

# TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE



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## 4TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

What a Fall for the Town of Waynesville Pack the Pantry Food Drive! We've seen tremendous growth since 2008, when employees decided they wanted to do something more to help the residents in need in our community. This effort has grown to include local businesses, schools and civic groups, and we couldn't be more pleased.

The food drive kickoff was the Tuscola vs. Pisgah Junior Varsity and Varsity football games on October 6th and 7th. Students and fans at those two games donated 7,047 pounds of food and \$490. After weighing the food, Tuscola was declared the winner, and a trophy presented the week after the game. The food donated by Tuscola fans went to Haywood Christian Ministry in Waynesville, and that of Pisgah fans to the Community Kitchen in Canton. This was the first year for the use of the football game to collect food, and we're excited about the potential to use this rivalry for good in the community.

On Friday, November 18th, Town employees collected a total of six truckloads of food in twelve hours. We give a special thank you to everyone who donated, and to the management of Ingles and Best Buy, who allowed us to set up drive-thru stations in their parking lots. In addition, the Fire Department used that day to hold a "boot drive" in the parking lots of Ingles and Best Buy, and collected \$3,285 which was donated to Haywood Christian Ministry for the purchase of additional food for Haywood County residents.

The food drive this year also included collections at three elementary schools in the county - Jonathan Valley, Junaluska and Hazelwood. The principals, teachers and students of every class have been tremendously supportive and excited about the food drive each Fall.



### *Pack the Pantry Totals*

2008	2 truckloads of food
2009	13 truckloads of food
2010	18 truckloads of food
2011	32 truckloads of food plus \$3,285 from the Boot Drive on November 18th and \$490 from the Tuscola/Pisgah Football Games.

Plan to bring food to next year's Tuscola vs. Pisgah football games, and the day-long community food drive in November. Also, we urge everyone who is able to find a way to give back to the community, whether through food, a monetary donation, or time. It is the people of this community that make it special.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### "LOVE the LOCALS" Campaign

in Downtown Waynesville during the month of February. Special Discounts for Special Folks in our Special Town! **February 1-29**  
A Big Red Heart identifies participating businesses.

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## Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

As we move closer to winter and home fire deaths begin to increase, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) remind everyone that fire safety and prevention are especially important in the coming months. Because home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season, NFPA and USFA are once again jointly sponsoring a special initiative – Put a Freeze on Winter Fires – to help raise public awareness about winter fires.

“These fires are a painful reminder of what we see every year – the temperatures drop and fires increase,” said NFPA President Jim Shannon. According to NFPA statistics, space heaters account for about one third of home heating fires and approximately 80 percent of the home heating fire deaths.

The USFA’s Winter Residential Building Fires report shows that each winter an estimated 108,400 residential building fires occur in the United States, resulting in 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter residential building fires at 36 percent followed by heating at 23 percent. Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

“The winter season brings the highest number of home fires, more than at any other time of year,” said USFA’s Deputy Fire Administrator Glenn Gaines. “Home fires increase in part due to cooking and heating. Winter storms can also interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources that contribute to the increased risk of fire during the winter months.”

The NFPA and USFA recommend following these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.

- Do not put your live Christmas tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

- Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won’t burn.

- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.

“Winter fires are preventable,” Gaines emphasized. “Everyone should find out what they need to know to prevent a tragedy and have a safe winter season.”

For more information about the causes of winter fires, winter storm fire safety, holiday fire safety, and tips that will help prevent the incidence of fire in the home, visit the USFA website at [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and the NFPA website at [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).



## Gearing up for Winter

Winter is here and it is time to get your car ready for the cold. This means changing your oil, windshield washer fluid and anti-freeze. If you plan on changing your car’s fluids on your own, do not dispose of them in the stormdrain or on the ground. Once in the stormdrain these chemicals will flow into the nearest waterway where it will cause harm to fish and other aquatic life. If these chemicals are dumped onto the ground they can seep into the groundwater and contaminate the drinking water. Used oil, anti-freeze and other automotive fluids should be taken to the nearest Convenience Center for proper disposal.

When starting up your ‘winter’ car be sure to check for leaking fluids like gas or oil. If you find a leak, get it fixed as soon as possible. Fluids that



leak from your car will end up on the road. Once on the road it will be picked up by stormwater, water that runs off pavement or hard ground after a rain event, where it will enter the stormdrain and be

dumped into the nearest waterway. Be smart this winter and keep pollution out of our waterways.

For more information on how to properly dispose of automotive chemicals please contact the Haywood County Solid Waste Management facility at 627-8042 or online: [www.haywoodnc.net](http://www.haywoodnc.net).

