



# 2016 Year in Review

## General Government – Mayor E.M. (Mick) McCue III

Well, another year has gone by and Foxfire Village turns 40 years old this year. We incorporated the Village in 1977 allegedly so that we could authorize the sale of hard liquor at the golf club.

First, let me say that it is a great pleasure to work with the Village Council and our Village employees. Every one of them is dedicated to the Village and its residents and I am honored to work with them. The same goes for the folks on our Planning and Zoning Board and Appearance Commission, and Board of Adjustment. Our Planning and Zoning Board completed a Land Use Plan in 2016 that was adopted by the Council and will guide decision making for years to come. It's on the website if you're interested in perusing that.

As I write this, the Stonehill Pines property (a 1500-acre tract of land along the east side of Hoffman Road) remains in the hands of a Bank. There has been interest in the property and currently a couple of different parties have been considering the property. We have been cooperative and responsive to all those interested and hope that a purchase comes soon.

Speaking of large tracts of land; the Village still owns the approximately 160 acres along the new portion of Woodland Circle. We occasionally receive interest in the property but there have been no offers.

In 2016, we did some major repairs to the pool itself prior to the start of the season. Unfortunately, pool attendance was down this year, and as you may know the pool is nowhere near self-supporting and requires tax dollars to maintain and operate. The Council continues to believe that the pool is a valuable asset to the Village.

The Village participated in a joint venture with Brown Golf last year to acquire the new Foxfire sign at the entrance on Foxfire Blvd. I want to thank the Cokers and the FWA for all their work in driving that project. As I'm sure most of you know, Brown Golf is also planning on putting new greens in this summer on the Red Fox course. Our Council strongly believes that the club is a vital part of the Village and we'll continue to work cooperatively with the club.

I am very pleased to inform you that we have three full-time police officers. With three full-time officers we have a significant increase in our coverage. Our current k-9 unit is Karma and she has been prolific in ferreting out drugs, mostly during traffic stops. Karma was wholly trained by our own Chief Shue. The success of the Foxfire Village k-9 program has led several nearby departments to start their own k-9 programs and are helping to get drugs off the streets. I want to also remind everyone of a great program that our Police Department runs and that is the Senior Touch Program. This is a program designed to ensure that our elderly residents or those with physical ailments get an occasional visit from one of our officers to make sure they are OK and that their residence is safe. Of course, we are not going to force ourselves on anyone, so you have got to sign up. Once you do sign up for

the program, one of our officers will occasionally stop by, say Hello, see how you are doing, and check your home for any obvious safety or security issues. You can sign up by calling the Police Department and letting them know you are interested.

In 2016 our primary streets project was the repaving of Ridge Road. In 2017 we are planning to make improvements on Foxfire Blvd; now that we have a beautiful sign we need to make the rest of the boulevard look better.

The Village issued 16 certificates of occupancy for new homes in 2016 and we currently have 10 homes under construction. We are enjoying steady growth. This year we are planning to construct a new Town Hall next to the existing Town Hall; and the Police Department will take over the existing Town Hall. The new Town Hall would house all our administrative work spaces and the meeting hall. Thanks to the foresight and financial acumen of Mayor Pro Tern Frusco we have sufficient reserves to pay for most, if not all, of the new building without acquiring additional debt or reducing our operating funds. While we looked at the possibility of constructing a large municipal building that might house our public safety assets (police and fire) and our administrative offices and public meeting space, the Council believes that the cost (likely between 1.5 and 2 million dollars) and the need to take on additional debt, was not the correct decision at this time.

Hurricane Matthew was an unwelcome visitor to Foxfire Village in 2016 but we were lucky in that we did not have a great deal of damage from this storm, although we had a few homes damaged. Thanks to the Police, Don Soito, and Gilbert and Jean Brown our clean-up of downed trees and debris was swift and effective. We learned some lessons about what we need and how we need to be prepared for the future in the event of a catastrophic storm, and we hope to exercise and test our disaster preparedness this year.

