TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2004

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



This newsletter, to be published and mailed quarterly, will provide a means for us to keep our citizens more up-to-date

on the Town's activities. This will also allow an opportunity to mention many of the lesser, nonetheless interesting, work either planned or already underway. Many things happen or develop over a period of time, perhaps in your neighborhood, that are routine in nature but nevertheless arouse citizen curiosity. We hope to mention these as well as other items of interest and information. For example:

Our town work force, while digging for a new sidewalk along Boyd Avenue between Richland Creek and the railroad track recently, unearthed a 3 ½ inch cannon ball. • The cannon ball which would be a Civil War or earlier era relic, had been fired. We can still smell the powder on it. This certainly will interest our many history buffs.

Every effort will be made to provide you with good and interesting information. We hope you read it and enjoy it.

Henry B. Foy Mayor

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2 - Easter Egg Hunt - Recreation April 30-Special Olympics -Recreation May 2 - Ramp Festival - American Legion

May 7 - Art After Dark Each Friday Until October - Main Street

May 8 - Razzle Dazzle - HART

June 5 - Cruise-In - Recreation

June - Oct. Tailgate Farmer's Market Wed & Sat - Badcock Lot

July 3 - Stars & Stripes Celebration Downtown Waynesville

HAZELWOOD & FROG LEVEL

AREAS - Merchants and property owners in the Hazelwood and Frog Level areas have made many improvements. If you haven't visited these areas lately please do so.

FROG LEVEL

May 8 "The Whole Blooming Thing"

HAZELWOOD VILLAGE

April 24 - Hazelwood Village Garden Faire

LOSS OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Anyone traveling along the intersection of Russ Avenue and U.S. 23/74 noticed how clean this stretch of road was kept. A sign was erected "Taking Pride" A Guy Named Joe. But who was Joe? Joe was a man who took pride in the area he lived and wanted to keep it clean, choosing one of the most littered spots in

Waynesville to maintain. On February 6, 2004, this area lost a valuable volunteer. Joe Pineau lost his battle with cancer. In honor of the late Joe Pineau a clean-up was held on March 27 at the spot he kept clean for the past several years.

If you would like to participate in clean up activities there are several to choose

from. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area. Let's do our part to keep it that way.

WAYNESVILLE'S "ADOPT A STREET" -

Gloves, bags and safety vests are provided and a sign will be placed along the street recognizing your efforts. For more information call Freida Rhinehart at 456-2024.

N C DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADOPT A HIGHWAY - This year's "Litter Sweep" clean up will be April 17 - 30, 2004. Contact Tonya Woody at 456-5633 or call the Litter Sweep Hot Line at 1-800-331-5864.

CLEAN STREAMS DAY -

Volunteers help to keep the waterways in Haywood County clean. If you would like to participate please call Dave Dudek at 627-4564. This year's Clean Streams Day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2004. STREETS & SANITATION - Each home receives once-weekly, curbside garbage collection. In order to avoid

scattering of garbage by wind and animals, it should be placed in garbage bags which are then placed inside strong, watertight, containers with a capacity of not more than 30 gallons with handles designed for lifting. Brush, leaves, large items and blue bag recycling items will usually be collected separately, but on the same day. Please do not place items on the sidewalk which will hinder our visually impaired citizens. Carpet and building materials will not be picked up. Call 627-8042 (Haywood County's Material Recovery Facility) for information regarding disposal of these items.

Please have your garbage out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the date of pickup, but no sooner than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to pickup.

<u>RECYCLING</u> Don't forget to recycle. Recycling helps to protect our



environment and helps to increase the life of the Haywood County Landfill. Just place your recyclable items in blue bags and place at the street with your

regular household garbage. The Town has a truck which picks up only blue bags. The following items are accepted: Paper, aluminum, tin, plastic bottles. (Remove lids and rinse) Do not place glass in the bags.

