

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE



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Message from the Mayor

To the Citizens of Waynesville:

We are nearing the completion of construction of our new fire station on North Main Street. The contract was scheduled for completion at the end of March, and while the interior is about 98% completed, the inclement weather of the winter has delayed the preparations of the driveways and parking areas for paving and the landscaping of the property. We are optimistic that the building will be ready for occupancy in early May. There have been very few changes to the original construction plans and we anticipate that the project will come in approximately \$250,000 under budget. During the summer, we will have an open house at the station and look forward to showing off this building to the community.



In late March, the Town accepted bids on the renovations and expansion of the police station and construction of the development office and meeting space. Bids on the building construction came in at \$3,576,473, which is \$220,000 below the final cost estimate from the architects on this project. The total estimated costs for this project will be around \$4,500,000, which includes the development of the parking area on the east side of Wall Street and all furnishings for the building. Originally, we had planned to finance this facility over a 40-year period, but with the lower than expected bids and the fact that interest rates on financing have

dropped in recent months, the Town Board decided to pay the building off over 20 years.

The Local Government Commission will consider approval of this project at their meeting on May 6. If all goes well, we expect construction to commence in late May. Completion of the project should be around 14 months.

The Town is planning construction of a second electrical substation off Howell Mill Road, and construction of this facility should begin in the fall of 2008. For many years, the Town has operated with a single substation located on Smathers Street, and that facility has a capacity of 20 megawatts of power. During January, the Town set some new peaks in terms of demand upon the system, with an all time record peak demand set on January 3, 2008 of 19.894 megawatts. There was another very cold morning on Monday, January 21, and we hit the second highest peak we have recorded at 19.855 megawatts. The previous peak was set on January 24, 2005, at 19.414 megawatts. The overall substation project costs including land, equipment and connections to our existing electrical system will exceed \$3,000,000.

Local government is a big business. The Town's annual operating budget for 2007-2008 is more than \$25,000,000. The three construction projects mentioned above have a combined total of more than \$11,000,000. Your Town Board works hard to keep your property taxes low and to keep the rates you pay for water, sewer and electricity down. You will find that Waynesville's rates are among the lowest in North Carolina. We are now involved in developing the budget for 2008-2009, and you may be assured that we will work hard to maintain the level of services while keeping your costs low.

Gavin A. Brown,
Mayor

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2, Friday - "ART AFTER DARK" - Downtown Waynesville Galleries and Studios remain open late the first Friday evening in each month, May - November, 6 - 9 pm. Artist demonstrations, receptions, music and more.

May 4, Sunday - ANNUAL RAMP FESTIVAL - American Legion Field - live music and entertainment, food featuring ramps, a naturally grown wild onion. 11 am - 4 pm.



Memorial Day Weekend - Sidewalk Sales May 23, 24 & 26 on Main Street.

May 24 - Saturday - BLOCK PARTY, Downtown is Alive at Night, dancing in the street with live bands, children's area, eats and treats, restaurants open, music begins at 7 pm. National Corvette Car Club will line the streets and a portion of Main Street is closed.



Mid May - October - every Wednesday and Saturday - TAILGATE FARMER'S MARKET. Local growers set up in the Badcock Home Furnishings parking lot to sell their fresh produce and plants throughout the summer and fall growing season. 8 am - 12 noon.

NEW - DOWNTOWN DRIVE-IN MOVIES, Friday nights June 13, July 18, August 15, 7:30 - 11:30 pm. These movies will be held on the top level of the Justice Center parking deck.

June 21, Saturday - 13TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN STUDIO & GALLERY TOUR. Free walking art tour in Downtown Waynesville. Visit with artists as they work. Refreshments, maps at every studio and gallery, flags identify the galleries. 10 am - 5 pm.

June 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 - Friday Nights - MOUNTAIN STREET DANCE. Put on your cloggin' and 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 Courthouse. 6:30 - 9 pm.



July 4 - Friday - Stars & Stripes Celebration. Main Street, Downtown Waynesville is celebrating Haywood County's Bicentennial on the courthouse lawn, live entertainment, sidewalk sales, refreshments and fun for all ages throughout the downtown area. 11 am - 3 pm.

WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC Art COMMISSION

Three artists have been chosen as finalists from a field of seventeen applicants for the Waynesville Public Art Commission's inaugural project featuring Old Time Music. The finalists made a presentation to the Public Art Commission and their specially-selected Advisory Panel on April 26, 2008. This Advisory Panel consists of business-people, arts supporters, students, art teachers, local musicians, and local government officials.

The finalists existing work ranges in style from representational to the abstract. Each is a highly skilled artisan with a significant body of work that includes many specially commissioned pieces. Upon selection of a finalist, the pieces will be submitted to the Town Board for final approval. Fundraising activities will take place throughout 2008, with installation expected to be completed in early November.

For those wishing to make a donation, please make your check payable to Town of Waynesville, with Public Art Fund noted in the memo section.

