility of the permit holder to contact the resident and arrange for a place to park and placement of any stands or attractants.

## URBAN DEER HUNT GENERAL RULES

**A SPECIAL WRITTEN PERMIT IS REQUIRED!**  
**ANYONE WITHOUT A PERMIT WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF WV LAW!**

PERMITTING SESSION WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2020, AT 6:00PM UNTIL 7:00PM  
AT THE NORTH HILLS POND.

HUNT DATES ARE OCTOBER 2020; 12, 13, 14, 15, & 16 and 23, 24, 25, 26, & 27  
AND

JANUARY 2021; 11-25  
INCLUSIVE

DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF DEER HARVESTED, ADDITIONAL DATES WILL BE  
CONSIDERED

DESIGNATED HUNT TIMES: DAYLIGHT TO 10:00 AM AND 3:00 PM TO DARK ON TOWN  
PROPERTY AND ALL APPROVED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

BOW or CROSSBOW HUNTING ONLY

SIGNS WILL BE POSTED ACROSS TOWN THAT THE URBAN DEER HUNT IS IN PROGRESS;  
WALKING TRAILS, INCLUDING THE POND WILL BE CLOSED.

## 1. KEY INFORMATION

- You must be at least 18 years old to be considered for a permit.
- The North Hills urban deer hunt is restricted to bow hunting only; crossbows may also be utilized.
- The urban deer hunt and reduction privileges are restricted to the residents of North Hills, extended family members, non-residents of the town who have the reference of a town resident, members of the Waverly volunteer fire department, and employees of the Union Williams public service district.
- A land is considered “posted” in the eyes of the department of natural resources if that land is 5 acres or less and has a residence on the property.
- Critical item: if you need to trail and/or recover a deer on another resident’s property then permissions are required from that resident. Trailing or recovering a deer on town or pool property does not require additional permission.

## **FIREARMS ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE!**

## 2. THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES WILL BE OPEN FOR THE URBAN HUNT BY SPECIAL PERMIT:

- Town property located between the pond parking lot and Trail gate. Two marked areas.
- Town property located between Trail gate and lift station. Three marked stand areas.
- Town property from the sanitary lift station to the Mc Donough boundary. Four marked areas.
- Brentwood entrance (about 4 acres located under and adjacent to the power lines). One marked area.
- Town pond property as marked.
- Approved lots of private residences.

PERMISSION OF THE HOMEOWNER IS REQUIRED TO TRESSPASS ON ANY RESIDENT’S PRIVATE PROPERTY.

## 3. RULES AND GUIDELINES

- All persons desiring to participate in the North Hills urban hunt are required to attend a special safety and permitting session to be held at the North Hills Pavilion (September 25, 2020, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm).
- A hunting status board will be located at the locked Trail gate of (adjacent to the pool parking lot). All hunters must record and make note of the stand they are hunting prior to entering the field; town residents or the guests of town residents hunting on their own property do not need to register on the board but are required to register and document their kill on the hunting status board.
- Any town resident wishing to participate in the urban hunt on their own property must secure written approval based on that resident having a (1) safe archery shooting area and (2) the resident assumes all liability for actions, permissions, and deer recovery.
- An antlerless deer must first be harvested before taking an antlered buck (state law). The urban hunt deer bag limit is five deer; bonus item, deer taken during an urban hunt does not count toward the regular WEST VIRGINIA SEASON BAG LIMIT.

## **SAFETY AWARENESS**

IF YOU ARE TRACKING A WOUNDED DEER, YOU MUST WEAR A “HUNTER ORANGE VEST”, AS OTHERS MAY BE IN THE FIELD. IF YOU EXIT THE PROPERTY AT DARK, YOU MUST USE A FLASHLIGHT TO SIGNAL YOUR APPROACH TO OTHERS WHO MAY ALSO STILL BE IN THE FIELD.

- Field dressing contents must be bagged and removed from the town and disposed of properly. Failure to comply will result in the immediate loss of permit.
- All state regulations and hunter certification requirements must be adhered to. Please bring and be prepared to present your West Virginia hunting license and hunter certification card.  
Feeders and attractants such as corn are permissible and encouraged. Do not place attractants on maintained town walking and biking trails.
- Participants must hunt in the assigned marked areas; absolutely no roving, other than to track a wounded deer, is allowed.
- Tree stands or ground stands/blinds are allowed, but must be supplied and installed by the participant. Reasonable trimming of branches and brush is allowable on town properties. Stands and ground blinds may be left in the field but are not to be placed on walking trails.
- Participants will be allowed to access the property behind the locked Trail gate (truck or atv) to install stands and to retrieve or transport deer.  
Please respect other hunters and use good judgement if others are still in the field.
- All deer must be checked in via the new WV DNR online checking system.

### Liabilities

Permit holders are accountable for and are liable for their actions while participating in the North Hills urban hunt. The Town of North Hills and the North Hills Swim and Racquet Club are permitting certain limited hunting activities on properties owned by the same and will not assume or accept any liability for injury or damages.

Permitted North Hills residents (or their approved designees) hunting on their own property are likewise accountable for and are liable for any injuries or damages occurring during this special urban hunt.

Residents of The Town of North Hills who allow access to their property for the privilege of hunting on said property will in no way be held liable by the permit holder for injuries or damages incurred during the north hills urban deer hunt.

### Meat processing and/or donations to hunters helping the hungry

Safari meat processing (304 679 3340), located on route 31 will be taking early season deer.

- \* processing costs are \$65 per deer (last year price)
- \* if you donate your deer to the “hunters helping the hungry” food bank, there is no processing charge (monetary donations are always appreciated).

Stay safe, shoot straight, and always tell the truth!!!

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