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Message from the Mayor

Finance Department is Moving July 2010

Our nation is in an economic recession worse than anything since the depression of the 1930's. Economic problems beset the budgets of State, County and Town governments not unlike the challenges created in your personal and business financial plans. Difficult choices, in many cases painful choices, are made daily. Your elected and appointed officials at the Town of Waynesville have faced these as well. We constantly evaluate our operations and search for ways to conserve funds and craft efficiencies. At the same time we attempt to maintain the level of services the citizens expect.

In preparing for the 2010-2011 budget, the Town Board faces difficult decisions to meet these economic challenges. The use of the former Hazelwood Town Hall at 280 Georgia Avenue has come to the forefront in this task. We have operated a business office at this location since the merger of Hazelwood and Waynesville in 1995. For a time the Building Inspections, Planning and Land Development and Police Patrol also operated from this location. Although Fire Station 1 was opened in the summer of 2008, the town continues to operate the Fire Department at the Hazelwood location and has no plans to discontinue this service.

The new Town Hall at 9 South Main Street houses all police operations. A Development Office consisting of Planning, Land Development, Inspections and Public Works are at this location. This fulfilled one of the goals of this project by creating office space at the Hazelwood location. The Municipal Building at 16 South Main Street is the next step in our process. The Facilities Study carried out in 2004 confirmed the existence of two major problems with this location: overcrowded working conditions and traffic congestion.

The office space created at Hazelwood allows us to relocate the entire financial operation of the Town. The proposed occupancy date is mid summer. All operations associated with utilities and taxes including the Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, Accounts Payable and Receivables staff and the Tax



Collector will move to this site. This change eliminates one staff position in the Finance Department which is being handled by an upcoming retirement. Total estimated savings of \$50,000 is achieved.

This action will mean a change for many of our customers accustomed to using the downtown location as payments will no longer be accepted on a personalized basis. The ramp associated with the drive-thru window will be removed and replaced by landscaping and additional parking. However convenience for our citizens and customers will not be forsaken. The new Hazelwood location will include a 24 hour drop box as well as drive up and inside payment services. The Main Street location will continue to house the computer kiosk which allows customers to make payments by credit card or electronic check and a new drop box will be installed.

The Hazelwood Structure was built in 1979 and is in reasonably good condition. To properly insure the safety of people during this process, the Hazelwood office will be closed for six to eight weeks. These renovations will include installing an additional vehicle lane at the drive-thru, expanding the lobby area and other minor building improvements. The actual size of the building will not be increased. Current plans have the work taking place during May and June with the renovated facility reopening in mid to late July.

This change has not been made arbitrarily. The Town Board appreciates the significant change in long standing habits that are being necessitated by this change. We sincerely believe that the majority of affected citizens and customers will understand that this move is in the best long-term interests of the residents and taxpayers of Waynesville. Duplicate services will be eliminated, buildings utilized to their full capacity and motorist and pedestrian safety will be enhanced.

During this time, you might consider the various alternatives for bill payments - regular mail, payment on line with credit card or electronic check or bank draft. Call 456-3515 for more information.

In the next few months, we will pinpoint exact dates in this process and advise citizens accordingly.

Gavin A. Brown, Mayor

8th Annual "Whole Bloomin' Thing" Spring Festival

May 8th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Held in Waynesville's Historic Frog Level District, the "Whole Bloomin' Thing" is Haywood County's official kick-off to spring. The all-day festival features more than fifty local growers, area artisans, and a variety of nature-related professionals. Come find fresh garden starts and beautiful Mother's Day gifts. Fun for the whole family!



Sign up for Facebook

Join the more than 1,700 fans of the Waynesville Police and Fire Departments on Facebook. Both departments offer regular updates on emergency services, training opportunities, and useful pieces of information. You can search on Facebook for Waynesville Police and Waynesville Fire. (You must be signed up with Facebook to access the Facebook site).

Blood Drive May 5th



The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 5th at the Waynesville Fire Department - Station 1, 1022 North Main Street. By donating blood you could help as many as three people with just one donation. For more information visit www.redcross.org.

