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## H.E.A.T.

As we prepare this newsletter, we have experienced several days when the temperatures have plummeted and fallen to single digits. There are a lot of people who will have very high heating bills and will likely be struggling to find the funds to pay those bills. Several years ago, the Town established a program called H.E.A.T. All money that is collected by the Town is forwarded to the Salvation Army and Haywood Christian Ministry, each receiving half the total, and used to assist people in paying their heat bills.



We would like to invite our utility customers to consider making a monthly contribution to the program. If each of our 3,100 customers authorized a \$1.00 deduction each month, it would mean \$37,200 annually to assist other citizens with their heat costs. Donating is easy - simply authorize a specific amount and it will be added to your monthly utility bill. You may make this change to your utility bill by calling our Finance Department at 456-3515.

If you would prefer, the Salvation Army, Haywood Christian Ministry and Mountain Projects, Inc. will accept direct donations to assist their clients in meeting their heating bills. Thanks for considering these efforts to help our fellow citizens.

## "Pack the Pantry" Food Drive Update

During the fall of 2010, Town employees worked with Haywood Christian Ministry on a food drive for the holiday season. Students at Hazelwood Elementary, and Junaluska Elementary Schools, Downtown Waynesville Association and downtown merchants joined in the food drive. A total of fifteen truck loads of food were collected and delivered to Haywood Christian Ministry. During the 2009 food

drive thirteen truck loads were delivered and during 2008, two truck loads delivered.

Thanks to everyone for their help with this very important project to help stock the shelves with food at Haywood Christian Ministry to help others in our community!



## Land Development Standards Update

The Town of Waynesville has been in the process of updating its award-winning Land Development Standards (LDS) adopted in 2003. These standards govern many development activities including new construction, redevelopment, land grading, mountain slope protection, flood damage prevention, land subdivision, sign regulation and historic land mark designation. These standards apply to the Town of Waynesville and to an area extending up to one mile outside the corporate limits.

Two Community Meetings have been held to provide interested citizens an opportunity to learn more and submit comments about the draft LDS. If you missed these meetings and are interested in viewing the LDS, it is available on the Town's web site [www.townofwaynesville.org](http://www.townofwaynesville.org) or for more information contact Paul Benson, Planning Director at 456-2004 or [planning@townofwaynesville.org](mailto:planning@townofwaynesville.org).

Once the Planning Board has an opportunity to review the LDS and make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen a public hearing will be held. The date for this hearing has not yet been scheduled and will be announced at a later time and posted on the Town's web site.

## Waynesville Recreation Center Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

Come join in the fun and help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Waynesville Recreation Center located at 550 Vance Street in Waynesville! January 1 - 10 visit the Center for free. Ten days - one for each year the Center has been open! Each day, one name will be drawn for a free one month membership. On Monday, January 10, the public is invited to the Waynesville Recreation Center from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. for a free hot dog, chips and a drink.

This is a great time to come see what is offered at the Recreation Center, a 64,000 square foot facility with a children's water playground, eight lane pool, spin cycle room, gymnasium, racquetball courts, weight room, cardiovascular area, indoor track, child care and meeting rooms with a kitchen.

The free promotion is January 1 - 10 and is not valid for current members of the Center.

For further information call 456-2030 or email [recdirector@townofwaynesville.org](mailto:recdirector@townofwaynesville.org).

## Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department Plans to Offer Day Camp on Snow Days

The Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department will offer a day camp for children in grades 1 through 5 at the Waynesville Recreation Center on days that school has been cancelled due to snow. The decision will be made by 8 a.m. that day depending on the availability of staff. Please call ahead to verify that the camp will take place.

The cost is \$15 for members or \$20 for non members. Please bring a lunch, two snacks, a swimsuit, towel, warm clothes, sneakers, a quiet activity such as a book and an extra blanket. For more information or to register please call 456-2030 or email [youthprogramsupervisor@townofwaynesville.org](mailto:youthprogramsupervisor@townofwaynesville.org).

## Be Safe and Warm This Winter

Residential fires are more prevalent during the winter months than they are in the spring and summer. With colder temperatures, many people spend more time indoors and resort to using fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters and alternative heating methods such as cooking stoves to keep warm. Here are some tips to ensure a fire-safe winter season:

- Keep items at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cold before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

Call the Waynesville Fire Department for assistance or questions at 456-6151.

## Special Needs Registry

The Police and Fire Departments work in cooperation with Haywood County Emergency Services to maintain a Special Needs Registry of individuals who have a physical, mental, or cognitive condition that would require special assistance during an emergency. Citizens who are on oxygen, dialysis, or have other conditions which require constant electrical service or prevent them from communicating their name and other information to Police or Fire personnel are urged to register with the Waynesville Police Department. This information is voluntary, and is only visible to law enforcement and emergency services personnel. Information will be updated every three months, to ensure that contact information for relatives and caretakers remains correct.

When a power outage occurs, the Police Department checks on the welfare of the citizens registered. The Police will then contact the listed contact person(s) if necessary. If emergency shelters are established, police and fire personnel will assist in transporting individuals to the shelter if needed.

