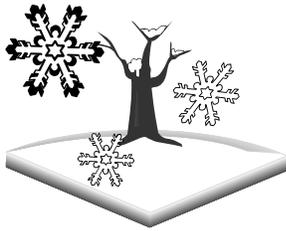


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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

At the time of this writing we are in the midst of the Christmas Season and Waynesville is experiencing its first winter cold. People, however, usually have a positive response to cold at Christmas and they are out in good numbers. Main Street is vibrant and its decorations continue to be a source of real pleasure to all.

The past year has been a disastrous one for much of our County, including our sister towns of Canton and Clyde. Recovery is slow but positive, and we have all become aware of how meaningful a spirit of cooperation and sharing can be, and how necessary it becomes. This is the real heart of a community. Disaster can strike anywhere at anytime and we must be prepared to meet such when it strikes.

The New Year is now upon us and, if the plans of your Board and Town Manager are realized, it will be an eventful one. The South Main Street and Hazelwood areas have two impressive buildings (Sheriff's Office & Jail and Haywood Vocational Building) under construction, and we continue to

look forward to positive news for the Dayco site. Improvements to the Plott Creek Road from Sulphur Springs Road to well beyond the Hazelwood Elementary School entrance are forthcoming. Relocation of our Fire Department to improve response time as well as needed expansion of Police Department facilities are under intensive study. A second electric substation located near Howell Mill Road to serve additional electric demands and provide emergency power in the event of failure within our existing substation is being planned. We are a growing community and our new Land Use Plan is assisting dramatically in maintaining a controlled growth.

Henry B. Foy
Mayor

NEED RECREATION?



Does your New Year's Resolution include improving your health? During the winter months the Waynesville Recreation Center at 550 Vance Street is the perfect location. Yearly memberships for a family of four are \$45 per month.

Membership includes: unlimited use of the center, pool, gym, game room, t r a c k , cardiovascular equipment, weight equipment and racquetball courts.



20% discount on classes, programs and leagues and child care during center use. 10% discount on store items. Free lock rental. Please call 456-2030 for more information and to get a list of the various programs offered.



HART THEATER

Upcoming Performances

"Greater Tuna" - Jan. 7
"The Subject Was Roses" - Jan. 21
"Sister May Ignatius Explains It All For You" - Feb. 4
"Antigone In New York" - Feb. 18
"Glennary Glennross" - March 25

HART is located at 250 Pigeon Street.
Call 456-6322 for details.



CELEBRATING 100TH BIRTHDAY

One hundred years ago, the First National Bank of Waynesville was built. This building was later occupied by the Waynesville Library and currently by Christmas Is Everyday (113 North Main Street). The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



SNOW REMOVAL

The Town of Waynesville provides snow removal during snow and ice events. Emphasis is on advance planning, equipment readiness, work crew preparedness, best use of chemical and communications including field, weather forecasting and public information.

* Top priority streets are the vital thoroughfares to get to emergency services such as the hospital.

* Second priority are the other primary routes in town, both state maintained and town maintained. As soon as these primary routes are cleared, the equipment moves onto the secondary, residential and side streets.

* The final priority on the list are the steep, hazardous side streets. Residents are cautioned to use other routes to avoid these hazardous areas. Some streets are very steep and difficult for us to reach. In such cases, residents need to be prepared to remain at home during snow and ice.

The Town uses both abrasives (chat and salt). However, the use of abrasives and salt as a snow and ice control procedure is minimized to conserve the environment and control costs; It is standard practice to plow the roadways out to the curb line. The Town is not responsible for removing snow plowed into driveways. Please park cars out of roadway if possible.

WINTER WEATHER

In the mountains between December and April a mild, sunny day can be followed quickly by a blizzard or ice storm. Snow and ice can create havoc for electric power distributors. The increased demand on power lines combined with the weight of snow and ice can cause power outages.



If you plan to use a generator in times of power outages please make sure that it is properly connected. Improper connections can create danger for electric personnel working to restore power. Please call the Waynesville Electric Department at 456-3706 if you have any questions regarding the use of a generator.

ENERGY TIPS

#1 You can save 10% or more on your energy bill by reducing the air leaks in your home – caulk, seal, and weather-strip all seams, cracks, and openings to the outside air.

#2 Dishwashers use 37% less water than washing by hand – if you wash full loads and use the short cycle.

#3 Putting an insulating wrap on your water heater can reduce your water heating costs - the typical cost of insulating is about \$20.

#4 You can increase your comfort and reduce your heating and cooling needs up to 30% with a small

investment in additional insulation and winterization measures.

#5 When doing laundry always use the cold water rinse cycle. Rinsing in warm water won't make clothes cleaner. Check and clean dryer's lint filter often. Lint restricts air circulation and is a fire hazard.

#6 Use fluorescent light. Compact fluorescents use 75% less energy and last 10 times longer.

#7 Use a microwave if you are cooking or heating a small amount of food.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My electric bill is higher than normal - are we being charged for the Christmas lights in Waynesville?