Waynesville Employee Caught in the Act of Kindness

A package that was lost in 1965, and remained lost for 45 years; what would its importance be? When a family moved with their three children from Castlegar, British Columbia to Eureka, California several items did not arrive when the moving company showed up at their new home with the rest of their belongings.

Miles away, on the other side of the country, Town Manager Lee Galloway's mother worked at a storage facility for Van Lines in Brevard, NC until she retired in 1978. She kept the package that was unclaimed, hoping that someday someone would

show up to claim it. When Manager Galloway was cleaning out his mother's house after her death, he found the package. It contained cards, photos and various other items and he decided to use the internet to find the family or descendants.

His search was successful and Ms. May Sutton and her family are now enjoying all those lost photographs of her children when they were babies and the only photograph she possesses of her deceased father. A small package with so much value has reached its final destination, thanks to the efforts of Town Manager Lee Galloway, the kindness of his mother Rosalie and the power of the internet.



Green Hill Cemetery Spring Clean Up

Spring is here and seasonal maintenance will soon begin at Green Hill Cemetery. As a reminder, we ask that flowers left at the cemetery be attached to head stones, monuments, or in vases which are part of the monument. Flowers, solar powered lights or any other items that can interfere with the mowing and/or weed eating work should not be left at the cemetery. Thank you for your cooperation in making mowing and maintaining Green Hill Cemetery a safe and efficient process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 24 | "Quick Draw" |
| May 7 | "Art After Dark" |
| May 29 | Block Party 7 - 10 p.m. |
| June 5 | Appalachian Lifestyle |
| June 19 | Artistic Encounters |
| June 25 | Mountain Street Dance |
| July 3 | Stars & Stripes Celebration |
| July 9 | Mountain Street Dance |

Reminder - No animals allowed at Town events.

For more information call Downtown Waynesville Association at 456-3517 or visit www.downtownwaynesville.com

Waynesville Watershed Hike

On Saturday, April 24th, a small guided hike will take place in the Waynesville Watershed led by Dr. Peter Bates of Western Carolina University and Naturalist Don Hendershot. Dr. Bates will discuss the development of the Waynesville watershed management plan as well as current conditions within the watershed.



Don Hendershot will be joining the hike to discuss the wildlife and wildflowers found along the way. Eric Romaniszyn of Haywood Waterways Association will also attend to discuss water quality throughout the county.

The watershed is normally closed to public access, and these free guided hikes are offered twice a year, in the spring and fall. The hike will be between 3 and 5 miles long, across moderately strenuous terrain. Hikers should bring their own lunch, water, appropriate (warm) clothing, hat, rain gear and wear sturdy shoes.

Space is limited. Advanced registration is required and can be done after April 5th by calling 452-2491 or online at www.townofwaynesville.org.

Bike to Work Week May 17-21

With spring in the air, the Town of Waynesville and the League of American Bicyclists, the national organization of bicyclists, announce that May is National Bike Month, May 17 - 21 is Bike to Work Week and Friday, May 21 is Bike to Work Day. Mayor Gavin Brown urges everyone to bike to work or try cycling for fun, fitness or transportation. Here are some tips that will help you enjoy biking to work more.

- Have your bike checked over by your local bike shop.
- Always wear a helmet to protect your head in the event of a crash.
- Ride in the right-most lane that goes in the direction you are traveling.
- Obey all stop signs, traffic lights and lane markings.
- Look before you change lanes or signal a turn; indicate your intention, then act.
- Be visible and predictable at all times; wear bright clothing.

PROJECTS

Street Department

Work to replace the Hendrix Street bridge over Allens Creek began in February and will be completed no later than November 14, 2010. Hendrix Street will be

closed at Allens Creek during this construction. Signs have been posted to direct traffic onto alternate routes using South Main Street and Allens Creek Road. The Town of Waynesville is working with state and federal partners to provide residents and visitors with safer roads and bridges.