Low interest rates in 2016 made it feasible for the Village to refinance the debt on the Village Green Park loan and a Water Well loan. By refinancing we will save some \$26,000 in interest payments over the remaining life of the loans.

As I mentioned before, this year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Village and we hope that the FPOA and Village can work together to commemorate and celebrate this milestone, perhaps using an event like Foxfire Days to mark the anniversary. Your suggestions are welcome.

In November, we will have elections for three seats on the Council. This is a great opportunity to serve your community and I encourage everyone to consider a stint on the Council. I have learned a great deal and if you have ever wondered why the Council did such a fool thing, this is your opportunity to find out why.

## **Boards and Commissions**

The following appointments and re-appointments were made to Village Boards in 2016.

- Brian Manley was re-appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term.
- John Hunter was appointed to the Board of Adjustment as an Alternate Member for a two-year term.
- Jon Bachelder was appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a one-year term.
- Janice Gregorich was appointed to the Planning & Zoning Board. She is currently filling the unexpired term left by David Meldrum.

## Department Highlights

### Public Safety – Councilman Vic Koos, Chief Chad Shue

In 2016, the police department got back on track with the Governors Highway Safety Program. Through this program, we joined a County wide task force responsible for traffic safety through various checkpoints and special events within Moore County. By participating in this program, the Department earned the points needed to obtain a new radar, two Alco-Sensors, blood test kits, 2 printers for patrol cars and other miscellaneous items. The approximate value of everything is \$7,000 and through the program were at no charge to the Village.

K9 Officer Boo was officially retired from service as he was unable to perform at the level needed to continue in the K9 Program. K9 Boo was donated to the Vass Police Department in June of 2016, where he serves as a Single Purpose Narcotics Detection Dog.

In July 2016, the Village accepted a donation of a 2-year old Belgium Malinois named Karma from K9 Proving Grounds in Cresco, PA. K9 Karma along with handler Chief Shue were recently nationally certified. Within the first 5 months of working the road, K9 Karma tracked a B&E suspect in Taylortown, assisted in numerous search warrants and checkpoints throughout the County, located and indicated to a hidden compartment in a vehicle transporting narcotics from Texas, and located and seized more than \$10,000 in narcotics and cash. During this time, Handler Chief Shue and K9 Karma assisted in over twenty K9 demos at local schools and public events and they were recently invited to participate in the 2017 K9 Nationals

There were several personnel changes in 2016. Officer Corey Adams accepted a position with the Moore County Sheriff's Office and Part-time Officer Jim Childers submitted his resignation. Two full-time officers were hired in August, Officer Daniel Ritter and Officer Gary Garner. Both officers are a great asset to both the police department and the community. In addition, James Cagle resigned his Auxiliary Officer position to take a paid position with the Moore County Sheriff's Office.

The police department work scheduled has transitioned from 8 hours shifts to 12 hour shifts which allows for greater coverage. The typical day has an average of 18-20 hours of police coverage.

All police staff were outfitted with state of the art ballistic vests. All patrol cars are now equipped with both a shotgun and a rifle and all officers were qualified with both weapons.

In addition to the mandated in-service training, Chief Shue has implemented a more reality based training program for the officers. With recent events across the United States, the officers must be ready and confident in their abilities, if the time comes, to make a life or death decision as a police officer.