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## Manager Search Process

Town Manager Lee Galloway will be retiring in June 2012, and the Board has hired the consulting firm of Developmental Associates to work with them to find the next manager. The firm will help lead the effort to locate the manager who best suits the needs of our community. In mid-November, the firm held meetings with the Town Board, department heads and various citizens and the public was invited to attend a session and make comments on their vision of the future and the needs of the community.

At the present time, advertisements are appearing in various professional publications, seeking applicants for this position. The advertisement may be seen at [www.developmentalassociates.com](http://www.developmentalassociates.com) by clicking on Town Manager under Current Job Opportunities on that web site. Developmental Associates will be reviewing applications during January and will meet with the Town Board on January 30 to select a field of eight to ten finalists. Those individuals will come to Waynesville in mid-February and attend an assessment process, and that process should produce two or three candidates who will be interviewed by the Town Board in early March.

If all goes well, the next manager will be selected and come on board by mid to late April 2012. That individual will participate in the budget presentation to the Town Board and the public hearings on the document. By announcing his retirement so far in advance, Mr. Galloway has given the community the opportunity to have a smooth transition from one manager to the next. To protect the privacy of the managerial candidates, their names will not be released to the public. Only the name of the finalist will be released, once selected. The Town will keep the public informed about the process leading up to the selection of the next manager.

## Haywood County Offices Moving

Haywood County has completed the renovation of the former Walmart building and several County departments will begin moving to their new location at the start of the New Year. The Department of Social Services will be moving January 6th-January 9th and will be back in full operation January 10th. The permitting departments, which include Building Inspections, Environmental Health, and Planning and Erosion Control will move January 11th and 12th and will reopen January 13th. The Health Department will be moving January 20th – January 23rd and will be operating fully on January 24th. If you have any questions about the move, please contact Haywood County Facilities and Maintenance Department at 828-452-6650.

**Leaves picked up in bags only beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17**



## South Main Street Corridor Plan - Your Input is Needed

Progress continues on the Corridor Plan for improvements to South Main Street, extending from Hyatt Creek Road to Ninevah Road. The lead consulting firm, La Quatra Bonci Associates, has submitted a draft plan for presentation to the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen. The draft plan has two alternatives for corridor improvement along with supporting data including existing traffic counts and traffic count projections. Input from the community is sought to pick the best alternative. The presentations will be conducted as public hearings and the public is encouraged to attend and provide input. The draft plan is available on the Town's website: [www.townofwaynesville.org](http://www.townofwaynesville.org).

The first presentation will be held at the January 17 meeting of the Town of Waynesville Planning Board. The meeting takes place at 5:30 p.m. in the Waynesville Town Hall Board Room located at 9 South Main Street. For more information contact Planning Director Paul Benson at 456-2004 or [planning@townofwaynesville.org](mailto:planning@townofwaynesville.org).

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## Curbside Recycling Expands to Include Plastics #1 - #7

The Haywood County Solid Waste Department has implemented new rules regarding solid waste and recycling, and we are asking for the cooperation of the public to assist in this area.

The County has directed that cardboard should no longer be placed in the landfill and that cardboard coming from our residential customers should go into the recycling truck and not into a garbage collection truck. This includes virtually any type cardboard from cereal boxes to any type cardboard boxes. These boxes must be broken down and flattened by the resident, for ease of transporting on the recycling trucks. The flat boxes take up much less space and allow the recycling truck to haul more volume with each trip which saves time and expense. If cardboard is mixed with the garbage, Haywood County solid waste has instructed us not to bring it to the transfer station and indicated that the Town will be required to pull the cardboard back out of the garbage. With that in mind, the Town's collectors will have no choice but to reject any cardboard from our residents which is mixed with the garbage. Please keep cardboard separate, broken down and in a stack beside or underneath your blue bags.

In addition to the changes with cardboard recycling, we have learned that Haywood County is now accepting all forms of plastic. In the past, the County only accepted plastics marked "1" and "2". Now the County will accept other plastics in the recycling stream, so any plastic marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 may be included in the blue bags or the recycling taken to the convenience centers. The blue bags can be found at most stores on the same aisle as regular trash bags.

Plastic materials now accepted for recycling include:

**#1 PETE:** Used for soft drinks, juice, water, detergent, peanut butter and cleaning supply bottles.

**#2 HDPE:** Used for milk, bleach, detergent, shampoo, butter tubs and water jugs.

**#3 PVC:** Used for pipe, fencing, shower curtains, lawn chairs and non-food bottles.

**#4 LDPE:** Used for plastic bags, 6-pack rings, various containers and tubing.

**#5 PP:** Used for yogurt containers, butter containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws and medicine bottles.

