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Board Retreat

Municipalities traditionally hold at least one retreat each year, often scheduled in the late winter/early spring. This is intentional, as the fiscal year for all local governments in North Carolina begins on July 1. 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 year.

This year the Board met on February 18 to discuss a wide range of topics including succession planning for retiring employees, adapting our solid waste operation to fit the changes proposed by the county, changes to the business license ordinance, a proposed false alarm ordinance and transportation planning priorities.

Test your Town of Waynesville Knowledge

Read the following four questions and circle your answer.

1. How much does 1 cent of property tax generate for the Town?
a. \$50,000 b. \$225,000
c. \$106,000 d. \$174,000
2. In 2010 what percentage of property taxes collected were used to provide Police and Fire protection?
a. 22% b. 87%
c. 74% d. 53%
3. How many individual visits were made to the Waynesville Recreation Center in 2010?
a. 139,000 b. 75,000
c. 23,000 d. 100,000
4. How many full-time positions has the Town eliminated since 2008?
a. 4 b. 0
c. 8 d. 11

(answers on page 5)

Keep Sidewalks Clear For Pedestrians

Spring is finally here and with gas prices continuing to rise, more people are taking advantage of sidewalks in Waynesville to walk to their destinations.

- Sidewalks are made for pedestrians and should be kept clear of all other items.
- Leaves, limbs, yard waste, recyclables and residential garbage should not be placed on the sidewalk in any manner that would obstruct in any way the passing of pedestrians along the sidewalk.
- Please do not park vehicles on sidewalks.
- Signs should not be placed on sidewalks.

Thank you for helping to keep Waynesville's sidewalks clear for pedestrians.

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 were held to provide interested citizens an opportunity to learn more and submit comments about the draft LDS. The Planning Board recommended approval of the LDS. A public hearing was held by the Board of Aldermen on March 22. The Board may vote on this issue at the April 12 meeting. If you missed these meetings and are interested in viewing the LDS, visit the Town's web site www.townofwaynesville.org or contact Paul Benson, Planning Director at 456-2004 or planning@townofwaynesville.org.

New Equipment at the Waynesville Recreation Center

The Recreation Center has new fitness equipment to help you stay in shape! These new ellipticals, treadmills, and stationary bikes feature 15" touchscreen consoles that allow you to easily select a workout, watch television, or bring and watch and listen to your iPod. Compatible with Nike+, your workouts on this equipment can easily be recorded on your iPod.

With a variety of membership options, including a daily admission of only \$7.00 or a monthly membership of \$47 for adults, the Recreation Center has a plan that will fit any budget and fitness goal.

For more information stop by the Recreation Center, view online at www.townofwaynesville.org or call 456-2030.



Skate Park Fundraising Update

Fundraising is underway for the Waynesville Skatepark (to be built at the site of the old horse ring in the Vance Street Recreation Park). Email updates on the project's progress are sent each week by Recreation Director Rhett Langston. To be added to the email list, donate, volunteer, or ask for more information, call 456-2030, or email recdirector@townofwaynesville.org.



Yard Sale Season is Here

Summer is the season for yard sales - and yard sale signs. Before beginning your yard sale here are the sign regulations you need to know:

Yard Sale Signs

- Such signs may be located on-premises only and may not be located within a public right-of-way nor placed on a tree, street sign or utility pole.
- Such signs may not be illuminated.
- Yard sale signs are limited to four (4) square feet in area and four (4) feet in height.
- One (1) yard sale sign is allowed per street frontage.
- Such signs may be displayed only on weekends and shall not be erected before 5:00 p.m. on Friday and shall be removed by 7:00 a.m. on Monday.



Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning involves more than just around the house. We give more attention to our yards and trees, as mentioned in other sections of the newsletter. We also need to give more attention to the **Green Hill Cemetery**.



As Easter approaches, those who decorate the spaces of loved ones at the cemetery need to remove the poinsettias, Christmas trees, wreaths and winter flowers. Many of these have become unsightly after months in the snow, rain and wind. If new flowers are placed at the cemetery, we ask that they be attached to the head stones or placed in vases which are part of the stone so they do not prevent employees who are mowing or weed eating from doing their jobs.

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 our employees and equipment.

The Town and its employees appreciate the cooperation of the public in keeping Green Hill Cemetery an attractive area.

