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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Town's governing board, the downtown merchants, and all Waynesville citizens are indebted to the 22 member Sunrise Rotary Club for building the new and much needed public restrooms on Montgomery Street. The building is located on the corner of the Town's parking lot there and represents an approximate cost of \$77,000, quite an ambitious undertaking for that small but very civic-minded organization. This undertaking represents the club's Centennial Project. It is quite significant in the sense that Rotary's first project after its founding in Chicago in 1905 was to build a public restroom for that city.



The restrooms are expected to be completed in time for the Downtown Waynesville Association's annual Church Street Art & Craft Festival on October 8th and the Apple Harvest Festival on October 15th. The Sunrise Rotary Club needs your financial assistance in meeting the costs of these restroom facilities, and it would be quite timely for local businesses to support that club in this endeavor since very few businesses offer use of their restrooms to the public. A genuine vote of THANKS to this very fine organization!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thru October - Tailgate Farmers' Market
Oct 7 - Art After Dark - Main Street
October 8 - Church St. Art & Craft Show
October 15 - Haywood County Apple Harvest Festival
November 28 - Christmas Parade
December 3 & 10 - "Night Before Christmas" Main Street

ELECTRIC RATE UPDATE

During the spring of 2005, Finance Director Eddie Caldwell and Town Manager Lee Galloway reported the increasing fuel adjustment charges being assessed by Progress Energy. A recommendation was made that Town electric rates be adjusted at the beginning of each quarter based upon the increase or decrease in the average per kilowatt hour rates charged by Progress Energy in the preceding quarter.



During the first quarter after this change, the Town was essentially breaking even. In July and August the Town has seen a dramatic increase in the charges from Progress Energy as they pass along the dramatic increases they are seeing in their purchases of coal and natural gas. With these increases the Town experienced a loss of \$84,755 in the Electric Fund.

For the period beginning October 1, 2005, a rate increase of \$.00166 cent per kilowatt hour will be

implemented. This increase will mean that the average residential customer using 800 kilowatts monthly will see their bill increase by \$1.33 per month. That customer would pay \$71.43 per month. Customers using different amounts or those on demand meters will see varying impacts upon their charges.

FUEL CONSERVATION IN WAYNESVILLE

In response to recent events resulting in increased fuel prices and decreased amounts available, the various departments of the Town developed plans to conserve fuel, with approximately 64 ideas submitted. Some of the changes which you may notice are:

- Meter readers will park and walk to read meters when possible.
- Trucks will be turned off when not in use.
- The commercial container truck will operate 5 days per week rather than 6.
- If residential garbage is not out when the truck runs on a route, the truck will not back track, the garbage will be picked up the next week on the regular pick up day.
- Vehicle maintenance, including tune up, clean air filters and properly inflated tires will be monitored more closely.

Various other steps, which may not be quite as obvious, will also be taken by the Town to reduce the amount of fuel used, protect the environment and save the taxpayer's money

WHO MAINTAINS RIGHT-OF-WAYS?

An easement is used by the Town to access and maintain utilities such as water, sewer and electric lines and for the construction and maintenance of streets, sidewalks and storm drainage. Obstructions and construction within these areas is prohibited or limited.

Mowing within these areas is the responsibility of the property owner. Shrubbery, undergrowth, trees, weeds or any other form of plant growth should not protrude into or upon any sidewalk, street, alley or public area within the town. Property owners should keep plant growth trimmed back to avoid obscuring the view of pedestrians or persons traveling in these areas. If the property owner fails to maintain the plant growth, the Town will clear the growth which is causing a problem.

FAMILY IN THE PARK DAY

On Saturday, August 6, the Waynesville Recreation Department held its first "FAMILY IN THE PARK DAY". This event included demonstrations and participation in fishing in the creek and fly rod use, large display of radio controlled aircraft, Boy Scouts setting up tents and building camp fires, using tubes and kayaks in Richland Creek, sand-pit volleyball, 100 foot slip and slide and a water balloon game. Concessions were available. Approximately 200 people attended the event.



This event was successful due to the contributions of businesses, individuals and Parks and Recreation Department employees. Thanks to Carolina Hobby and Crafts, Boy Scout Troop 321, Haywood Community College, Mr. Bill Schaffer, Asheville-Buncombe Aeromodelers, Strains of Music and White Water of

Waynesville and all those individuals associated with those businesses.

LITTER - HOW IT AFFECTS YOU AS A TAXPAYER

Litter doesn't just appear. Sometimes it is the result of careless attitudes and waste handling. Motorists and pedestrians are often blamed for litter, but there are actually several primary sources:

- Household trash handling and its placement at the curb for collection.
- Dumpsters used by businesses.
- Loading docks.
- Construction and demolition sites.
- Trucks with uncovered loads.
- Pedestrians.
- Motorists.



Litter is blown about by wind and traffic or carried by water. It moves until trapped by a curb, building or fence. Once litter has accumulated, it invites people to add more. Litter is a costly problem. What can you do?

Set an example for others, especially children, by not littering. Carry a litterbag in your car.

For curbside pickup - make sure trash cans have lids that can securely fasten (30 gallons maximum) and don't put loose garbage out for pickup.

If you own a business, check dumpsters daily to see that top and side doors are closed.

If you or a member of your family is involved in a civic group, scouting, recreational sports program, or business, adopt a spot in Waynesville and maintain it on a

regular basis. Or, adopt a street in Waynesville and a sign can be erected recognizing your efforts.