NEW RULES REGARDING TREE TRIMMING

The Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance regarding solid waste management. The Town picks up tree limbs, cuttings and shrubbery in volumes produced in normal yard work by the property owner or tenant. Limbs,



cuttings, shrubbery and the like shall not be greater than six feet in length, nor more than three inches in diameter nor of such a weight that

it may not be handled by one person. This debris is to be placed along the edge of the owner's or tenant's property nearest the street right-of-way, with cut ends facing the street, and shall not block any sidewalk or be in the street where vehicles might be prohibited from safe passage. Tree limbs and yard trimmings shall be free of trash, dirt. wire or anything which could damage chipping equipment. Lawn trimmings shall be placed in boxes, cans or bags for pickup and the weight of a single container device shall not exceed thirty pounds. Machine piled material, logs and/or stumps shall not be collected. No material shall be placed in the street or in gutters or drainageways so as to inhibit storm drainage or so that the material might wash into or block catch basins.

Work produced by a landscaping firm, private tree company or individuals who are paid to trim trees will not be collected. The property owners or tenant shall be responsible for the cost of removal and disposal of such material.

NOTE: Any company or individual trimming trees inside Waynesville's corporate limits is required to obtain a privilege license through the Tax Collector's Office (452-3588).

The Town of Waynesville serves over 500 homes each day. The Streets and Sanitation Department hours are 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and they can be reached by calling 456-3706.

RECREATION - 550 Vance Street

Aerobics, personal training, basketball, weight and cardiovascular training, indoor walking track, indoor water playground, lap swimming, swim lessons, water aerobics, sand volleyball, softball, tennis, aquathlon, soccer and



riding lessons are some of the many activities offered. Call 456-2030 for more information.

RECREATION - 44 Boundary Street

Ballroom dance, bridge, karate, judo, senior citizen activities, stretch & walk and western style square dance are just a few of the activities offered. Call 456-9207 for more information.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the process to open a new business in Waynesville?

First, you will need to speak to the Planning Department to get a certificate of zoning compliance. Next will be the Finance Department to purchase your privilege license. If the business involves new construction you will need to speak with our building inspectors. Also, remember that if you have a business you will need to list your personal property with the Haywood County Tax Collector in January of each year.

Whom do I contact to get a building permit?

Our Building Inspection Department is located at 280 Georgia Avenue and by calling 456-8647 or 456-2010. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

The property beside me is overgrown with weeds. Whom do I call?

Report overgrown lots to the Code Enforcement Officer at 456-2010. Overgrown lots cause safety and health concerns by attracting rodents.

Do I need a permit for a yard sale?

No permit is required. However, yard sale signs and any other type sign, notice, poster, etc., cannot be attached to utility poles, lampposts, or any other public structure or building. Also, yard sales are limited - commercial uses are not allowed in residential districts.

TOWN PROJECTS

Land Use Development Standards

In April, 2003, the Town adopted new land use development standards for Waynesville's land use area which includes the corporate limits as well as the extraterritorial jurisdiction. This process took approximately three years to complete, involving over 100 meetings of the study committee, citizens in each community and public hearings. Waynesville's Land Use area now consists of 29 neighborhood districts, each with its own regulations.

Please contact the Planning and Zoning Office prior to any construction or



erection of signs. They can be reached at Town Hall Monday - Friday, 8:30 am until 5:00 pm at 452-0401 or 456-2004. The Land Use Development Standards can

be viewed on our web site: www.townofwaynesville.org.

Columbariums & Cemetery Regulations The Town operates and maintains Dix Hill and Greenhill Cemeteries. Cemetery lots are currently \$700 each. Columbarium units will soon be available for purchase at Greenhill Cemetery for cremation urns.

Facilities Study

Manager Galloway is researching firms that perform studies of facilities and provide suggestions on how to better use existing facilities as well as recommend the need for new facilities. Waynesville is growing and this will help prepare the Town for the future. There has been discussion about a new Fire Department. This is one of the areas which will be studied.

Watershed

Work is in the process for a conservation easement on the watershed. The proposed easement will propose a working forest and will not tie up the hands of future Town Boards in terms of being able to use the land to the benefit of the citizens of There are stringent Waynesville.

regulations included in the easement to protect the high quality of water provided by this watershed. Another goal is to assure that the land and natural resources within the watershed will be handled in an environmentally sound manner in the future.