**#6 PS:** Used for desk accessories, plastic utensils, toys, video cassettes and cases, and clamshell containers.

**#7 OTHER:** Used for plastic lumber applications, headlight lenses and safety shields/glasses.

## Why Recycling is Important!

The Town has been assessing the solid waste system during 2011, and we learned that when compared to other communities, the volume of recycling in Waynesville is considerably lower. According to what the study revealed, the citizens in some communities in Western North Carolina were recycling 10, 15 or even 20% of their garbage. In Waynesville, they found that only about 5% of the garbage was recycled.

Starting in July, 2012, the County will close the Transfer Station at Jones Cove Road and the Town will have to haul garbage to the White Oak Landfill, a trip that will greatly increase the Town's cost for solid waste operations. Those costs will likely have to be passed on to the residents of the community.

Recycling will still be collected at the Jones Cove Road facility. So the more we can recycle, which the Town will haul the four miles to Jones Cove Road, the less the Town will collect in garbage that will have to be hauled 20 miles to the White Oak Landfill. Please do your part by helping increase the recycling. This is something very simple that you can do to help cut the Town's cost (and thus your costs) for hauling garbage to the White Oak Landfill.

## Waynesville Employees Honored at Luncheon

Town employees were honored at a luncheon on Friday, December 2 at the Waynesville Recreation Center. The Town's workforce consists of 160 full time employees and 60 part-time employees. Six employees retired during 2011. Those employees included Chuck Way, Ralph Hannah, Bo Messer, Thomas McClure, Robert Stiles and Doug Grasty.

Employees recognized for years of service:

**5 Years:** Alison Melnikova, Joey Webb, Robert Shuff, Rhett Langston, Dennis Moody, Jay Entwistle, Kristie Holcombe, Joni Davis and Eddie Ward.

**10 Years:** Roy Ballew, Sabrina Caldwell, David Snyder and David Hyatt.

**15 Years:** Donald Hummel and Kenny Buchanan

**20 Years:** Brian Beck and Johnny Reece.

**25 Years:** Fred Baker, David Grooms and Alex Hall.

Two employees were chosen for "2011 Employee of the Year."

**Warren Putnam** – Code Enforcement Officer began work for the Town in 1995. After attending Canton High School, Warren joined the Army and served during the Vietnam Era, and at the time of his employment, he was a member of the N. C. National Guard. Warren also served the Town of Waynesville as Firefighter, First Responder and Level III Inspector. In presenting this award, Manager Galloway said Warren “has shown the tact and diplomacy needed to gain cooperation, but has never strayed from the persistence and determination to get the job done.”



**Johnny Reece** – Wastewater Treatment Plant employee since 1991. In Johnny’s first employee evaluation, just six months after coming aboard, the supervisor commented: “Pleasantly surprised - has much more mechanical ability than I originally thought. Very well pleased with this guy.” During his 20 years of employment, Johnny has never used a sick day. What a record that is!

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

## Recognition to Outgoing Board Member Elizabeth Feichter

Elizabeth Feichter was first elected as Alderman in 1999, serving for the past twelve years. During that time one thing that always stood out about Ms. Feichter was her concern about the town employees, many of whom she had known since they were children in her classroom. She always wanted to be sure that the Town was doing the right thing for all its employees. She was always consistent in showing her concern for employees, not only for their well being as individuals, but also for their spouses and families.

Special recognition was given to Alderman Elizabeth Feichter, along with a simple, sincere and heart-felt “Thank You”. We wish you the best in the future!

## Recognition to Town Manager Lee Galloway

Special recognition was given to Town Manager Lee Galloway. Mr. Galloway plans to retire in June 2012 and Town employees wanted to recognize him when they were together as a group. Several gifts were presented to Mr. Galloway, including an engraved plaque to show their appreciation for his 18 years of visionary leadership for the community and to express their appreciation for being their employee advocate. Thank you Mr. Galloway! We wish you the best in the future.

## 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.

January 2012						
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Yard Waste						
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Bulky Items						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Yard Waste						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Bulky Items						
30	31					

February 2012						
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Yard Waste						
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Bulky Items						
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Yard Waste						
27	28	29				
Bulky Items						

March 2012						
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Yard Waste						
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Bulky Items						
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Yard Waste						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Bulky Items						

**MAYOR:**

**Gavin A. Brown**

**ALDERMEN:**

**Gary Caldwell  
Julia Freeman  
J. Wells Greeley  
LeRoy Roberson**

**MANAGER:**

**A. Lee Galloway**

**ASST. MANAGER:**

**Alison Melnikova**

**TOWN CLERK:**

**Phyllis McClure**

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**New Years Day** – Offices closed  
January 2 (garbage pickup January 3)

**Martin Luther King, Jr.** – Offices closed  
January 16 (garbage pickup January 17)

**Good Friday** – Offices closed  
April 8 (garbage pickup one day early on April 7)

**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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