

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE



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Message from the Mayor

To the Citizens of Waynesville:

On May 13, Town Staff presented the proposed Town budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The document is \$26,278,270, with the General Fund at \$13,396,910, and Water, Sewer and Electric Funds combining for \$12,881,860. This was a very difficult budget due mainly to the higher prices for the 110,000 gallons of fuel we use annually. We spent \$104,000 for that in 2004 and expect to spend \$360,000 in 2008. The costs of goods and service are also rising due to the cost of fuel. Asphalt and plastic pipe have increased since their production requires the use of petroleum. Many vendors delivering goods to the Town now add a fuel surcharge to invoices to recover higher fuel cost. These factors make it more difficult for the Town to operate without increasing revenues or reducing services.



For next year, Town Staff recommends a rate increase in garbage collection fees, which will result in an increase of 50 cents monthly for a residence and 11% for commercial customers.

The Recreation Department has introduced many new programs and activities, and to cover the additional services, there will be a 5% increase in membership fees and similar increases in other charges.

We asked County Commissioners to establish one fire district for all areas outside the Town Limits served by Waynesville's Fire Department. At present, there are three fire districts served by the Town but there are properties outside those districts served by Waynesville. Some pay a fire fee on their water bills but many pay nothing for fire service. The Town feels all properties benefitting from Town fire service

should pay for that service.

In 2006, an assessment was done of the water and sewer collection systems and treatment plants. Results showed that by 2030, \$31 million in maintenance costs will be needed. The Town Board committed to increase annual expenditures on these utilities, taking the "pay as you go" route rather than issue bonds creating long term debt for the Town. In 2008-2009, water and sewer rates will increase 5% in town and 10% outside town, and the Town will expend \$275,000 in both water and sewer rehabilitation.

The Town Board held public hearings on the budget on June 10, and the budget is set for adoption on June 24. The Town Manager and Finance Director are nervous about the uncertainties ahead, particularly as fuel prices continue to rise. In 2008-2009, Town Staff will closely monitor the budget in case adjustments are needed. While we were able to hold the line on property taxes, we felt that other fees and rates had to be increased in order to handle the increasing costs to the Town and to maintain the level of services provided the community.

There are so many positives about Waynesville. The Fire Department moved into the new station in May, and an Open House will be held there soon. Work has begun to renovate and expand the police department and build a new development office where public works, planning, land use and inspections will be housed. In August, work will begin on our new electric substation off Howell Mill Road. Things are happening in your Town government and in our community. The Town Board wants to be sure Waynesville is satisfactorily prepared to face the challenges the future holds.

Mayor Gavin A. Brown

UPCOMING EVENTS

Downtown Drive-in Movies, Friday nights July 18 and August 15 - 9 pm Upper level of the parking deck off Branner Avenue.

Mountain Street Dances - July 11 & 25 and August 8 6:30 - 9 pm. Main Street.

Folkmoor USA Parade - July 18 @ 1 pm

International Festival Day - July 26 on Main Street

Block Party - August 30. Main Street

Smoky Mountain Folk Festival - August 29 & 30. Stuart Auditorium, Lake Junaluska.

Ray's Weather is now in Downtown Waynesville! A weather station is on top of Mast General Store. Go to

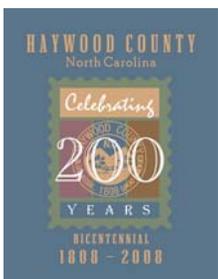
www.waynesvilleweather.com

Be Part of Budding Historic District!

The Historic Frog Level Merchants' Association invites you to the annual community meeting on July 15 @ 7 pm at the WNC Visitors Center. This meeting allows us to catch up with old friends and introduce new ones to the area. Bring a friend, a sweet tooth, and suggestions for an even more beautiful Frog Level!

4th of July Bicentennial Event!

The Town of Waynesville and Downtown Waynesville Association are sponsoring the **Stars & Stripes Celebration**, a full day of Fourth of July music and fun on the Courthouse lawn in honor of Haywood County's Bicentennial! Beginning at 10 am and ending at 3 pm, the event will kick off with remarks by Commissioner Mary Ann Enloe and Mayor Gavin Brown. The stage will then feature music from a variety of performers including the Frog Level Philharmonic, Karen Lyle, and the Haywood Community Band. There will be free watermelon slices, donated by Christopher Farms, and served by members of the Haywood County Historical Society. There will also be official Bicentennial shirts available for purchase. For more information, contact DWA at 456-3517. To learn about all the Bicentennial events happening in the County, visit www.haywoodnc.net.