Don't throw cigarette butts on the ground.

Cover open loads on all trucks.

Litter costs money! Local, State and Federal governments spend many hours and tax dollars removing litter from their communities. This is money and time which can be spent for more important services. Clean communities also have a better chance of attracting new businesses than those where litter is common. We can all work together to keep Waynesville beautiful and help to keep our tax rates low!

HELP KEEP GREASE FROM GOING DOWN THE DRAIN

Have you ever experienced a sanitary sewer back-up or overflow? Most sewer back-ups and overflows can be prevented with a progressive maintenance program. All restaurants are required to install and maintain grease traps and/or interceptors to prevent grease from entering the sewer system. However, there are many more residential kitchens than there are restaurants. By reducing the amount of fat, oil and grease that enters the sewer system from homes, you are helping to prevent sewer back-ups and overflows, while also protecting the environment.

Please remember: sanitary sewer systems are designed to handle three things; used water, human body waste and toilet tissue. You can do some simple things that will help the Town protect water quality and maintain the sewer system in Waynesville.



DO NOT

- ✗ Pour grease, fats and oils from cooking down the drain;
- ✗ Use the toilet as a wastebasket; or,
- ✗ Use the sewer as a means to dispose of food scraps.

DO

- ✓ Collect grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage;
- ✓ Place a wastebasket in each bathroom for the disposal of solid waste. Disposable diapers, condoms and personal hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system; and
- ✓ Place food scraps in waste containers or the garbage for disposal with solid waste, or better yet, start a compost pile.

These suggestions can save more than the environment. They can save you money as well!

Most sewer back-ups occur between the house and the Town's sewer main, meaning you - the property owner - are responsible for correcting the problem. Avoiding blockages means avoiding plumbing bills. When the blockage occurs in the Town's sewer main, the Town corrects the problem.

FALL PLANTING TIME

Remember that free mulch is available and large loads can be delivered to your home (depending on your location) by calling 456-3706. Smaller amounts of mulch and leaves for your compost pile are available for

pick up in the East Street Park on Happy Hollow Access.

REMEMBER - Please do not mix residential garbage or recycling with your yard waste.

LEAF PICKUP BEGINS OCTOBER 17



Leaves will be collected by vacuum machine beginning Monday, October 17. Please rake leaves to the curb but not in the drainageways or the street. Leaves should be free of sticks or other debris.

Beginning in mid-January, and for the remainder of the year, leaves must be placed in plastic bags for collection. After January, leaf pickup drops to a very low volume. The vacuum machine is removed from the truck, allowing the truck to be used for other purposes. **REMEMBER** - Do not burn leaves inside the corporate limits. Brush and yard waste pickup will be at a minimum during leaf pickup season.

RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE PICKUP

Residential household garbage is picked up once per week. Place bagged trash and garbage inside containers with tight fitting lids - 30 gallon maximum. Do not put animal or human waste, ashes, oil, flammables, or toxic materials in the garbage containers. Please place your garbage at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on the day of pickup, but no sooner than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to pickup.

FIRE SAFETY HOUSE

Through the generosity of the Waynesville Kiwanis Club, the citizens of Waynesville and Haywood County will now have a Fire Safety House. The unit will be used throughout the county to

provide children with the knowledge needed to prevent fires and the steps they should follow if they find themselves in a fire situation. The Waynesville Fire Department will own and operate the Fire Safety House, making it available to schools throughout the county and at various local events, working with the fire departments in the various fire districts for programs at schools in their districts.

In addition to the contribution of \$20,000 from the Waynesville Kiwanis Club, other support was as follows: Town of Waynesville - \$17,300, Town of Clyde - \$1,000, Town of Maggie Valley - \$100, Saunook Fire Department - \$500, Clyde Fire Department - \$500, Maggie Valley Fire Department - \$500, Healthy Haywood - \$200.

On August 28, Healthy Haywood Family Day was held at the Recreation Center on Vance Street. 840 children visited the Fire Safety House during this event.

October is Fire Prevention Month. The Fire Safety House will travel to schools in Haywood County during the month of October to provide demonstrations to children regarding fire safety. Adults will also be interested in touring the Fire Safety House and see this educational device provided with the assistance of the Kiwanis Club.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

The Waynesville Town Board has approved two conservation easements to protect the Allens Creek Watershed. The Board approved a Forever Wild easement on 690 acres where no activities can occur. In addition, the Town Board approved a conservation easement on 7,340 acres which will allow forestry management practices under highly controlled circumstances. Negotiations are underway with Western Carolina

University to develop a Forest Management Plan, a process that will likely take 18 to 24 months. The Town hopes to use the watershed as an educational resource for students at Western and that it will be developed into a model forest for others to see and exemplify.

MAYOR Henry B. Foy

ALDERMEN: Gavin Brown
Gary Caldwell
Elizabeth Feichter
Kenneth Moore

MANAGER A. Lee Galloway

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
 No Blue bag pick up on Holidays - will be picked up the following week

Thanksgiving - Offices closed Nov. 24 & 25 (garbage pickup on 25 for 24 & 25)
Christmas - Offices closed December 23 & 26 (garbage pickup 22 for 22 & 23, normal pickup on 26)
New Year's Day - Offices closed Jan. 2 (garbage pickup 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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 ASSOCIATION** 456-3517
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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 St

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