Utility bills for electricity, water and sewer are calculated based on monthly readings from meters at your residence and/or business. The Christmas lights are connected directly into the Town's electrical system, not individual meters.

Why is my electric bill higher during the winter months?

There are several reasons for higher electric bills during the winter months. Water is colder and it takes more electricity to heat the water; furnaces, monitor heaters, etc., require fuel to operate but they also require fans and/or pumps which require electricity. There are many other factors which can increase your bill.

Whom do I call for electrical outages or water line breaks?

The Town of Waynesville makes every effort to keep electricity on but occasionally weather, etc., creates situations beyond our control. During regular office hours please call Public Works at 456-3706. After hours, weekends and holidays call

the Waynesville Police Department at 456-5363. If your electrical service is through Progress Energy call 1-800-419-6356.

TOWN PROJECTS

WALL STREET - The work of installing curb bump outs and crosswalks for pedestrians on Wall Street resumed this fall and will continue as soon as winter breaks in February and March.

CAROLYN'S POINT - Work will continue as weather permits on the Carolyn's Point project at the intersection of N. Main and Wall Street.

LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES by vacuum machine through January 21, 2005. After this date leaves will need to be bagged until the vacuum machine is put back into service next October. Brush collection was curtailed during leaf pick up but will return to a regular schedule after January 21.

FIRE SAFETY HOUSE

FIRE! - a word no one wants to hear. Fire death statistics show that nearly 5,000 Americans die in home fires annually with the majority of the fire victims being elderly citizens and children.

Haywood County will have a Fire Safety House which will be used to provide children with the knowledge needed to prevent fires, and the steps to follow if they find themselves in a fire situation. The unit costs approximately \$40,000. Waynesville Kiwanis Club donated \$20,000, Marcia Tate with Haywood County Health Department has been working on additional funding and other fire departments have made donations toward the balance. Waynesville donated \$17,400.

The Waynesville Fire Department will provide shelter, maintenance

and insurance and will work with the Haywood County Health Department and other Haywood County fire departments to transport the Fire House to schools or other events in their communities for exhibition and training.



PLANTINGS AT WELCOME TO WAYNESVILLE SIGN

When Spring arrives and plants begin to make their appearance, we would like to say "thank you" to the gardeners in the Mountain View Club and all those involved for the time and effort they have spent in preparing the soil, planting 300 allium bulbs, over 200 pansy plants, trimming the plants, and placing the lights during the holidays at the Welcome to Waynesville sign on Walnut Street.



PLANTINGS AT RIVERBEND STREET AND BROWN AVENUE INTERSECTION

Nice improvements have been made at the intersection of Riverbend Street and Brown Avenue. This joint effort began when space was graciously provided by Barron Clark of Triangle Cleaners. Richland Garden Club applied for and received a grant generously given by Progress Energy. The Town's crew constructed the planter and The Richland Garden Club did the planting and landscaping. Thank you to all those involved in this project.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Town of Waynesville held its annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, December 10. Approximately 200 people attended including full time and part time employees, retirees, Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and members of the various boards and commissions. Several awards were given. 39

employees were recognized for perfect attendance. The following employees were recognized for years of service:

5 years: Bill Hollingsed, Kimberly Thompson, Darrell Calhoun, Ryan Singleton, Kevin Leatherwood, James Cates, Jeremy Evans, Malcolm Beasley, Russell Cochran, Thomas McClure and Jeffrey Inman.

10 years: A. Lee Galloway, Margaret Langston, Gladys Messer, Billy Luther, Kenny Aldridge, Jerry Smith, Edward Singleton, Keith Moore, Archie Shuler, Daryl Hannah and Keith Shetley.

15 years: Dee Massey, Shannon Morgan, Marvin Crawford, David Rathbone, Michael Norris and James Rhinehart.

20 years: Phyllis McClure, Wentford Henson, Kyle Cook and Phillip Wyatt.

25 years: Bill Fowler and David Smith

30 years: Doug Grasty

One of the highlights of the program was the announcement of the **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!** This year there were two.

- **Chris Snyder**, Town employee since 1997 and currently Senior Equipment Operator in Streets and Sanitation.

- **Gladys Messer**, Finance Department employee since 1994, currently Assistant Finance Director. Congratulations to Chris Snyder and Gladys Messer and thank you to all the Town's employees, retirees, members of boards and commissions for all the work you do and have done to make Waynesville a wonderful place to live.



MAYOR Henry B. Foy

ALDERMEN: Gavin Brown
Gary Caldwell
Elizabeth Feichter
Kenneth Moore

MANAGER A. Lee Galloway

Holiday Schedule - Town offices will be closed.

December 31 New Year's Day
March 25 Good Friday

Garbage pickup for Dec. 31 will be on Dec. 30. Garbage pickup for March 25 will be on a regular schedule.



TELEPHONE REFERENCE

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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MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Aldermen
 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7 pm - Town Hall

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 Wednesdays 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
 Street

Waynesville Housing Authority
 1st Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 65 Church
 Street

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