Upcoming Watershed Forums

On April 11th, Dr. Peter Bates presented the Forest Stewardship Plan for the Waynesville Watershed to the Board of Aldermen. Two public forums are scheduled for citizens to meet with Dr. Bates and members of the Watershed Advisory Commission to discuss the recommendations

contained within the plan and the process used to develop the Plan. The first forum will be July 9th, 3 - 5 pm and the second is July



15th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, with both in the Town Hall Board Room. There will not be a formal presentation, but information stations and personnel available to answer questions. In early July, a survey to gather public input on the Plan will be available online, at Town buildings, and at the Watershed Forums. The full document is available now for viewing and download in the Watershed Information section of the Town website, www.townofwaynesville.org.

Join H.E.A.T.

In 2006, the Town Board created H.E.A.T., the Heat and Energy Assistance Team. This program allows utility customers, whether they have electric, water, or sewer service, to add a monthly contribution to their utility bill to aid citizens who are struggling with rising heating and cooling costs. All funds contributed by Town customers are distributed evenly between the Salvation Army and Haywood Christian Ministries for those agencies to use in assisting residents of Waynesville and Haywood County in meeting their energy bills - all of the funds donated go directly to local residents. We all know the high costs that come with cold temperatures, but staying cool in the summer heat can be just as costly. These agencies provide year-round assistance on energy bills, and need year-round support. All donations to the H.E.A.T. Program are tax deductible and the Town provides donors with a year end report. Even those paying their utility bill paid by bank draft can authorize the Finance Department to add a contribution to their monthly bill. Or if you prefer to make a one-time donation by cash or check, simply stop by Town Hall. For more information contact Utilities at (828) 456-3515.

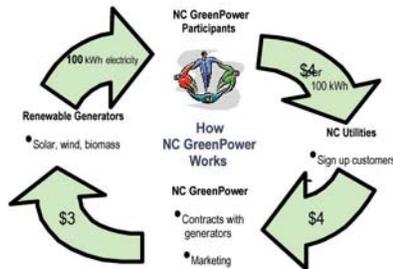


Utility Customers Can Support NC GreenPower

NC GreenPower is a statewide, non-profit program that allows North Carolina residents to add a monthly contribution to their utility bill to purchase renewable energy sources. The goal of NC GreenPower is to supplement the State's existing power supply with more green energy – electricity generated from renewable resources like the wind, sun and organic matter. Town residents may contribute through their utility bills, even if they are not an electric customer of the Town. The Town then sends the full amount donated to NC GreenPower. Contributions are made in increments of \$4.00, and each increment donated means 100 kilowatt-hours of energy from solar, wind, or biomass added to North Carolina's power supply. That 100 kWh is equivalent to the electricity used by a full-sized refrigerator in a month, or equivalent to about 1/10th of a 2,000 sq. ft. home's monthly power usage. Most customers purchase multiple blocks.

In 2007, Waynesville's residents donated \$812 to NC GreenPower, purchasing 203 blocks of power, resulting in the purchase of 20,400 kWh of cleaner, renewable energy in North Carolina. The amount of coal consumed annually to produce this equivalent amount of energy is 16,524 lbs! The annual reduction of CO₂ emissions is equivalent to 3,265 trees being planted, or 51,676 miles not being driven.

Help make 2008 an even bigger year and sign up today. Contact utilities at 456-3515 or download an application at www.townofwaynesville.org. To learn more about NC GreenPower visit www.ncgreenpower.org.



TREE TRIMMING

Trees are one of the primary causes of power outages, whether they cause minor “bumps” or fluctuations when limbs brush against power lines or cause major extended outages when huge branches and trees pull lines down in bad weather. With selective cutting of limbs and trees, Electric Department Crews trim away the potential dangers the trees present.

Directional trimming is the recommended trimming method of the International Society of Arboriculture, American National Standards Institute and the National Arbor Day Foundation. Our Electric Department discourages the topping or rounding of trees, by way of cutting branches at a pre-defined distance, or shearing off the top of trees to clear them away from lines. Topping weakens limbs and leaves trees prone to decay.

Yes and ensure the beauty of the landscape through thoughtful planting of trees. Before planting trees on your property, consider the location of utility lines. Gas

lines and buried electricity lines can be as shallow as 36 inches beneath the surface. Before you dig, contact North Carolina One Call. The Waynesville Electric Department will come to your home within two days and mark utility locations for free.

