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Municipal Solid Waste Costs and Services Analyzed

Last year the Town was notified that the County will close the Transfer Station at Jones Cove Road on July 1, 2012. Once it is closed, the Town will be responsible for hauling this waste directly to the White Oak Landfill, adding an additional 30 miles to each trip by requiring a drive to exit 15 on I-40.

Solid Waste is already a costly operation for the Town. In fiscal year 2011 the Town spent \$1,450,000 on Solid Waste services, which includes the collection of 2,902 tons of residential waste, 2,896 tons of commercial waste, and 345 tons of recyclables, plus yard waste, bulky items, and street sweepings. The monthly sanitation fees paid by residents and commercial customers cover only the cost of the waste collection and disposal, not recyclables, yard waste, bulky items, or street sweepings.

The most expensive services, per ton, are recyclables and yard waste. The high cost of recycling reflects our low community recycling rate - the more residents recycle the lower the

cost per ton. Each ton recycled also equals a ton of waste that does not have to be hauled to White Oak. The reverse is true of yard waste. The level of service currently provided requires a large amount of labor and equipment, and it's difficult to enforce yard waste volume limits.

The Town hired Land-of-Sky Council of Government to conduct an objective study of the Town's existing solid waste system and provide recommendations on how to adapt to the changes being made by the County. The study projects a 27% increase in costs for residential and commercial collection in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2012. There will be increased fuel and maintenance costs for the trucks. For residential routes a new rear loader must be purchased due to the collection time lost driving back and forth to White Oak. The cost increases can be managed somewhat by changing routes and the manner in which trash trucks are loaded to operate as efficiently as possible. But increased costs also mean the Town needs to evaluate the current costs for every service, not just residential and commercial waste.

A review of recyclables, yard waste, and bulky items will continue this year, but service changes will not be done without considerable public education and information. The Sanitation Department is dedicated to providing top-level service to the citizens of the Town of Waynesville, and this will not change.

View the slides from the presentation to the Board of Aldermen, and the complete Solid Waste Study at www.townofwaynesville.org.

Solid Waste Program Expenses by Service

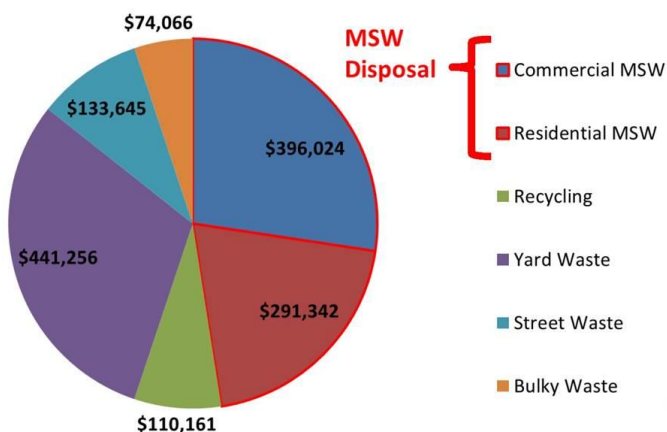


Chart from Land-of-Sky Staff Presentation 2.28.12

RECYCLING

Acceptable items to be placed in blue or clear bags include:

- Newspapers, catalogs
- Magazines, phone books
- Junk mail and other paper
- Household cardboard (without food residue and broken down) - place small amounts in blue bags - larger amounts should be broken down and placed underneath blue bags to avoid being scattered by the wind.



Please rinse the following before placing in blue bags:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Aluminum pie and roasting pans
- Steel cans (place lid inside)
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Plastic bottles and jugs - including shampoo and detergent (#1- #7)

Recycle and be a Winner!!

