
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



We have all been following the demolition of the Dayco building and the clearing of its site which, when finished, will find our citizens suddenly at a point of new discovery. This Waynesville Commons project is for real! No more skepticism. It's going to happen. But that's not all. Several things are happening to make me realize that Waynesville is rapidly moving to again enjoy its position as a leading resort of the southern U.S., a position it held from the advent of the railroad here in 1884 until the closing of the famous White Sulphur Springs Hotel in 1924.

The Laurel Ridge Country Club is preparing plans for a new clubhouse. The new structure will be an extension to the existing outdoor pavilion constructed several years ago in the same location occupied by the old Piedmont Hotel. This combination will indeed be an impressive attraction for the public as well as golfers.

The new owners of the Waynesville Country Club have made numerous improvements in celebration of the club's 80th anniversary. It is well positioned to continue its great tradition of attracting many visitors to Waynesville.

The Laurels at Lake Junaluska, an attractive and well-designed 100 unit apartment complex, is now rapidly moving along toward completion. It occupies a beautiful site overlooking the Lake and is a splendid addition to have within Waynesville's city limits.

By now, you have seen the architectural drawings for the proposed addition and renovations to the Waynesville Police Department. All of us at Town Hall are quite enthused over the improvement the enlarged facility will bring to our Law Enforcement services. The building design will also create a significant improvement to Downtown Waynesville.

We are not sitting still at Town Hall, folks!!! Good progress is still in the making, and other developments are stirring. Waynesville is being noticed!!!

Don't FLUSH Those Old Meds!

Today, new medications are being manufactured constantly. And with this increased production comes increased usage. Regardless of how medications make their way into the wastewater stream, inadvertently by excretion or purposefully



by disposal, increased usage means increased amounts in the environment.

There is no best answer for what to do with unused or expired medications, but one thing is for sure, it is no longer recommended to flush them down the sink or toilet. Sewage treatment plants weren't designed to remove these chemicals, and many drugs are showing up in our surface and groundwater.

Surprisingly, no specific government guidelines exist for the disposal of drugs by the consumer. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulate the disposal of pharmaceuticals at the manufacturers' level. However, there are few good recommendations for consumers.

Although details vary from state to state, at least 26 states have created some sort of program that allows the return of prescription drugs in original packaging from state programs, nursing homes, or other medical facilities to be redistributed to needy residents. Be sure and check with your local health department or EPA office for any special rules that apply to your area.

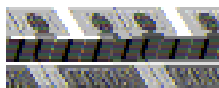
Some communities have household hazardous waste programs, the same ones that accept old motor oil and batteries, accept unwanted medications, however the incineration costs are often prohibitive and the legality issues of working with controlled substances are problematic.

Pharmacy take-back programs are a great idea but they are not widely available and here too the legalities involved make them difficult to set up. For private citizens, one option is to throw drugs into the trash. This is not preferable, but is less harmful to the environment than disposal into the wastewater stream. To do this safely and reduce potential for abuse:

1. Keep drugs in the original container (with safety lids).
2. Scratch out patient information on labels.
3. Place liquids in glass bottles in plastic re-sealable bags to contain leakage.
4. Add some water to dry tablets or capsules to dissolve them slightly.
5. Place in the trash as close to garbage pick up time as possible.

FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the new fire station on North Main Street began in earnest during the final week of March. The dry and relatively mild weather has given the contractor, Construction Logic, Hendersonville, the opportunity to proceed on the work without worries of rainfall or inclement weather. While the contract completion date is set for March 31, 2008, progress to date indicates that the work could be finished in January, 2008, and we are all pleased with this possibility. During the first few months of the construction, Construction Logic and its subcontractors have been able to follow the flow chart on the work. During the month of May, the subsurface work was completed for the concrete building pad, and it was poured on the last day of the month. During June, we will begin to see the installation of blocks, and the building will rise from the ground. By the fall of this year, the fire station will be pretty much completed on the outside and the work will move to interior finishes. We are very pleased with Construction Logic and the personnel they have assigned to this project.



