

# Keysville Chronicle

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**Water Plant  
Upgrades  
Begin  
October 3**



**Christmas  
Parade:  
December 2**



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## Phase II of the Water Treatment Plant to Begin Soon

After years of planning and preparing for it, work will finally begin on the town's water treatment facility. Major upgrades to the chemical feed lines, electrical components, and computerized monitoring of the water treatment process were completed in 2014 in Phase I of the project. Phase II will put a new roof on the plant and completely renovate the lab where water filtration is monitored and samples are tested on a regular basis. Other improvements will be made to the plant to improve the quality of the water produced. The water plant was built in the 1960's and is in need of these upgrades. The work is scheduled to take about 6-9 months to complete and will be done by Southwood Builders of Ashland, VA.



## A Tribute to former Mayor Jimmy Ramsey

Jimmy Ramsey has served the Town of Keysville faithfully for many years in many different capacities. He served on Town Council, been the Town Clerk, served on the County Board of Supervisors, and served the Town for a decade as its mayor. Unfortunately, he felt it was best to resign from the position of mayor, and effective June 30, he did just that. We will miss his leadership, his vast knowledge of the Town, and his quick math skills. Mr. Ramsey, we hope you enjoy finally being retired from public service to Keysville. Thank you for all you have done for the Town.



### Meet Your Appointed Mayor: Audrey Payne



Following Mayor Ramsey's resignation, you may have been left wondering, "Who is our mayor? Do we even have a mayor?" The answer is yes, we do have a mayor. The Town Council appointed Vice Mayor Audrey Payne to fill the position of mayor until the November election at which time, residents of Keyville will elect a mayor to finish out former Mayor Ram-

sey's unexpired term. Here is an introduction to our current mayor, Audrey Payne. She grew up outside of Keyville on what is now known as Union Grove Church Rd. In 1967, she moved to Farrar Street where she still resides. She has one daughter, April, and two grandsons named Johnny and Logan. She worked for Winn Dixie for 31 years and was the Deli/Bakery manager for 30. She currently works for the US Postal Service. She was in the Ruritan Club for 16 years and served in various officer posi-

tions, including Lt. Zone Governor and Zone Governor. She was voted Co-Grand Marshall of the 2011 Keyville Christmas Parade. Mayor Payne has been a member of the Keyville Volunteer Fire Department for 6 years. She has always felt that people should give time and service to their community. Mayor Payne is a strong believer in treating everyone equally with honesty and fairness. The Town is grateful for her willingness to serve as our mayor during this time of change.

### New Councilman: Scotty Jackson

With Audrey Payne moving up the ranks to mayor, there was a vacancy on Town Council. The Town Council appointed Scotty Jackson to fill that void until Mayor Payne returns to her council seat. Should she be elected in November as Mayor, a special election will be held to permanently fill the seat Mr. Jackson is currently filling. The Town Council thanks Mr. Jackson for his interest in Keyville and his willingness to serve.



### More Tower Park Improvements Coming

New equipment will be added to the playground in the next few months. Shentel provided one new piece of equipment, and the town will be providing two or three others. It will be fun for the children to have some new equipment to play on. Please continue to take care of the playground and help keep it clean and in good condition. Everyone benefits from this wonderful asset.

### Keyville is Seeking a Town Manager/Clerk

The Town Council has decided it is in the Town's best interest to hire a Town Manager/Clerk who will have the skills to manage huge projects like Phase II at the water plant, manage employees, and ensure the town is fiscally healthy and responsible. The Town will also bene-

fit from having someone who will be an expert in state laws as they pertain to local government, as well as the ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations of the town. The position has been advertised, and it is the hope of Town Council to have the position filled before November. Many

other small towns have a Town Manager. This will be a change for the town, but it will take a great deal of work off the shoulders of the unpaid mayor and council members. Ultimately, the town will benefit from this new position.