Give Haywood County your recyclables and win a prize! On Saturday April 28, 2012 a prize will be given to the first three people who bring one of the following items to the Hazelwood Convenience Center and hand them to the attendant:

1. Compact fluorescent bulbs (at least 3 unbroken bulbs). Place the bulbs in a zip top bag. Compact fluorescent bulbs contain a small amount of mercury. Once in the environment mercury can become a health hazard.
2. Household batteries (at least 10). Avoid fire by separating the alkaline batteries from the lithium rechargeable batteries. Place separated batteries in a zip top bag.
3. Used oil (at least 5 quarts).

Remember - one prize per household. Why we should recycle all of the time.....

1. Last year Haywood residents and businesses generated 45,000 tons of solid waste that went to the landfill and only 3,400 tons of recyclables that could be sold to commodities markets.
2. Recycling helps to protect our health and environment
3. Reduces air and water pollution
4. Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
5. Saves energy
6. Conserves precious natural resources, since less raw material needs to be extracted and processed.

For more information about proper recycling visit www.haywoodnc.net and click on "recycling



and sustainability" menu or call 627-8042.

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COMPOSTING

There is an interest in conserving existing landfill space and developing alternative methods of dealing with waste. Don't throw away materials when you can use them to improve your lawn and garden! Consider composting instead.

Some of the space in landfills is taken up with organic waste from our yards and kitchens, just the type of material that can be used in compost.

With a small investment in time, you can help alleviate a community problem, while enriching the soil and improving the health of the plants on your property. Learn more about composting at www.HowtoCompost.org.

Mulch Sale Scheduled

The Town will have compost and double-ground mulch available for pickup 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Town yard waste landfill Thursday, April 12 through Saturday, April 14 and Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, April 21.

Compost

Regular Pickup or Trailer \$10/load
Tandem Truck \$60/load

Double Ground Mulch

Small Pickup Truck \$10/load
Regular Pickup Truck \$25/load
(Larger loads of Double Ground Mulch using Tandem Truck and Roll-off April 19 - 21 only)
Tandem Truck \$100/load
Roll-Off \$200/load

Single Ground Mulch \$10 per load (to cover loading fee) regardless of truck size.

An additional fee of \$10 or \$20 will be charged for trailers (depending on size). For more information call 456-3706.

Board Retreat

Municipalities traditionally hold at least one retreat each year, often scheduled in the late winter/early spring. The retreat plays a critical role in the annual budgeting process, because it allows the Board to meet with the Town Manager and department heads to discuss current challenges and long-range plans for the Town, and set goals for the upcoming fiscal year which begins in July.

This year the Board met on February 17 to discuss a wide range of topics including adapting our solid waste operation to fit the changes proposed by the county, skateboard park, concealed weapons ordinance, sweepstakes machines and other issues.

Adopt-A-Street Update

Good things are happening with Waynesville's Adopt-A-Street Program! This year alone there have been twelve additional streets adopted for a total of ninety-eight in the program. Thanks to everyone who participates in this program. If you are interested in adopting a street call Adopt-A-Street Coordinator Eddie Ward at 356-1172.

North Carolina Litter Sweep will take place on April 14 - 28, 2012 for all streets and highways throughout the State. Those involved in Waynesville's Adopt-A-Street Program use this time for one of their quarterly cleanups. It would also be a great time for residents to spruce up other areas in town. Let's make Waynesville a more beautiful place to live and work!

Spring Cleaning in Green Hill Cemetery

As mowing season begins, solar lights, flower frames and other items stuck into the ground around grave markers and stones should be removed for the safety of town employees and equipment by May 1.

Christmas flowers and any other decorations that are faded or have become unsightly should be removed from the cemetery. Any unsafe and/or unsightly decorations remaining in the cemetery after May 1 will be removed by town personnel. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Green Hill Cemetery an attractive area.

Upcoming Events

April 28 - "Quick Draw" 4:30 - 9:30 pm Professional artists race the clock to start and complete a work of art in one fast-paced hour while you watch. 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Laurel Ridge Country Club.