Program Update

In February 2007 the Town began to offer utility customers the ability to donate to NC GreenPower on their monthly bills. Since February, the number of participating utility customers has grown from 4 to 12. These customers are purchasing monthly a total of 19 blocks of energy produced in North Carolina by wind, solar, and biomass. Each block is 100 kilowatt hours of energy.

Annually, this purchase of green power will support 22,800 kWh of cleaner, renewable energy. The amount of coal consumed annually to produce the equivalent amount of energy is 18,468 lbs. As a result of this energy being produced by renewable sources, 47,444 lbs of carbon dioxide will be offset, as well as 148 lbs of sulfur dioxide. The annual reduction of CO₂ emissions is environmentally equivalent to 3,649 trees being planted OR 57,756 miles not being driven OR 1,405 of not driving at all.

In June, the Town made a donation of \$250 to NC GreenPower. This will purchase 10,000 kWh of renewable energy. For more information on how you can sign up for NC GreenPower or to receive an application you can download one from our website, pickup at our utility payment counter, or we can mail or fax an application to you if you call utilities at (828) 456-3515. You can also visit www.ncgreenpower.org

Water Plant Retirement

On May 1st, James Smith retired from his position as Operator at the Waynesville Water Treatment Plant. A town employee for 16 years, Smith will use his retirement to relax and spend time with his grandchildren. We hope he has a long and enjoyable retirement.



Streets & Sanitation Retirement

On January 1st, Ron Collier retired from his position as Superintendent of the Streets and Sanitation Department. Ron began working for

the Town June 1, 1993. He was awarded "Employee of the Year" in 1994. We wish him well in his retirement years.

Watershed Month Report

Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in the events of the first Watershed Appreciation Month. 120 Waynesville and area residents came out to participate in the nature and bird watching hikes, as well as to hear presentations on Quinlaintown, Haywood Waterways Association, and Resource Assessment for Mountainside Development. The response was so positive that we may schedule additional events this fall. Watch the local newspapers and town website for more information.



New Signs

Two town buildings which were both badly in need of new signs received them on May 9th. Gene Stewart from High Country Signs designed the signs as smaller versions of the large Welcome to Waynesville sign at the corner of Russ Avenue and Walnut Street. The Hazelwood Office has not had a sign in years, but now that the Planning Director and the Land Development Administrator joined the Building Inspections department in that building, it was felt that a sign was necessary.



The Public Works Garage had a sign but it had aged and become worn beyond repair. A big thank you goes out to the Electric Department, which assisted in the installation of the signs.

Civil War Markers

On June 4th three Civil War markers were erected in the Town. These markers are part of the growing North Carolina Civil War Trail, an effort that is adding to Trails already in place in Virginia and Maryland. Updated North Carolina Civil War Trails maps showing these new markers will be available throughout the state in late June. Once the maps are available a dedication event will be held.



The first Waynesville marker, located at Town Hall, notes the Battle House where Union forces surrendered in Appomattox Virginia. The second marker, located adjacent to the old veterans section of Green Hill Cemetery, denotes William Holland Thomas's resting place as well as memorializing other Confederate veterans buried in the cemetery, including local Alden Howell who was the last remaining Confederate officer at the time of his death in 1947. The third marker is in Sulphur Springs Park and notes the "Waynesville Engagement" in which the purported last shot fired east of the Mississippi occurred.



The markers are the result of collaboration between the Town of Waynesville, local Civil War historians, and the North Carolina Civil War Trail Marker Program of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism, Film



COMPOSTING - Are you interested in recycling your yard and kitchen wastes and reducing the volume of garbage sent to landfills for disposal? You may want to consider composting. The Haywood County Extension Office offers composting demonstrations. Informational material is available by calling the Extension Office at 456-3575. Information is also available online at www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/pdf/ag-467.pdf

RECYCLE GRASS CLIPPINGS - When lawns are properly mowed, the grass clippings filter down to the soil and decompose rapidly, usually within a few weeks. During the breakdown process, the clippings feed soil organisms, recycle plant nutrients, and contribute organic matter to the soil. As a result, water is conserved and less fertilizer is needed.