For more information, and to register, please contact the Waynesville Police Department at 456-5363. Registration forms are available at the Police and Fire Departments, on the Town website or a form can be mailed or delivered to your home.

## Waynesville Employees Honored at Luncheon

Town employees were honored at a luncheon on Friday, December 3 at the Waynesville Recreation Center. The Town's workforce consists of 164 full-time employees and 59 part-time employees. Freida Rhinehart was the only employee that retired in 2010. Best wishes to Freida in her retirement!

### *Years of Service:*

**5 Years** - Jared Riddle, Michael Davis, Shaun Messer, William Benhart, Kelly Mathis, Byron Hickox, Donna White and Jonathan Yates.

**10 Years** - Vivian Green, Kim Aldridge, Lisa Burnett, Jackie Pressley, Brandon Gilmore and Robert Stiles.

**15 Years** - Chris Chandler, Ricky Harris, Michael McFarland, Chris Mills, Allen Stewart, Jerry Nichols, Benny Moody, Warren Putnam, Jeffrey Stines, Garry Fox and Julie Grasty.

**20 Years** - James Robertson and Tim O'Neill.

**25 Years** - Blaine Jones and Tim Plowman.

**30 Years** - Bill Franklin.

### *Employees of the Year!*

Two employees were chosen for "2010 Employee of the Year."



*Jay Entwistle - Electric Department employee since September 2005.*



*Allen Stewart - Fire Department employee since July 1995.*

Jay and Allen were nominated by their co-workers for this award. Congratulations to both these employees!

## Future Plans for Municipal Building

Since the Finance Department moved to the Hazelwood Branch Office, many people have asked about plans for the Municipal Building where Finance was formerly located. There are a number of renovations needed to the Municipal Building and some improvements are needed to make the building more energy efficient.

The building was constructed in 1916-1917 and has been listed on the National Registry of Historic

Places. The windows are original, more than 90 years old, and the windows and frames have deteriorated and leak cold air in the winter and hot air in the summer. In addition, the drive-thru window, likely installed in the late 1960s, needs to be removed and a window constructed and installed to match the rest of the windows on the building. At first, we thought of replacing these windows, but they are very large and unique and would require a special order to manufacture. As such, they would be very expensive. So we looked for other alternatives.

It was suggested that we consider repairing the windows if possible, and we have hired an engineer who specializes in historic preservation to guide us through the process of dealing with these windows as well as renovations to other portions of the building. The work of this consultant should begin in early 2011, and renovation work on the building should commence later in the year.

## Mayor Gavin Brown Elected Second Vice-Chairman of the Southwestern Commission Board of Directors

In 1965, the State of North Carolina created 17 Regional Councils of Government to assist the counties and municipalities in those regions with a variety of economic and operational issues. The Southwestern Commission is one of those agencies created in 1965 and is more commonly referred to as Region A. It works with the seven westernmost counties of the State - Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Cherokee, Clay and Macon and the municipalities in those counties.



At their meeting on November 22, 2010, Mayor Gavin Brown was elected as the Second Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Southwestern Commission. Mayor Brown stands in line behind Chairman Joe Collins, Mayor of the Town of Franklin, and First Vice-Chairman Stephen "Doc" Sellers, Chairman of the Clay County Board of County Commissioners.



## A Tuned Car is Good for River Water

The number one cause of polluted water is stormwater runoff, which is water from rain or melting snow flowing over the ground instead of seeping into the soil. About 70% of the pollution in our waterways is carried there by stormwater. All runoff flows to a stream eventually. As the water makes its way downhill it can pick up trash, toxic chemicals (oil, gas, pesticides and fertilizers), microorganisms (bacteria and viruses), and soil. Impervious surfaces like roof tops, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, and roads exacerbate the problem by concentrating and accelerating runoff.

When your car leaks oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, or gasoline, it falls to the concrete where it is carried away the next time it rains. Once the chemicals enter the stream they can harm wildlife and ruin its use for agriculture and recreation. Here are three simple things you can do to keep automobile fluids out of the waterways:

1. Keep your car tuned up. A tuned car reduces the chance of fluid leaks.
2. Do not top off your car's gas tank when filling. Topping off the tank can also clog your vehicle's vapor control system and harm the engine.
3. Don't dump anything down storm drains; they almost always lead directly to a stream. Used motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, and gasoline should be taken to the waste facility for proper disposal or recycling. Oil products are accepted at any of the convenience centers. Antifreeze is only accepted at the Jones Cove Road Center. Check with your mechanic, also; some shops can properly dispose of it for you. The Haywood County Solid Waste Management (627-8042) is a very helpful resource for information on how to properly dispose of all household chemicals.

As you may know, all our water originates in Haywood County so it is up to us to keep our water clean. Watershed protection begins with each of us in our homes. Simple actions like keeping your car running smoothly go a long way toward keeping our waterways clean and safe for agriculture, recreation and wildlife.