NC One Call (800) 632-4949
Town's Electric Dept.456-3706

Your Safety comes **FIRST**:

- * Never attempt to trim or remove any tree next to a power line.
- * Never build tree houses in trees near power lines.
- * Never climb trees near power lines.
- * State and federal laws prohibit any person from working within ten feet of any electric power facility without proper training and certification.

Recycling

The Town of Waynesville collects recyclable materials in blue bags at curbside once per week on garbage collection day. Glass was added recently as an acceptable item for recycling. 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 taken to MRF at Jones Cove Road)
- ✓ 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 CONTAINERS
- ✓ STEEL OR TIN CANS
- ✓ TELEPHONE BOOKS



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

Items that may **NOT** be recycled:

- ✗ ALUMINUM FOIL
- ✗ 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 627-8042.

RECYCLE GRASS CLIPPINGS

When lawns are properly mowed, 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.

To do this 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.



WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC Art COMMISSION

The Public Art Commission recently selected Stefan "Steebo" Bonitz of Asheville to create "Old Time Music," a piece to celebrate Waynesville's history of music festivals and gatherings in the Downtown area. Mr. Bonitz works almost exclusively in found objects, in which previously used items are "reincarnated" into an object of art. His design for Waynesville will showcase his love of whimsy, with one figure being a 12-foot-tall washtub bass player, accompanied by a seated banjo player.

The piece will be installed in mid-September at the corner of Main and Miller Streets. The public will be invited to celebrate the unveiling at a ceremony to be held in the fall.

The Public Art Commission would like to thank those who have donated as of June 9, 2008:

Barn Raisers: (\$1,000 plus)

Town of Waynesville, Haywood County TDA, Michael Gillespie, DDS, Emerson Foundation (George and Karla Escaravage), Champion Supply, Lynn Sylvester, CPA, Clark and Leatherwood, Yvonne and Ted Lappas, Mast General Store, Edward Jones (Jack Bishop and Jim Phillips), Progress Energy, Peak Energy

Balladeer: (\$500 -999)

Haywood Insurance Services, Home Trust Bank

Buck Dancers: (\$250 - 499)

Tim and Judy Phelan, Reece, Noland & McElrath (Steve

Kaufman), Voni D'Angio & Ron Huelster, Sherrell Johnson, Main Street Realty, LeRoy and Gale Roberson

Banjer Player: (\$100 - 249)

Kaaren Stoner & David Erickson, Philan Medford, Rolf Kaufan, Grace and Clayton Cathey, Judith Ross, Stephen & Jan Ariko, Willie & Jane Cole, Phil & Mib Medford, Rex & Libba Feichter, Peter & Lorna Sterling Jeanette & John Carey, New Meridian Technology, United Community Bank, Roger & Mary Hansen, Ronald & Sharon Smith

Bass Fiddlers: (\$1 - 99)

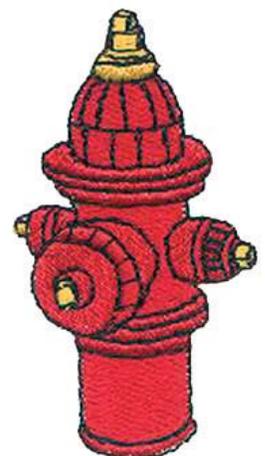
Norretta & Bob Taylor, Claudia Ogden Jennifer Walt, Stephen Lampl, Robin Tindall, Fred & Jane Baker, Ginger Hain, Lee Galloway & Nancy Thompson, Jamie Powell, Bob & Elizabeth Brannon, Jim & Faye Wagoner

Donations may be made at Town Hall, or mailed to Downtown Waynesville Association, PO Box 1409, Waynesville, NC 28786. Make checks payable to: Town of Waynesville Public Art Fund.

Death of Former Town Clerk/Personnel Director

On Thursday, May 15, Waynesville was saddened by the death of former Town Clerk/Personnel Director Jacklyn Messer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her son, David, two daughters Susan and Beth, and other family members and friends.

The Waynesville Fire Department will be testing fire hydrants in the coming months. This is a requirement from the Office of the Fire Marshal for the State of North Carolina. This helps the fire department maintain their current insurance rating. This also identifies any problems they may encounter during testing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If your water turns brown it should clear after running for a few minutes. If you need further assistance you may contact the fire department at 456-6151.



Community Appearance Commission/ Planning/Zoning Department Deadlines

Community Appearance Commission meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9 am in the Town Hall Board Room. Information needed for these meetings include site and landscape plans drawn to scale and elevation drawings of the buildings.