"Art after Dark" Downtown Waynesville Galleries & Studios remain open late the First Friday evening of each month, May - December. Demonstrations, artists' receptions, music & more 6 - 9 pm.

May 6 - Annual Ramp Festival American

Legion Field - live music & entertainment, food featuring ramps, a naturally grown wild onion, 11 am - 4 pm.

May 12 - Frog Level "Whole Bloomin' Thing" Festival - 9 am - 4 pm.

May 26 - Block Party - Downtown is Alive at Night, dancing in the street with live bands, children's area, eats & treats, restaurants open, music begins at 7 pm.

June 9 - Appalachian Lifestyle Celebration - Main St. Protecting and preserving mountain history through a heritage themed festival. A full day celebration of traditional mountain craft, food, and entertainment. Demonstrations of Appalachian life skills & crafts, storytelling, mountain music & clogging, home-style food vendors. 10 am - 5 pm.

June 22, July 6, July 20 and August 3 - Mountain Street Dances - Downtown is Alive at Night. Put on your cloggin' & square dancin' shoes and enjoy an old-fashioned mountain hoe down! Live mountain music, demonstrations and instruction by local clogging teams. Refreshments available in front of the Historic Haywood County Courthouse, 6:30 - 9 pm.

July 4 - Stars and Stripes Celebration - Main St. Shops & restaurants open, sidewalk sales, live music & entertainment, refreshments, fun for all ages throughout the downtown area 11 am - 3 pm.

South Main Street Corridor Plan Update

The Town continues to make progress on developing a plan for improvements to South Main Street between the Smoky Mountain Expressway and Ninevah Road. These improvements are planned to include roadway widening, intersection realignments, sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle lanes and landscaping. Following Planning Board review and a public hearing held on January 17, the consulting team has prepared a final draft of the plan, available for public review on the Town's website: www.townofwaynesville.org. Interested persons are encouraged to review the plan and submit comments. A public hearing is anticipated during the regular Board of Aldermen meeting on April 24 to receive final comments, following which the Board will take action on adoption of the plan. For more information visit the Town's website or contact Town Planning Director Paul Benson at 456-2004, planning@townofwaynesville.org or by mail at P. O. Box 100, Waynesville, NC 28786.

Adoption of Revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a voluntary and mutual agreement between the Federal Government and local governments. Participation in this program by local governments makes federally-backed flood insurance available to property owners within the local government's jurisdiction. Basic flood information for property owners, surveyors, developers, and local officials is obtained by using Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). At their March 13 meeting, the Waynesville Board of Aldermen adopted a new Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in order to continue participation in the NFIP. Copies of the new maps can be viewed at the Town of Waynesville Development Office at 9 South Main Street or on the Town's web site at www.townofwaynesville.org. For additional information please contact Zoning Land Use Administrator Byron Hickox at 452-0401 or landuse@townofwaynesville.org

Watershed Hike - April 21



The 8,600 acre Waynesville Watershed property sits at the head of Allens Creek and provides enough water to fill a 50-acre reservoir. Hikes in the town watershed are held twice a year; at all

other times this property is off-limits to public access, making these hikes a special treat. The Spring Hike will be held Saturday, April 21st. Come hike and learn with Naturalist Don Hendershot, Dr. Peter Bates of Western Carolina University and naturalists from Balsam Mountain Trust.

Participants must be able to hike 3-5 miles in moderately strenuous terrain. Hikers should bring their own lunch, water, appropriate (warm) clothing, hat, rain gear, and wear sturdy shoes. Birders should also bring their binoculars. The group will leave from the Waynesville Water Plant, and directions will be sent upon registration. Sorry, no pets allowed.



Registration can be done by calling 452-2491 or online at www.townofwaynesville.org.