*Article submitted by Christine O'Brien, Project Assistant with Haywood Waterways Association*

## Building Code and Fire Code Classes Offered

Two years ago the NC Qualification Board for

building inspectors adopted continuing education rules requiring six hours of continuing education per year at a cost between \$85 and \$150 per certificate.

Classes have been developed by the Town of Waynesville Inspection Department and approved by the Qualification Board and NC License Board for Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors. Classes were held for Plumbing and Mechanical during October 2010, with 34 attendees including inspectors from Haywood County, Jackson County and local contractors at a cost of \$50 per attendee. These classes cover code changes for the Plumbing Code, code changes for Fuel Gas Code, code changes for the Mechanical, updates and future changes to the Energy Conservation Code, Drainage and Vent sizing using the Plumbing Code and minimum duct sizing using the Mechanical Code.

In the Spring of 2011, the Inspection Department will offer classes in Building Code and Fire Prevention. If you are interested in attending these classes offered by the Town of Waynesville, please call Codes Administrator Jason Rogers at 456-8647.

## 5th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

The Town of Waynesville is celebrating its 5th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, March 18, 2011 at the Waynesville Recreation Center and you are invited! A number of activities are planned for the event including pruning demonstrations and tree planting(s), as well as an opportunity to meet with forest rangers, local tree professionals and local extension agents. Anyone with an interest in the Town of Waynesville's urban forest will want to attend. It will be a great morning of learning and fun! Best of all, there will be no cost for attendees. A meet and greet with local tree experts will begin at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. For directions please call 456-3507 prior to the morning of March 18th.



## Contact Numbers for Town Departments

Several telephone numbers for the Town of Waynesville Departments were omitted by AT&T from their newly published Haywood County Telephone Directory. This may create problems if you are trying to locate contact numbers for the Town of Waynesville's departments. The back page of this newsletter contains a telephone reference section. Please keep this for future reference in case you need to contact us.

## New Christmas Decorations

We hope that you have noticed the new Christmas decorations added this year to various Town streets. Three different styles were selected - Christmas trees, poinsettias and wreaths. A special committee had been appointed several years ago to evaluate the different lighted decorations for the streets to replace the Christmas trees used for more than a dozen years. It was determined that a variety of styles should be used so that they might be rotated to different locations from year to year. The decorations also use the brighter and more energy efficient LED lights, and the ones selected seem to stand out better in the daytime rather than the trees formerly used. The new decorations were funded through allocations from the Town's Electric Fund, with money set aside over three fiscal years for that purpose.

## REMINDERS!

Please make sure that all trash and recyclables are placed at curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of pickup. Town trucks may run at varying times, especially during inclement weather, during holiday schedules, etc. If your items are not out by 7:00 a.m. on the day of pickup, please do not call for the truck to return. You will need to store the items until the next regularly scheduled pickup day or dispose of the items at one of Haywood County's Convenience Centers.

Beginning Monday, January 17, 2011, leaves must be placed in bags for pickup. The leaf vacuum truck will be taken out of service until October 2011, at which time the leaves will again be vacuumed. Thank you for your efforts to keep leaves separate and free from other debris. This helps our employees maintain better service for Waynesville's citizens.

Tree trimming reminder – if you contract to have your trees trimmed, you must also contract for someone to dispose of the debris. The Town of Waynesville crews only pick up limbs and brush that a typical homeowner generates in normal circumstances.

## Yard Waste and Bulky Items Pickup Schedule

The pickup schedule is printed below for the months of January, February and March for bulky items (junk) and small amounts of brush produced by the homeowner (no more than one truckload or a volume which will take less than 30 minutes to load or chip). For additional information or questions regarding pickup please call 456-3706, Monday through Friday, 7 am - 4 pm.

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Yard Waste						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Bulky Items						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Yard Waste						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Bulky Items						
30	31					

February						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Yard Waste						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Bulky Items						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Yard Waste						
27	28					
Bulky Items						

March						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Yard Waste						
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Bulky Items						
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Yard Waste						
27	28	29	30	31		
Bulky Items						

**MAYOR:****Gavin A. Brown****MAYOR PRO TEM:****Gary Caldwell****ALDERMEN:****Elizabeth Feichter****J. Wells Greeley****LeRoy Roberson****MANAGER:****A. Lee Galloway****ASST. MANAGER:****Alison Melnikova****HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Christmas** – Offices closed December 24 (garbage will be picked up on 23) & December 27 (garbage will be picked up on 28).

**New Year** – Offices closed December 31 (garbage pickup will be Thursday, December 30).

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – Offices closed January 17 – (garbage pickup on January 18 for both days).

**Easter** – Offices closed April 22 (garbage pickup April 21 for both days).

*Happy New Year!*

**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
Asst. Town Manager	456-2002
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

**MEETING SCHEDULES****Board of Aldermen**

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

**ABC Board**

3rd Tuesday at 10 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

**Public Art Commission**

2nd Thursdays at 4:00 pm - Town Hall

**Recreation & Parks Advisory Comm**

2nd Tuesdays 5:30 pm - 550 Vance St.

**Waynesville Housing Authority**

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

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