Planning Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall Board Room. Materials to be submitted for consideration include applications and supporting documents for conditional use permits, zoning map amendments or text amendments.

Board of Adjustment meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Hazelwood Office Conference Room, 280 Georgia Avenue. Application forms must be obtained and completed by the applicant for variances, conditional use permits or request for interpretation of the zoning official's decision and submitted along with any other supporting evidence.

All material to be considered at these meetings must be submitted to Planning/Zoning Staff no later than three weeks prior to the meeting date. For additional information contact Deputy Town Clerk Freida Rhinehart at 356-1172.

Code Enforcement Issues

The Code Enforcement Officer has been busy during the month of May dealing with the following issues:

- Unsafe Structures - 4
- Trash and Refuse - 42
- Grass/Weeds - 16
- Junk Motor Vehicles - 25
- Minimum Housing - 7
- Fire Inspections - 7

The Code Enforcement Department is interested in saving taxpayer's money and asks for your cooperation in not allowing material to accumulate on your property.

These materials should be hauled to the Haywood County Landfill at White Oak:

Scrap lumber, shingles, other building material

These materials should be taken to the Recovery Facility in Clyde:

Carpet, tires

The Town of Waynesville crews can pick up the following items at curbside:

Old furniture, appliances, lawn mowers

You may be in violation of the Town's ordinance if you have a motor vehicle on your property that does not display a current license plate and that:

- (1) is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner

in which it originally was intended to move; or

(3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than five hundred dollars (\$500).

If you have a junked or abandoned motor vehicle on your property and would like to dispose of it, call Warren Putnam at 456-2010 and he will assist you in having the vehicle removed from your property.

Grass and weeds over ten (10) inches in height are in violation of the Town's Ordinances. If you have grass and weeds that are in violation and you fail to mow the property, the Town will hire someone to mow for you - If this happens you will be billed \$100 for the first hour and \$75 for each additional hour. If the bill is not paid within thirty (30) days, a lien will be placed on your property. If you are interested in bidding on these mowing jobs, please contact Warren Putnam at 456-2010 to be placed on the mowing list.

In 2007 the North Carolina General Assembly established the Mountain Heritage Trout City program as a means to encourage trout fishing as a heritage tourism activity. Both Maggie Valley and Waynesville along with Bakersville, Spruce Pine and



Newland are part of the pilot program. Participation is limited to cities or towns that provide public access to trout waters which are currently in the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's trout management program and which run through or adjacent to those cities or towns.

On Tuesday, July 1st, from 11:00 am -1:00 pm the program will receive its Waynesville kickoff at the Vance Street Park, located near the Waynesville Recreation Center. Kickoff activities will provide educational and fun entertainment for participants of all ages, including opportunities to fish, fly tying demonstrations, and of course trout for lunch! The kick off will begin with a ribbon cutting on the water's edge, along with remarks from Senator Joe Sam Queen and Mayor Gavin Brown. Committee partners planning the events include Haywood Community College, Town of Waynesville, Downtown Waynesville Association, North Carolina Wildlife Club, The Gateway Club, Waynesville Parks and Recreation and the Greater Haywood County Chamber of Commerce.

Interested participants can purchase a 3-day, \$5 fishing license for residents or non-residents to fish in these designated waters—in Waynesville it is approximately 2 miles of Richland Creek, including the entire portion running along Vance Street Park. In addition, rods and reels will be available to the public to check out free of charge. They will be available beginning July 1st at the Haywood County Chamber of Commerce and Waynesville Recreation Center. For more information contact the Waynesville Recreation Center at 828-456-2030.

MAYOR:

Gavin A. Brown

ALDERMEN:

**Gary Caldwell
Elizabeth Feichter
Kenneth Moore
LeRoy Roberson**

MANAGER:

A. Lee Galloway

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day -

Offices closed Friday, July 4. (No garbage pickup - will be picked up one day early - Thursday, July 3)



Labor Day - Offices closed Monday, Sept. 1. (No garbage pickup - will be picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 2)

TELEPHONE REFERENCE

Police Administration	456-5363
Fire Administration	456-6151
Building Inspections	456-8647
Code Enforcement	456-2010
Utilities	456-3515
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	456-3706
Water/Sewer/Electric	456-3706
After Hours/Emergency	456-5363
Water Treatment Plant	456-8497
Waste Treatment Plant	452-4685
Parks and Recreation	456-2030
Armory	456-9207

DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE

ASSOCIATION 456-3517
www.downtownwaynesville.com

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 - 280 Georgia Ave.
- 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
- Public Art Commission**
2nd Thursdays 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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