Electric Department

Crews will be trimming trees along electrical lines throughout Waynesville during the spring and summer. This is part of our preventive maintenance program and helps prevent power outages during times of inclement weather conditions such as wind, snow and ice. Please be patient as town crews work to improve services to Waynesville residents and be on the lookout for these workers so we can make safety a priority!

Local Artist Donates Art to the Town of Waynesville

On January 26, 2010, Local Artist Teresa Pennington donated a print of her artwork commemorating the Great Smoky Mountains National Park 75th Anniversary.



Downtown Mini-Park/ Public Art Commission Project

You may have noticed a lot of activity lately at the intersection of Depot Street and North Main Street. This area, known as the "Mini-Park" is undergoing a significant refurbishment to make it a more inviting oasis in the downtown area. Town crews have been busy removing a nonfunctional water feature and replacing the landscaping. This work is made possible by a generous donation from a downtown merchant in 2009.



In addition to the work by town employees, the Waynesville Public Art Commission has selected this site for their third commissioned piece to commemorate the connection between Waynesville and Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP).

In January the Waynesville Public Art Commission (WPAC) issued a Call for Artists asking for proposals to create a 69 feet long artistic railing located along the rock retaining wall in the 3,000 square foot downtown Mini-Park. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in early April, and installation and dedication will take place in October 2010.

The Call was open to artists from North Carolina and Tennessee, the two states contiguous with the

GSMNP. The WPAC selected three finalists from a field of 23 applicants, which included blacksmiths, metal specialists, and sculptors with a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

The three finalists will make presentations to a Community Advisory Panel on March 27th. The panel consists of 35 - 40 citizens and will represent a cross-section of the community. After reviewing the final proposals, the panel has an opportunity to fill out a comment sheet, as well as discuss their thoughts with the WPAC. The Commission will recommend final award of the project to the Board of Aldermen after an official decision is made at their April meeting.

The finalists for the project are Zachary Noble of Bakersville, NC; Ben Kastner and Richard Coley of Wilmington, NC; and Dan Howachyn, and Dale McEntire of Black Mountain and Saluda, NC. The \$20,000 commission will be raised from private donations, area businesses, and a grant from the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority.

Spring Break Camps at Waynesville Recreation Center

Waynesville Parks and Recreation will offer a camp for spring break (April 12 - 16) in the 11 to 15 year old group and Kindergarten through Fifth Grade.

The camp for ages 11 to 15 will include canoeing, rock climbing, team building orienteering, hiking, swimming, disc golf, ultimate Frisbee, outdoor skills and fishing. The cost for this week is \$90 per camper for members or \$125 per camper for non-members. Camp is 8 am - 5:30 pm and limited to 10 people.

The camp for ages Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will need to bring a lunch, two snacks, swim items and an extra blanket. The price for this camp is \$15 per day for members or \$20 per day for non-members. The camp time is 8:00 am until 5:30 pm.

For more information or to register call 456-2030 or recoutdoorprograms@townofwaynesville.org.

"The British Are Coming"

Waynesville Parks & Recreation and Challenger Sports will host a week-long British Soccer camp July 26 through July 30 at Vance Street Park in Waynesville.

Ages three to four will participate from 8 - 10 am at a cost of \$69 per camper. Ages four to six will participate from 10 am until 12 noon for \$94 per camper. Ages six to 16 can choose between two half-day sessions, from either 9 am until 12 noon or 1 - 5 pm. The first one is 9 am until 12 noon and the second one is 1 pm until 5 pm. The cost is \$111 per camper. Finally, there is a full day camp offered for ages eight to 16 from 9 am until 5 pm. The cost is \$150 per camper. There is also an advanced player session from 5 pm

until 8 pm for \$111 per camper and an adult soccer program for ages 18 to 50 from 5 pm until 8 pm for \$111 per camper.

Each camper will receive a free camp t-shirt, soccer ball, giant soccer poster and player evaluation. Any child who signs up online by June 11 will receive a genuine British Soccer replica jersey. To sign up for the camp visit www.challengersports.com; call 456-2030 or email recathletics@townofwaynesville.org

Register Now for Summer Camp 2010!