You will need to avoid mowing when the grass is wet as this produces clumps that smother the lawn and clog the mower. Your mower should be set to a height of 1 to 3 inches depending on what type grass you have. Make sure your mower is in good working condition and has a sharp blade. Mulching mowers may be better than traditional mowers for those who cannot mow on a regular basis. For more information try www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/pubs/management/gc592.html.

Historic Photographs of Local Landmarks

The Historic Preservation Commission has begun work on a driving and walking tour of buildings that are designated Local Landmarks. If you have any historic (not current) photographs of the following buildings and are willing to share them, please contact Alison Melnikova 456-2002. If you have questions regarding the Local Landmark designation, or the Historic Preservation Commission, please contact Paul Benson at 456-2004.



- Ray House
- Honeycutt Building
- J.B. Henry Warehouse
- Gilmer House

- Miller House
- Woosley Howell House
- McIntosh Building
- Citizen Bank
- Rotha House
- Prospect Hill
- Atkins House
- Smathers House

Laurel Ridge Country Club-Past and Present

There are many present and former Waynesville citizens who fondly remember the old prestigious Piedmont Hotel and dear friends, owner-operator Paul Hyatt and his sister Mrs. Charlene Turner who ran the dining room. These citizens plus all of Waynesville should be quite pleased with new developments

taking place there. The Laurel Ridge Country Club now occupies that site and Indiana native and former Sarasota businessman, Sheryl Johnson, is its new capable and enthusiastic owner. He also wants to make the facilities there available to Waynesville citizens. Mr. Johnson has expressed a genuine love for Waynesville and especially his location which includes areas on both sides of Eagle's Nest Mountain. The high quality of development which he is constructing on the mountain represents a strong testimonial to that love. He recently unveiled for Town Staff his plans for an attractive state-of-the-art clubhouse to be added as an extension to the existing open pavilion which, when completed, will be quite an impressive structure. We are as delighted as Mr. Johnson that he "found" Waynesville and look forward to the future success of the Laurel Ridge Country Club and Golf Course.

Waynesville Country Club 80th

The Waynesville Country Club recently celebrated its 80th anniversary as an attraction to visitors to our community. The new owners, David Stubbs and Sam Carver, have made many changes to improve accommodations for guests. Work has been done to attract more convention and golfing stays. The community also appreciates the result of their efforts over the past year to improve the physical appearance of their total complex, and the club is now well positioned to continue its great tradition for attracting visitors to Waynesville.

Update



The Town of Waynesville collects recyclable materials in blue bags at curbside once per week on garbage collection day. Glass has recently been added to the list of acceptable recyclable items. Recycling saves landfill space, energy, water, trees and oil. Thank you for your recycling efforts!

Items that **MAY** be recycled:

- ✓ ALUMINUM CANS
- ✓ CATALOGS
- ✓ CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
- ✓ ELECTRONIC (Must be brought to MRF)
- ✓ FOIL ROASTING PANS AND PIE PANS
- ✓ GLASS (Food or Beverage Containers, ONLY)
- ✓ HOUSEHOLD CARDBOARD BOXES
(Cereal, cracker, cake mix, etc.)
- ✓ JUNK MAIL
- ✓ MAGAZINES
- ✓ NEWSPAPER
- ✓ OTHER PAPER
- ✓ PAPER GROCERY BAGS
- ✓ PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS



(Bleach, detergent, milk, soda, etc. Marked with #'s 1 or 2 only)

- ✓ PLASTIC MOTOR OIL CONTAINER
- ✓ STEEL OR TIN CANS
- ✓ TELEPHONE BOOKS

(All **CARDBOARD AND PAPER PRODUCTS** should be place in the **GREEN** recycling trailer at any of the 10 convenience centers located throughout the county.)