Donations may be mailed to:

Waynesville Public Art Commission
c/o Downtown Waynesville Association
PO Box 1409
Waynesville, NC 28786

The Waynesville Public Art Commission also has one vacant seat, as well as openings on its artist relations, community relations and projects task forces. If you are interested in becoming a Commission member, please pick up an application at Town Hall or by visiting www.townofwaynesville.org On the home page, click on Download Forms, Boards and Commissions and click on applications. The Public Art Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

DOWNTOWN WAYNESVILLE ASSOCIATION HAS TEMPORARILY RELOCATED

During the renovation of the Police Department building, the Downtown Waynesville Association has moved into a temporary office. They can still be reached at 456-3517 or downtownwaynesville@charter.net.

AFTER HOURS AND EMERGENCY UTILITY CONTACTS

On Sunday, February 10, the Town of Waynesville experienced tremendous winds resulting in damages from falling trees, power poles and flying debris. Electric employees were called out around 11:00 a.m. and worked until 9:00 p.m. to restore electricity to residents affected by power outages.

The Electric, Streets, Water and Sewer Departments have individuals on call to respond to after hour, weekend and holiday emergencies. The Waynesville Police Department has a list of those individuals and contact numbers. If you experience a utility emergency during these times please call the Waynesville Police Department at 456-5363. They will ask certain questions to narrow down what type response is needed. For non emergencies and during normal business hours please call the Public Works Department at 456-3706.

For non-emergencies you can also use the Town's Citizen Service Desk. Simply go to the Town's web site at www.townofwaynesville.org to report a problem or request a service. A tracking number will be assigned and the request can be tracked online, by phone, or in person.

PREVENT SANITARY SEWER BACKUPS

Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the town's sewer main. You can help prevent a costly and unsanitary overflow by following a few simple steps:

- Put oil and grease in collections containers.
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms.
- Keep grease out of wash water.
- Place food scraps in collections containers.

DO NOT

- Pour oil and grease down drains.
- Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed.
- Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces.
- Put food scraps down drains.
- Use the toilet as a wastebasket.

NO SIGNS ON UTILITY POLES

Please do not place signs on utility poles. This is not only unsightly, but is in violation of the Town's Ordinances. If you have questions regarding the sign ordinance contact Byron Hickox at 452-0401.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Keep yourself and your neighbors safe. Digging in the dirt is a pleasure for some and work for others. But did you know that North Carolina law requires you to notify your area utilities at least 48 hours (two working days) in advance of an excavation project?



By simply dialing "811", you can talk toll-free to the North Carolina One Call Center who will handle everything for you - except the digging part!

At no charge, North Carolina One Call will notify all your local utilities, including the Town of Waynesville. Utility companies will then locate and mark any underground utilities in the area of your dig. That way you or your contractor can be sure to avoid them when installing the new swimming pool, sprinkler system or even trees and shrubs.

Remember calling before you dig doesn't cost a thing, but not calling could result in property damage or serious injury.

North Carolina One Call Center, 811
www.ncocc.org

Digging damage to natural gas lines - know what to do

Natural gas is a colorless, odorless, non-toxic yet flammable substance. PSNC adds a "rotten egg" odor to help you detect a potential leak. Be sure you know the warning signs of a damaged natural gas pipeline:

- * Smell of rotten eggs
- * Hissing sound near the pipeline or natural gas appliance
- * Dirt or debris blowing from a hole in the ground
- * Persistent bubbles from a wet or flooded area in the ground
- * Vegetation over or near the pipeline is discolored or appears dead

DO NOT attempt to find the leak yourself. Leave immediately, go to a nearby phone and call PSNC Energy at 1-877-776-2427 and 911.



WAYNESVILLE PEDESTRIAN PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

In recent years, communities throughout North Carolina have begun to place more emphasis on providing facilities for biking and walking. A desire for better modal choices, the demand for more walkable and bikeable communities and a focus on smart growth initiatives have combined to highlight the need for better, more complete bicycle and pedestrian transportation systems. Comprehensive planning documents are an integral part of developing these systems, and can guide both local and state efforts to improve conditions for bicycling and walking.



To encourage the development of comprehensive local bicycle plans and pedestrian plans, the NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation and the Transportation Planning Branch have created a matching grant program to fund plan development. This program was initiated through a special allocation of funding approved by the N. C. General Assembly in 2003 along with federal funds earmarked specifically for bicycle and pedestrian planning by the TPB. In early summer of 2007 the Town of Waynesville received a Pedestrian Planning Grant through this program.

It is vital to the quality and effectiveness of the plan that citizens of Waynesville participate in its development. For this reason the Town is looking for interested citizens willing to serve on the Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee. Steering committee members should represent a diverse group of stakeholders for the community. Committee members may include representatives from governmental agencies, local schools, bicycle and/or pedestrian advocate groups, health professionals, citizens, and anyone else who can represent the interest and concerns of the community. An exemplary steering committee represents a balanced focus among transportation, recreation and health issues with a manageable number of members, ideally between 12 and 18 people. The steering committee should meet no less than four times, but the group can meet more often if appropriate.