The Scoop on Poop

Did you know that pet waste can pollute our rivers and lakes? Pet waste not disposed of properly can be picked up by stormwater. If you live in town, pet waste left on your lawns can be washed into storm drains. Once in the storm drain, the pet waste is carried to the nearest waterway. Unlike a sewer system, the water in the storm drain is not cleaned or treated before it dumps into the waterway. Pet waste contains bacteria, viruses and parasites that can harm humans. Here's what you can do:

1. Pick up after your dog.
Use a plastic bag to put it in the trash.
2. Do not compost dog or cat waste. It can leach bacteria, viruses, pathogens and disease into the soil.
3. Use an in-ground pet waste digester or make one of your own. Contact your local pet supply store for more information.



4. If you must, you can flush it down your toilet.

Managing pet waste properly is something every pet owner can do to make a difference in our watersheds. Be a mindful dog owner and clean up after your pet. Save those baggies!

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Healthy Haywood Fitness Challenge to be Held in Fall

Re-mark your calendars! This year's Fitness Challenge will take place October 1st through November 11th. It will still be \$10 to visit a wide variety of local gyms and private classes 24 times. Registration will be one week, October 1st through October 5th at various locations which will be announced closer to the start of the challenge.

For more information about Fitness Challenge details, visit www.healthyhaywood.org. Healthy Haywood is a program of the Haywood County Health Department and certified Healthy Carolinians Partnership.

Spring Time Safety

Spring is here! Remember to be safe when enjoying the outdoors. Below are some safety tips from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).

Grilling

- In 2005-2009, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an average of 8,200 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, including an average of 3,400 structure fires and 4,800 outside fires. These 8,200 fires caused an annual average of 15 civilian deaths, 120 civilian injuries and \$75 million in direct property damage.

- More than one-quarter (29%) of the home structure fires involving grills started on a courtyard, terrace or patio, 28% started on an exterior balcony or open porch, and 6% started in the kitchen.

- Flammable or combustible gas or liquid was the item first ignited in half of home outdoor grill fires. In 50% of the home outdoor fires in which grills were involved, 55% of the outside gas grills, and 36% of the gas grill structure fires, the fire started when a flammable or combustible gas or liquid caught fire.

Playground

- Inspect playground equipment to make sure it is age appropriate and in good condition.

- Play areas should be covered with at least 12 inches of shredded mulch, wood chips, pea gravel, and fine sand or covered with rubber or rubber-like material designed for use under playground

materials. Dirt, grass and sand do not provide proper fall protection.

- Encourage children to take turns on playground equipment.

- Encourage children to play gently - pushing and roughhousing can lead to falls.

- Never allow children to wear jackets with drawstrings, jewelry, or scarves around the neck. They can get caught on playground equipment.

Contact Waynesville Fire Department for any safety concerns at 456-6151.

Waynesville Hires New Town Manager

On March 21, the Waynesville Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to appoint Marcy Onieal as the next Waynesville Town Manager effective March 29. Ms. Onieal has more than eleven years of municipal experience, most recently as the Black Mountain Town Manager. Onieal obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has continued her studies with coursework in that University's Master of Public Administration program, and various local government training courses offered by the UNC School of Government. Ms. Onieal will succeed longtime Manager Lee Galloway who will retire June 30. Mr. Galloway will continue to serve as a management advisor through the budgeting process, until his retirement in June.



Please Separate Items to be Picked Up

All items left to be picked up by the Town should be separated from other items. For example, limbs, grass clippings, recycling items, etc. should not have household garbage or other items mixed in. Items will be left at site if improperly prepared for pickup. For questions or additional information please call 456-3706 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NOTE: Carpet, tires and stumps will not be picked up. Please call Haywood County at 627-8042 for proper disposal of these items.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Easter - Offices closed April 6
(garbage pickup April 5)

Memorial Day - Offices closed
May 28 (garbage pickup May
29)

Independence Day - Offices
closed July 4 (garbage pickup
July 5)

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

DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE

ASSOCIATION

456-3517

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MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Aldermen

2nd & 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

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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