Items that may **NOT** be recycled:

- ✗ ALUMINUM CANS
- ✗ CERAMICS
- ✗ LIGHT BULBS
- ✗ MIRRORS
- ✗ PAINT CANS
- ✗ PLASTIC BAGS
- ✗ STYROFOAM
- ✗ WINDOW PANES

For more information about recycling in Haywood County, call Haywood County Solid Waste Management at 828-627-8042.

New Hires

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Rachel Dillard	Administration	01/16/07
Bryan Reeves	Police Dept.	01/25/07
Teresa Mitchell	Police Dept.	01/25/07
Timothy Carver	Police Dept.	01/25/07
Damon Swagner	Streets/San.	01/11/07
Jason James	Streets/San.	02/08/07
Patricia Brooks	Park/Rec.	01/31/07
Lindsey Creasman	Park/Rec.	02/02/07
Kevin King	Electric	03/27/07
Treva Walters	Parks/Rec.	04/30/07
Michael Rich	Water/Sewer	04/12/07
Lonnie Higgins	Streets/San.	05/17/07
Rebecca Boswell	Parks/Rec.	05/24/07
Michael Huffstetler	Parks/Rec.	05/29/07

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Dwayne Yarborough	Water/Sewer	Fire Dept
Scott Worley	Old Armory	Aquatics Sup.
Daryl Hannah	Streets/San.	Streets/San.



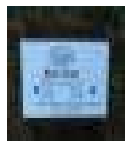
Superintendent
Shane Messer

Supervisor
Streets/San.
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	Equipment Opr.	Crew Leader
Warren Putnam	Fire Inspector	Code Enforcement Officer

Plant Identification Markers

Beginning last fall and continuing through this spring, Town Horticulturist Jonathan Yates has installed almost 100 plant identification markers throughout town. These 3x5 markers, the brainchild of Town Manager Lee Galloway, provide the common name, scientific name, mature height and spread, and ideal growing conditions for each species. There are many markers located at the Vance Street Recreation Park and throughout the town. It is hoped that the markers will not only help to satisfy the curiosity of what a particular plant is, but also aid the public when making landscaping choices. The next time you're wondering if a particular tree will grow well in your yard, take a walk around town and see what you find!



CITIZEN SERVICE DESK - 24 HOURS/DAY

Citizens can communicate with Town Hall any time of the day or night. If you have a request, need information, request action, download forms and documents, or make a suggestion, simply go to the town website at www.townofwaynesville.org. Once a request is received a unique tracking number is assigned that can be used to track the status of the request online, on the phone, or in person. This new e-government capability makes it easier for citizens to communicate with their local government. Of course if you have an emergency situation, please call the Waynesville Police Department at 456-5363.

MAYOR Henry B. Foy

Transfers From To

ALDERMEN:

Gavin Brown

Gary Caldwell

Elizabeth Feichter

Kenneth Moore

TOWN MANAGER:

A. Lee Galloway

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day

Closed Wednesday

July 4th

Garbage Pick-July 5th

For July 4th and 5th

Labor Day

Closed Monday Sept. 3rd

Garbage pick for Sept. 3rd & 4th on Sept. 4th

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WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786

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/Recreation 456-2030

Armory 456-9207

DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE

ASSOCIATION 456-3517

www.downtownwaynesville.com

MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Alderman

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

ABC Board

2nd Tuesday at 11am - 373 Walnut St.

Board of Adjustment

1st Tuesdays at 5:30 pm - Town Hall

Community Appearance Commission

1st Wednesdays at 9am - 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

Public Art Commission

2nd Thursdays at 5:30 pm - Town Hall

Recreation & Parks Advisory
Commission

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

Waynesville Housing Authority

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

