



The Town of Farmville Heartbeat

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Public Notices:

Aug. 2 at 11 a.m.
Town Council Work Session

Aug. 9 at 7 p.m.
Town Council Meeting

Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting

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How long have you worked for the Town?

I was hired as a part-time dispatcher by the police department in September 1985. I was later full-time dispatcher, chief dispatcher, and dispatch instructor at Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. I taught at the Academy for about 20 years.

While with the police department, I was also VCIN terminal agency coordinator and VCIN regional instructor. (VCIN means "Virginia Criminal Information Network." VCIN is the Virginia state police teletype system. This system interfaces with the FBI teletype system known as the National Crime Information Center or NCIC. A terminal agency coordinator (TAC) is a liaison with the state police who ensures that a police department uses these teletype systems in accordance with state and Federal standards.)

In March 2004, the dispatch section of the police department became a department of the town. As director, I established and maintained standards of operation and assisted with the purchase of equipment. I was also 9-1-1 coordinator, and among my duties was to ensure that our cell-phone towers routed wireless calls properly to surrounding agencies. I retained my responsibilities with VCIN and my association with the Academy.

The Farmville Emergency Communications Center is a modern 9-1-1 center that serves Farmville, Prince Edward County, and southern Cumberland County. The center is the continuing creation of Town Manager Gerry Spates. Mr. Spates first brought 9-1-1 to the Farmville area in 1978.

What do you love most about Farmville?

There is much to admire about this town, but what I love most is its natural beauty. The rolling landscapes, the deep woods, the airy fields, the hidden waters; they’re everywhere. They play peek-a-boo with us when we drive around town. I especially like it when quiet breaks out, but it’s also reassuring when the town’s sounds of commerce return. Farmville has a natural beauty in time too--deep time. The Farmville basin appeared during the Triassic Age, a couple of hundred million years ago. A small rift opened up when the American continent



split off from the super-continent, Pangea. A wetland appeared, and, later, large coal deposits were formed.

What is your favorite quote?

The quote I select is from a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote to Colonel Charles Yancey on January 6, 1816. (The sentence begins with a lower case letter and misspells "civilization."): "if a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilisation, it expects what never was and never will be."

If you could witness any historical event, what would it be?

I'd like to see the impact of the asteroid that killed off the dinosaurs (from well beyond Earth, of course). The asteroid was nine miles in diameter (almost twice the size of Mt. Everest), so when the leading side struck the Earth, the opposite side was still in space. The impactor was traveling 20 miles a second when it hit just off the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, leaving a crater in the seafloor 100 miles across and 20 miles deep. It rang the Earth like a bell, causing volcanoes to go off, which turned the atmosphere sulfurous. It threw a fountain of lava that weighed as much as the Himalayas up into space and the lava that came back re-heated passing through the atmosphere and set the world on fire.

Farmville Fun Fact

The town of Farmville was formed in 1798, making it almost 220 years old – one of the older towns in the United States.

Free Outdoor Movie:

THE STING

Friday, August 11, 8:15 p.m.
Crute Stage

Presented by
Stars Under The Stars

**Concessions available for purchase*



Free Outdoor Movie:

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS

Saturday, August 5th, 7:15 p.m.
Buddy Bolding Stadium

Presented by
Longwood Athletics

**Inflatables and games for kids!
Concessions available for purchase.

The Scoop

New Restaurants Opening Soon!

Inside Information About What's Happening in Town

<p>Pizza World</p> <p>237 Sunchase Blvd.</p> <p>Open in August</p>	<p>Huddle House</p> <p>1407 S. Main St.</p> <p>Open by mid Sept.</p>	<p>Domino's Pizza</p> <p>107 Midtown Ave.</p> <p>Open by mid Sept.</p>	<p>119</p> <p>119 N. Main St.</p> <p>Open in the Fall</p>
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You're Invited: First Fridays

When: First Friday of the month May-Oct.

What: Music, food, children's activities

Where: Riverside Park

**Bring a lawn chair or blanket!
Hosted by the Farmville Jaycees*



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