Waynesville Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for Summer Camp 2010 at the Waynesville Rec Center June 14 to August 18.

One camp will include rising first through third graders and the other camp will include rising fourth through sixth graders. Camp activities include swimming, arts and crafts, basketball, volleyball, football, kickball, games, science experiments, library trips, weekly field trips, creek activities and much more. Campers may select the weeks they would like to attend. The cost is \$100 per week per camper for members and \$110 per week per camper for non-members. The camp time each day is 7:30 am to 5:30 pm.

20th Annual Crossfire Basketball Camps are being offered June 28 - July 2 from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Waynesville Recreation Center. These half-day boy's and girl's camps are being offered for 6 - 12 year olds. Registration fee is \$90. For more information contact Waynesville Parks and Recreation at 456-2030.

U. S. Census - 2010



It is important that all U. S. Residents are counted during the Census. This count determines the distribution of more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. It generates thousands of jobs across the country and impacts your voice in Congress.

Unfortunately there are some people that try to take advantage during situations such as the Census. For your protection here are some security topics obtained from the 2010 Census Web Site:

- The 2010 Census does not collect any information about your taxes or income.
- Any request for census information from the Census Bureau will be clearly marked as coming from the U.S. Census Bureau and as Official Business of the United States.
- It is a federal offense for anyone to pretend they represent the Census Bureau, or any other office of the U. S. Government.
- When the 2010 Census takes place, you will receive

a letter from the Census Bureau Director, notifying you that, in a few days, your household will receive a form in the mail, or a phone call from the Census Bureau, or a visit from a Census Bureau representative.

- All census takers carry official government badges marked with just their name. You may also ask them for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity.
- Some census workers might carry a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag.
- Most importantly, the Census Bureau will NEVER under any circumstances, ask to enter your home.

For additional information about the 2010 Census visit their website at www.census.gov/2010census, or call 1-800-331-7360.

Landlords to Provide Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Effective January 1, 2010 landlords are required to provide a minimum of one operable carbon monoxide detector per rental unit per level, either battery-operated or electrical to dwelling units having a fossil-fuel

burning heater or appliance, fireplace, or an attached garage. For more information please contact Code Enforcement Officer Warren Putnam at 452-0401.

Yard Waste, Bulky Items and Recyclables

The Sanitation Department began using the Pin-Point system last year so the garbage truck driver can pinpoint electronically any yard waste to be picked up by another truck either that day or a subsequent day. A list is then printed for the driver of the appropriate truck so an employee can use the printed list and go directly to the locations identified, rather than waste fuel and manpower driving on every street in town, many of which have no items to be picked up. In order for this system to work, **yard waste, bulky items and recyclables must be at curbside no later than 7 am on your household waste pickup day.** If these items are not out when the garbage truck goes by your house, they will not be on the list for pickup. Make sure that your blue bag is outside the garbage can and visible to the truck driver. Thank you for helping us make this system work!

Protect the Environment - Recycle



Spring Tree Trimming

Spring is finally here! And, one of the things it brings is tree trimming. As a reminder, tree trimming debris produced by a landscaping firm, private tree company or individuals paid to trim trees will not be picked up by the Town. Property owners or tenants are responsible for the cost of removal and disposal of such material. NOTE: Any company or individual trimming trees inside Waynesville's corporate limits is required to obtain a privilege license through the Tax Collector's Office (452-3588).

The pickup schedule is printed below for the months of April, May and June for 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.

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Yard Waste						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bulky Items						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Yard Waste						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Bulky Items						

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
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					

June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
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	29	30			
Bulky Items						

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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** 456-3517www.downtownwaynesville.com**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

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 - Municipal Bldg.

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 5:30 pm - 550 Vance St.

Waynesville Housing Authority

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**Easter** - Offices closed Friday, April 2 (garbage pick up on April 1 for both days)**Memorial Day** - Offices closed May 31 (garbage pick up on June 1 for both days)**Independence Day** - Offices closed July 5 (garbage pick up on July 6 for both days)

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