If you are interested in serving on the Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee, please pick up an application at Town Hall or by visiting www.townofwaynesville.org. On the home page, click on Download Forms, Boards and Commissions and click on applications. For more information call Paul Benson at 456-2004.



WATERSHED DAY

On Saturday, May 3rd, the public will once again be allowed to visit the Waynesville Watershed on guided hikes. Led by Dr. Peter Bates of Western Carolina University (WCU), hikers will learn about the current work being done on the development of the Waynesville watershed management plan as well as current conditions within the watershed. Naturalist Don Hendershot will be joining the hike to discuss the wildlife and wildflowers found in the watershed.

In 2006, the Town of Waynesville entered into an agreement with WCU to develop a comprehensive forest management plan for the watershed. The plan is being developed by the Western Carolina Forest Sustainability Initiative (WCFSI), which is housed in the Natural Resources Management Program at WCU, though individuals are contributing to this plan representing a variety of universities and organizations. The plan is to be completed in the spring of 2008.

The hike will be between 4 and 6 miles long, across moderately strenuous terrain and will leave from the Waynesville Water Plant. Hikers should bring their own lunch, water, appropriate (warm) clothing, hat, rain gear, and wear sturdy shoes. Birders should bring their binoculars. The group will leave from the Waynesville Water Plant at 9:00 am and return by 1:00 pm. To learn more, check the town website or call 828-452-2491 for more information.

HOUSEHOLD PRACTICES CAN PROTECT OUR STREAMS

Stormwater is the water that runs off of streets, parking lots, rooftops, and other hard surfaces whenever it rains. Storm drains or ditches carry run-off to nearby streams, without passing through a water treatment plant. Stormwater run-off is a problem because it carries pollutants from the land directly into our water. Anything that gets deposited on the pavement or sidewalk eventually ends up in a nearby stream; metals, salts, oils, etc., from roads and parking lots; fertilizers and other products from golf courses and landscaping; pet waste, grease, soap, and chemicals that may get dumped out the back door.

Waynesville is working to manage stormwater runoff through their stormwater management plan. However, the best strategy is to reduce the pollutants before they are carried away by runoff. This will require everyone's help. Best Management Practices - BMPs - are simply the best way to do something to protect the environment while still accomplishing your goal. There are BMPs for all walks of life; here are some simple things you can do at home:

- Dispose of waste responsibly. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is toxic waste that should not go down the kitchen drain, into the storm drain or the sanitary sewer system, or into a regular landfill. Wastewater treatment plants are designed to clean primarily biological wastes such as toilet sewage, kitchen wastes, bath and laundry water, etc., not oil, pesticides, and solvents. Store these in safe, well-sealed and labeled containers until you can take it to a HHW drop-off site.
- Use the least toxic product possible for the job you're doing. Choose biodegradable detergents, natural or aqueous cleansers and solvents, and water-based (low VOC) paints.
- Use as little product as possible for the job you're doing. Excess solvents, detergents and fertilizers simply get rinsed away and end up in our waterways.
- Never apply fertilizer or other lawn or garden products when rain is predicted in the next two days.
- Dispose of organic wastes (grass clippings, other yard debris, and food scraps) by composting.
- Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash, where water is cleaned and recycled, rather than on pavement.
- Clean up spills and leaks with dry methods, rather than hosing down spills. For example, use kitty lit-

ter or newspaper to absorb the spill, then sweep or vacuum it up, bag it, and put in the trash, or store it for HHW drop off.

- Maintain a vegetated buffer next to stream channels. Don't mow down the stream buffer.
- Consider installing cisterns to collect water from rooftop gutters.

For more information, visit www.WNCstormwater.org. Also contact the Haywood County Cooperative Extension Service for information on composting and other home practices (828-456-3575). For more detail on industry-specific BMPs or advice for commercial and industrial facilities on pollution prevention strategies, contact Waste Reduction Partners (828-251-6622) and visit www.landofsky.org/wrp/.

Memorial Gift Program

The Town of Waynesville offers residents the ability to give a gift in honor of someone special. Birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and other special occasions are perfect occasions to honor a loved one. Some of the gift choices include benches, trees, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, flag poles, flower planters, picnic tables, playground equipment, sundials, trash and recyclable receptacles. A plaque will be installed identifying the gift and names and dates of those being honored. If there are other items you would like to donate, let us know and we may be able to work with you. For more information contact Town Clerk Phyllis McClure at 452-2491.



MAYOR:

Gavin A. Brown

ALDERMEN:

**Gary Caldwell
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MANAGER:

A. Lee Galloway

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial Day - Offices closed Monday, May 26. (No garbage pickup - will be picked up Tuesday, May 27)

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



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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