Update on Water Quality Samples

The water treatment plant includes an 8,400 acre watershed with a WS-1



restricted classification and a 50 acre lake. The plant has a capacity of 8 million gallons per day and serves

17.000 customers. The plant maintains a certified bacteriological lab.

In November, the Town learned that the water samples taken in the fall had resulted in a slight violation of the water quality standards. The violation was a higher than permitted level of Haloacetic Acids, which is a byproduct of chlorine disinfectant of the water supply. Letters were mailed to every water customer. With the help and guidance of the State, a number of adjustments were immediately made in the way chlorine was introduced into the water at the water plant. We are pleased to report that the first set of new tests showed a dramatic reduction from the allowable limit of .060 mg/l to .0266, .0267, .0261 and .020 mg/l.

Sidewalk Projects

Plans are being worked on for sidewalk projects in the next few months as the Town continues to replace deteriorated concrete and extend sidewalk into new areas.

Wall Street

Improvements are being made to Wall Street. Bump outs and planting islands along Wall Street are being constructed.

Tree Plantings

Trees have been planted throughout the community, along South Main Street and in the Frog Level area.

Depot Street

Design work is underway on redoing the intersection of Depot, Branner and

Haywood Streets. This is needed to handle the increased traffic anticipated when the new **CONSTRUCTION** Justice Center opens. Storm drainage improvements will also



be made between Montgomery Street and Branner Avenue.

Sewer and Water Lines

Work continues regarding problems with silt, sand and gravel in sewer lines.

The sewer line on Hazelview Avenue is being replaced.

In the near future a new sewer line will be installed along the Asheville Road between the Farm Credit Office and the Waynesville Family Practice Center.

Westwood Circle is experiencing problems with sewer lines. The section of line between Georgia Avenue and Hazelwood Avenue is in poor condition and cameras show a good deal of broken pipe. This is the only section of sewer line on Westwood Circle that has not been replaced since the merger with Hazelwood in 1995.

* * * In areas where there may be infiltration of water into the sewer lines manholes can overflow. If you see manholes which are overflowing please report this immediately to our Public Works Department at 456-3706. * * *

The replacement of water lines has been completed on South Hill and Seymour Streets as well as the installation of a six inch water line on Welch Street.

In 2003, the NCDOT approved a storm water project for the intersection of South Main Street/Ninevah Road/Riverbend Street. Hopefully this work can begin this spring. Work is being done to secure an easement for the storm drainage line from the intersection to a nearby creek.

MAYOR Henry B. Foy

ALDERMEN: Gavin Brown

Gary Caldwell Elizabeth Feichter Kenneth Moore

MANAGER A. Lee Galloway

Holiday Schedule - Town offices will be closed. Garbage pickup will be on a regular schedule.

APRIL 9	Good Friday
MAY 31	Memorial Day
JULY 5	Independence Day



Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, April 4, 2004. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour.

Police Administration	456-5363
Fire Administration	456-6151
Building Inspections	456-8647
Code Enforcement	456-2010
Utilities 456-3515 or	456-5057
Tax Collections	452-3588
Town Manager	452-2491
Town Clerk	452-2491
Human Resources	456-2028
Planning 456-2004	
Zoning	452-0401
Public Works Director	456-4410
Streets/Sanitation Water/	
Sewer/Electric	456-3706
After Hours/Emergency	456-5363
Water Treatment Plant	456-8497
Waste Treatment Plant	456-4685
Parks and Recreation	456-2030
Armory	456-9207
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DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE ASSOCIATION 456-3517 www.downtownwaynesville.com

ABC Board

2nd Tuesday at 11 am - 373 Walnut St.

Board of Adjustment

1st Tuesdays at 5:30 pm - Town Hall

Community Appearance Commission

1st Mondays at 9 am - Town Hall

Firemen's Relief Fund Board

On Call

Historic Preservation Commission

1st Wednesdays at 2 pm - Town Hall

Planning Board

3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm - Town Hall

Recreation & Parks Advisory Comm

2nd Tuesdays - 6:30 pm - 550 Vance St.

Waynesville Housing Authority

1st Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 65 Church St

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MEETING SCHEDULES