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Clean-up
March 19**

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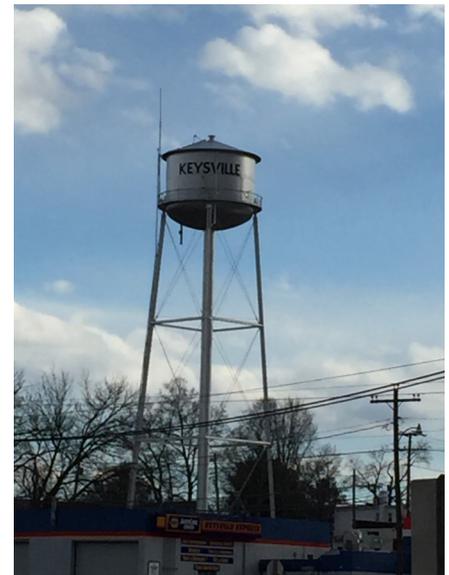
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Tower Park Water Tower Back In Action

After nearly two years of planning and contemplating the project, the 60,000 gallon water tank located by Tower Park has finally been fully rehabilitated inside and out. It came back online in December and has increased our storage capacity by 20%. This tank will be essential if there is ever an emergency that requires the fire department to use large quantities of water to quell a fire.

Southern Corrosion was hired to complete the job which included sandblasting the interior and completely recoating it. They also made many repairs, inside and out, chipped off flaking paint from the exterior, and repainted the outside. This work is expected to extend the life of the tank and should last for at least 20 years. The final cost of the renovation was \$120,000.



Stormwater Drainage Project

There has been an on-going project near downtown to improve the town's storm water management system. The project's inception occurred in 2011 when the owners of Genesis and other local businesses brought their concerns about flooding and storm water management to the attention of County representatives. As a result, an \$803,467 project was developed. A majority of that amount is being funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Virginia Department of Emergency Management's (VDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The program includes upgrading the existing storm water drainage system by installing new storm drainage lines and structures. Additionally,

new curbing and improved ditches to collect and channel storm water runoff will be installed in the area bound by Church Street between Merry Oaks Drive and King Street and also along Front Street between Harry Street and Church Street. Due to the wet fall and winter we have had, the project is behind schedule and will be resuming in April.





Mayor Jimmy Ramsey

Meet Your Mayor: Jimmy Ramsey

James D. Ramsey, Jr. was born in Madisonville, VA and lived there until he was drafted into the Army. He trained at Fort Benning, GA, became a combat infantry officer with 225 soldiers under him, and was serving in Korea when the Armistice was signed. He was sent home in November of 1953. He resumed his studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in January of 1954. On November 24, 1954, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, he got married to Lee "Skee" Neal and took her to a football game

that same weekend! He graduated with a degree in Business Administration in June of 1956 and took over his wife's family's furniture business. He also became involved in Town business about that same time. Over the years, he has served on the Town Council, served as the Town Clerk, and he put in 25 years on the Board of Supervisors. He has served Keyville as its mayor for the past 10 years. In addition to serving the town, Mr. Ramsey has been involved with the Ash Camp cemetery since 1956.

Hunting and gardening are two things he has enjoyed throughout his life. When asked what he likes most about Keyville, he responded that he likes the small town atmosphere and then immediately said, "Good people. People have been good to us, and we have tried to reciprocate." Mayor, on behalf of the town, we would like to thank you for your commitment to this community and your part in making it the fine place to live that it is today.

Got Litter?

Get your gloves, pokers, and buckets ready! On Saturday, March, 19, anyone able and interested should meet at Tower Park at 9:30 to clean up Keyville! We will provide bags if you provide the labor! It has been nearly 2 years since our last litter pick-up, so it is time to clean our town again. The more volunteers we have, the more fun it will be and the impact will be far

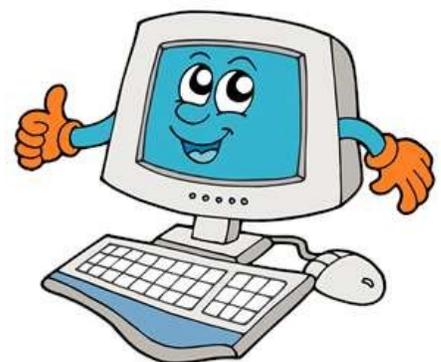


greater. We collected about 20 bags of garbage last time. After looking around town, it shouldn't be hard to double that amount with enough volunteers. If it rains, we will meet Sunday, the 20th at 3. Let's do this right, so that the next time you hear "Got Litter?" The answer can be a proud, "NOPE!"

Revamped Website

The town website, www.townofkeyville.com, has recently been revamped with help from the CDBG. It has a great new look, and it is certainly worth checking out. If you have any events or news to include, email the information to keyville@kinex.net with "Town Website" in the

subject. The goal is to keep it current and useful for both residents and visitors. Please visit it and see what is going on in Keyville.



Improving Stormwater Drainage at Home

Charlotte County has done what it can to help improve stormwater management in Keyville. Now, the homeowners and residents need to take some responsibility, too. Stormwater is not treated. It finds its way directly into local waterways. With that in mind, we should do our part to keep it as clean as possible. One of the major sources of pollution in stormwater runoff is sediment. When looking around town, many of our street gutters are filled with debris, dirt, sand, and any number of other things. The street sweeper doesn't pay regular visits to

Keyville, so if your gutters are cluttered, clean them out. If you need assistance, contact the town office. The same goes for ditches and culverts. In addition to adding pollutants to the runoff, it also slows the rate at which water enters the drainage system which can lead to high water on the roads. Here are some other things you can do to improve the quality and quantity of the runoff:

- Maintain your vehicles and repair leaks immediately
- Use fewer chemicals in your yard and garden,
- Clean up after your pets
- If you have a septic system, ensure it is properly maintained
- Give the downspouts on your home a flowerbed in which to drain
- Drive less



Visit the Keyville Library



If you have visited the Keyville Library recently, you may have noticed the smell of oil. The library had a new oil furnace installed a few weeks ago. It is keeping the library much cozier than it was a few months ago, so if the chill was keeping you away, shiver no longer! Don't forget there are a number of fine magazines you can check out, for both you and your children.

If you have stories for the newsletter...

There is a lot going on in Keyville that people would like to know about. If you have a story for the next newsletter, please send it to keyville@kinex.net with "Newsletter Article" in the subject,

The Planning Commission

The Planning Commission would like to welcome its newest member, Kathryn Horn. The Planning Commission consists of Rick Jubb, chairman, Jim Benn, Sarah Critzer, Betty Harding, and Ms. Horn. They are currently working on the town's Comprehensive Plan and will need input from the community during the process. Watch for opportunities to participate in the coming months.

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Shentel gives Tower Park \$15,000

Shentel chose Keysville to receive one of its six philanthropic projects for 2015. This picture was taken before the gift was given to the town. If you go today, you see a very different scene. In October, Shentel employees and town volunteers met at the playground to reconfigure the groundwork and to spread brand new wood chips. More work has yet to be done, including refurbishing existing equipment and adding at least one new piece of equipment. There is no word yet when the rest of the work will be completed, but the children of Keysville and the surrounding communities are anxiously waiting the completion! Volunteers will likely be needed when the work is completed, so please consider helping when the time arrives.