### **The Foxfire Police Department Staff for 2017:**

<b>Chad Shue</b>	<b>Chief and K9 Handler</b>
<b>Karma</b>	<b>K9 Officer</b>
<b>Daniel Ritter</b>	<b>Police Officer – full time position</b>
<b>Gary Garner</b>	<b>Police Officer – full time position</b>
<b>Michael Baddour</b>	<b>Auxiliary Officer -unpaid position</b>



## Foxfire Village Police Calls for 2016

Accident	6	Lost Property	2
Admin	290	No Event Specified	8
Admin Meeting	2	Officer In-Service Training	7
Alarm Activation	6	Officer Training	13
Animal Complaint	11	Officer School	3
Arrest	11	Ordinance Violations	36
Assist Highway Patrol	3	Other	14
Assist Motorist	13	Patrol	498
Assist Other Department	16	Rescue Calls	10
Business Check	5	Residence Check	304
Call Out for Service	17	Residential Breaking and Entering	1
Citation	218	Selective Enforcement	54
Citizen Assist	67	Shots Fired	3
Citizen Complaint	20	Special Assignment	59
Citizen Contact	51	Store Closing	175
Council Meeting	14	Suspicious Vehicle	14
Court Duty	4	Suspicious Person	3
Court Time	1	Traffic Control	1
Criminal Investigation	2	Traffic Violations	13
Damaged Property	2	Trespassing	7
Debris in Roadway	2	Unsecured Open Door	7
Disabled Vehicle	1	Vandalism	1
Domestic	3	Vehicle Maintenance	32
Equipment Service (Shop)	1	Vehicle Repair	1
Foot Patrol	337	Vehicle Stop	142
Incident Report	8	Warning Citation	21
Investigation	35	Warrant	4
K-9 Assist Other Department	13	Welfare Check	6
K-9 Demo	10	DWI	2
K-9 Training	45	Fire Calls	1
Kennel Time	4	Noise Complaint	1
Larceny	3	<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR 2016</b>	<b>2664</b>

## **Streets and the Village Park – Councilman Don Boito**

- The Village completed a multi-year contract for Village landscaping with Gilbert Brown.
- Ridge Road was completely paved, completing the 10-year plan.
- Ensured that all roadways were cleared for the Village traffic after Hurricane Matthew.
- Began procedure for next year’s work on Foxfire Blvd.
- Replaced swing seats at the Village Green Park

## **Zoning - Lisa A. Kivett, czo - Zoning Administrator**

Village Clerk Lisa Kivett completed all required courses through the School of Government and successfully passed the North Carolina Zoning Official State Exam in May of 2016. She is now a Certified State of North Carolina Zoning Official.

The Village Zoning Department had an active year. The following permit application were approved:

Eight (8)	Single Family Residence in the Village
Six (6)	Single Family Residence in the ETJ
One (1)	Set of Duplex Units in the Village
Five (5)	Accessory Buildings
Four (4)	Fence
Four (4)	Pool/Fence
Two (2)	Barn
One (1)	Addition
One (1)	Implement Storage Building
One (1)	Alteration
Three (3)	Land Clearing
Five (5)	Wells
Two (2)	Irrigation Meters
One (1)	Solicitation Permit

Eleven (11)	Certificate of Occupancy Certificates were issued for homes located in the Village
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### ***Violation and Civil Citation Notices for 2016:***

Thirteen (13)	Violation Notices for Health and Sanitation Nuisances
One (1)	Violation Notice for Fence Construction without permit
Two (2)	Civil Citations issued for Chapter 16 – Health and Sanitation Nuisances
Eleven (11)	Parked Trailers/Boats/Motor Homes – Referred to Police Department



The Village lost many friends and active members of the  
Foxfire community in 2016.

*Sarah Bernet ~ Charles Pliskatt ~ Jane Facey*

*Esther Krebs ~ Georgia Adams*

*Edward Greene ~ Ray Nissan*

*George Worst ~ Bob Drescher ~ Cleo Tate*

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## 2017 Village Council Meeting Schedule

### REGULAR MEETING

January 10  
February 14  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 13  
July 11  
August 8  
September 12  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12

### WORK SESSION

January 26  
February 23  
March 30  
April 27  
May 25  
June 29  
July 27  
August 31  
September 28  
October 26  
November 30

All changes in meeting dates/times or cancellations will be posted 48 hours in advance on the Village Website and on the Administration office front door.

Regular meetings and Work Sessions begin at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall.