

# BLAZING TRAILS

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OCTOBER 2018 ISSUE fb (2): "Smoke Rise Residents and HOA" & "Smoke Rise Neighborhood Watch"  
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**GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, October 18, 7:00 PM**  
**Smoke Rise United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall**  
**corner of Scenic Trail and Grandview Trail**  
**Everyone is welcome!**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND**  
**OPEN TO ALL SMOKE RISE RESIDENTS**

## HAYDEN'S FIRST POLICE DEPARTMENT

**James Chapman**, Hayden's newly sworn-in Police Chief, will be the guest of Smoke Rise Homeowner's Association on Thursday, October 18. He will be sharing with us his plans for the establishment of a police department for the Town of Hayden and explaining how the coverage area will be determined. There will be an opportunity for comments and questions.

### HOA Meeting Location

**ALL meetings and special events of the Smoke Rise HOA will now take place in the Fellowship Hall of the Smoke Rise United Methodist Church. The Fellowship Hall can be reached by the southern driveway located on Scenic Trail.**

### Town of Hayden Makes History



At the October 9th Hayden Town Council Meeting, newly hired Police Chief, James Chapman took the oath of office with his hand on the Bible held by his wife, Shirley, administered by Mayor Larry Armstrong.

Chapman, former Oneonta Police chief for the last 19 years, with a 30-year career in law enforcement beginning in 1979, was one of three candidates interviewed for the position which has been under discussion by the Town Council for over two years.

On the job since October 1st, Chapman and Armstrong have acquired two fully equipped vehicles, which just need to have the necessary changes to identify them as belonging to Hayden Police Department. Chapman has also started laying out plans for the running of the department, and the remodeling of the current meeting room into offices which was discussed at the same meeting. In addition, identification certificates from

the state, a set of operating procedures for future officers, deciding on uniforms, setting an agreement between the Town and Sheriff's Department, and needed equipment are just a few of the items on the to-do list. It was emphasized that starting a department from nothing will take time to get it to where it needs to be.

The first street patrol is expected to begin the first of January 2019. Officers, who are already certified by the Alabama Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (APOST) and working for other agencies, will be hired on a part-time basis. Two shifts are expected, but will not start out as full 24-hour coverage, and hours have not yet been established.

### Coverage Area



According to state law, towns with a population of less than 6,000 residents, police jurisdiction extends one and a half miles from the contiguous boundaries of the town. Hayden has an unusual town limits. In 2010 an annexation was passed through the Legislature to bring in properties that were not contiguous to the original town limits. Because of this annexation, the city limits of Hayden look like a spotted dog with property as far away as Empire, Nectar and Jefferson county line.

The map above shows the contiguous town in green, the police jurisdiction in pink and the 2010 annexed property in blue. The green and blue areas will be fully covered. The white areas will stay under the jurisdiction of the Blount County Sheriff.



**Do you smell the Dog Food Plant?**

The Smoke Rise Homeowner's Assn. has continued to receive many complaints about the obnoxious smell generated by the American Proteins Plant (the "Dog Food Plant") in Hanceville. The severity of the smell varies widely with location, timing and the weather, but some residents complain that the smell is so severe they cannot enjoy staying outside and that the smell is diminishing their property value.

The HOA is providing a central registry for the collection of complaints and reports of odors from American Proteins plant. Please register your complaint, and your report of odors from the plant, on our database. The link is given below. The purpose of this central registry is to provide a source of information for use as we pursue a remedy with others.

<http://thesmell.info>

You may also file a complaint directly with ADEM if you wish on this link:

<http://app.adem.alabama.gov/complaints/submission.aspx>

You may file reports anonymously on either site if you prefer.

The American Proteins plant has asked for odor reports to be phoned into them at 256-352-9821 ext. 2117. That number is answered 24/7.

The odors have commonly been described as dog food, sour dog food, spoiled meat or animal gut. The smell is intermittent, sometimes lingering for many hours or days, sometimes dissipating within 30 minutes, depending on wind conditions.

Do not report odors that are not similar to what is described or that can otherwise be identified.

The HOA is not trying to stop the operation of the plant, close it down or cause any workers to lose their jobs. This process is to help the plant managers correct any problems or conditions that are not allowing for the proper control of the emissions from the plant. They have a right to pursue their business to make a profit. The residents of our community have a right to be able to enjoy being in their own backyards. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping to correct this situation.

**GENERAL ELECTION DATES**

**October 22** – last day to register to vote in General Election

**November 1** – last day to apply for an absentee ballot

**November 5** – last day to postmark absentee ballot or hand deliver to office of Cindy Massey, Circuit Clerk, in Oneonta, 220 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E., second floor, 205-625-4153.

**SRHOA 3RD ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT**



Under the leadership of Community Events chair, Christy Harris, this year's Trick or Treat will include destinations throughout Smoke Rise, including Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at Smoke Rise Baptist Church. A map will be finalized the week before Halloween and posted on the HOA facebook page. There is still time to get your house listed if you will be giving out candy on Wednesday, October 31st, between 6:00 and 9:00 PM, you have until October 26th when the final map will be posted. You can go to the HOA facebook page to add your name and address

**HOA Offers Muzzle-Loading Class**



Smoke Rise HOA will be sponsoring a Muzzle-Loading Class on Saturday, October 27, at Rock Creek Church of Christ located at Hwy 31 and Mill Creek Road, for a cost of \$20 per person.

In-class instruction will be in the Fellowship Hall of the church starting at 8:30 AM, concluding at noon for lunch. There will be no firearms during this session.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 PM at a place designated before lunch break, and will conclude about 3:00 PM.

Because of the nature of the content and individual instruction, participation in the class is limited to 9 participants. Go to the HOA facebook page to reserve your spot or send Christy Harris a private message indicating your intention to attend.

The Class is being taught by Robert W. Rice, Smoke Rise Resident and HOA board member. He is a long-time, certified instructor and is very familiar with these historic firearms

If it does rain, class time will still be held, and arrangements will be made on an individual basis, if needed, to finish the second part of the class at a later mutually convenient time.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

**Amendment 1** – Display of Ten Commandments on state property

**Amendment 2** – Alabama Constitution recognizes and supports sanctity of unborn life and does not protect abortion

**Amendment 3** – University of Alabama Board of Trustees Membership

**Amendment 4** – Changes legislatively vacancy procedure to allow seats to remain vacant if the remaining term is no more than a certain length

**4TH ANNUAL HAYDEN CHRISTMAS PARADE**



The Hayden Christmas Parade sponsored by West Blount Fire Department, West Blount Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Hayden, will be December 4th at 7:00 PM. Applications will be available at Tradition's Bank, West Blount Fire Station 1, and Hayden Town Hall.

The parade route will remain the same as in previous years. Lighted Christmas decorations will line the parade route this year, provided by the Town. Churches, sports teams, local civic groups and individuals are encouraged to participate.

**NEW MEETING LOCATION**

Beginning November 8, all future Fire Board meetings will be at Fire Department Station 1. All meetings are open to the public and begin at 7 PM.

**WEST BLOUNT CHAMBER NEWS**



Dolores Fort, Secretary, Carroll Sparks, Treasurer, with Leonard Sparks & Larry Armstrong, Hayden Mayor & Chamber Board Member

**RADIOTHON DONATION**

West Blount Chamber of Commerce donated \$3000 to be designated for each of the Hayden four schools at the recent Blount County Educational Foundation Radiothon. This year's event exceeded all expectations with a total of over \$500,000. This money is used for grants given to teachers in all schools in Blount County to use for special projects for their classrooms.

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Nominations for Citizen of the Year for 2018 are now being accepted. Another category has been added this year, Business of the Year. Those Chamber members wishing to make a nomination please send a brief biography and reason for your nominee to be selected, to West Blount Chamber, P.O. Box 607, Hayden, AL 35079, to arrive by November 1st, or it can be taken to Traditions Bank. Applications can be found on the Chamber's facebook page. Everyone is invited to be a part of this celebration.

**CHAMBER COMMUNITY DINNER**

The fifth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by West Blount Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Hayden Community Center. Ham, turkey, dressing and gravy will be supplied by the Chamber, all paper products and utensils will be supplied by Traditions Bank, and the community members are asked to bring side dishes according to the following schedule:

Last name A – I = vegetable side dishes

Last name J – R = salad side dishes

Last name S – Z = desserts

ALL are invited to socialize and network with our community in this joyful and thankful celebration.

**PRIDE OF HAYDEN 12TH ANNUAL MARCHING FESTIVAL**



The Pride of Hayden Band Boosters will be sponsoring the 12th Annual Pride of Hayden Marching Festival on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Robert Reid Stadium in Hayden. Bands from surrounding areas will be competing, beginning at 10:00 AM, continuing until 8:00 PM.

The **UNA Pride of Dixie Marching Band** will be performing in exhibition at the completion of all bands and before the judges' announcements. Admission is \$6, parking \$5.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ID STICKER**



This is the red "S" sticker for vehicle identification, which is to be placed on the driver side rear window at the top. A new supply has been provided by the HOA to the NW committee. Every resident is requested to display one of these stickers on each of their vehicles to identify that the vehicle belongs to a Smoke Rise resident. These stickers have been of help identifying vehicles that are in the neighborhood under suspicious circumstances. If you do not have a sticker or need a replacement, please contact one of the following or comment on the HOA or NW facebook page.

- Christy Harris, 516-5025
- David Hunter, 223-6781
- Rob Stump, 420-8187



*Hayden Mayor Larry Armstrong, Casey Parsons, Assist., John Bullard, County Administrator, Ben Norris, State Farm and Chamber Chair, Valerie Bennett, Office Manager, Keith Hudson, Hayden First Baptist Minister and Chamber Board Member (behind Dr. Fox), Dr. Jim Fox, Oasis Owner, Gregg Armstrong, County Revenue Commissioner, Karen Adkins, State Farm, Hayden Police Chief James Chapman, Chester Thomas, Sherry Thomas, Rhonda Kendrick, Probate Judge Chris Green*

#### **HAYDEN/WEST BLOUNT WELCOMES CHIROPRACTIC OASIS**

Hayden's newest business officially opened their doors Thursday, October 11, 2018, with Grand Opening ceremonies, refreshments and tour of the facilities. Chester and Sherry Thomas, owners of the property, were present along with local and county officials and Chamber officers and members. The festivities were opened with a special prayer offered by Pastor Keith Hudson of Hayden First Baptist Church (hidden behind Dr. Fox in the picture above). On behalf of the community, Ben Norris, Chamber Chair, welcomed Dr. Fox and his staff to the community, which was followed by the ribbon cutting.

Chiropractic Oasis is the Hayden/West Blount satellite of Gardendale Chiropractic. Other members of Dr. Fox's staff include Dr. Grayson Phillips, Dr. Tyler Bunn, Dr. Ashley Fox, Team Captain Rhonda Kendrick, Health Messenger Alex Edmonson, Chiropractic Assistants Casey Parsons and Abby Armstrong, and Office Manager Valerie Bennett.

Office hours are Monday & Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Tuesday 1:00 to 6:00; Wednesday 8:00 to 5:00; Thursday 8:00 to 12:00; and Saturday 9:00 to 11:00. Monday is Dr. Phillips, Tuesday Dr. Bunn, Wednesday Dr. Ashley Fox, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday Dr. Jim Fox.

Dr. Fox's plans are to go into the community to offer a learning opportunity to everyone for a healthier, happier and more pain-free life.

Welcome to Hayden/West Blount Dr. Fox and all your staff.

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