North Carolina Litter Sweep will take place on April 16 - 30, 2011 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!

Register Now for Summer Camp

The Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for Summer Camp 2011. The camp will be offered June 17 - August 5 for rising first graders through rising fifth graders.

Camp activities include field trips, special guests, crafts, swimming, sports, movies, hiking, fishing, water fun, zoo time, computer exploration, educational experiences and more! Swim lessons have been added this year.

Campers may even select the weeks they would like to attend. All campers will need to bring snacks, swim suit, towel, running shoes, water shoes, book and lunch.



The cost is \$100 per week per camper for members of the Waynesville Recreation Center or \$110 per week per camper for non-members. Parents may even register their child by the day! The cost is \$25 per day for members and \$30 per day for non-members.

Parents may also register their child for the entire seven weeks at a special discounted price of \$630 for members or \$700 for non-members for a savings of \$70.

The camp time each day is 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department at 456-2030 or youthprogramsupervisor@townofwaynesville.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 Wednesday, April 6 through Saturday, April 9.

Compost \$10/load

Double Ground Mulch

Small Pickup Truck \$10/load

Regular Pickup Truck \$20/load

Tandem Truck \$90/load

An additional fee of \$10 or \$20 will be charged for trailers (depending on size).

Upcoming Events

May 1 – Annual Ramp Festival American Legion Field - live music & entertainment, food featuring ramps, a naturally grown wild onion, 11 am - 4 pm.

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

May 7 – Frog Level “Whole Bloomin’ Thing” Festival. 9 am - 4 pm.

May 28 – 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, a portion of Main Street is closed.

June 11 – Appalachian Lifestyle Celebration - Main Street.

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 & clog-

ging, home-style food vendors. 10 am - 5 pm.

June 24, July 8, July 22 and August 5 – Mountain Street Dances.

Downtown is Alive at Night. 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 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 a.m. - 3 p.m.

New addition – August 19 Hispanic Street Dance.

Retirement of K-9 “Teddy”

“Teddy” came to work for the Waynesville Police Department on September 22, 1999. He has been with the department for almost 12 years (which equates to 84 in dog years). He started his career with Officer Matt Sellers and was then partnered with Officer Brandon Gilmore, with whom he has worked for the past eight years. During his tenure with the department, Teddy has been involved in 449 training sessions and has been deployed on 1578 searches. He is responsible for 475 narcotics finds in which drugs were located and criminal charges resulted.

Teddy is responsible for narcotics seizures of over 13 kilos of cocaine, 60 pounds of marijuana, 250 grams of Methamphetamines, and over \$910,000 in illegal drug money.

We are very sorry to see Teddy, Waynesville’s first police K-9, leave our department, but we are very happy that he is able to retire under the care of his handler, Brandon Gilmore. After a 12-year career, he has more than earned his retirement.

Officer Gilmore is currently training Teddy’s replacement, rookie K-9 “Arek”. Arek already knows that he has very big paws to fill, but is working extremely hard to start where Teddy has left off.



Prescription Drug Program Can Save Residents As Much As 20%

The Town of Waynesville launched a program to help provide residents with some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. Free prescription discount cards are available to town residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cit-

ies (NLC). The discount cards offer town residents average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed medications. The discount cards may be used by all residents of the Town of Waynesville and have no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage.

Cards can be printed from the Internet at www.caremark.com/nlc and are available at the Municipal Building located at 16 South Main Street in Waynesville, at no cost to town residents. Please call toll-free 1-888-620-1749 for assistance with the program.

May is National Bike Month



With the price of gas rising and more people considering alternative methods of transportation, some are choosing bicycles to travel to school, work, grocery store, etc.

The League of American Bicyclists and Town of Waynesville are promoting ***Bike-to-Work Week May 16 - 20*** and ***Bike-to-Work Day on Friday, May 20.***

Here are some tips that will help you enjoy biking.

- 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.

For more information on local bicycle rides and planning efforts, visit www.BicycleHaywoodNC.org

Watershed Hike - June 11

Did you know that over 17,000 residents drink water from the Waynesville Watershed? This 8,600 acre property sits at the head of Allens Creek and provides enough water to fill a 50-acre reservoir. Normally off-limits to all public access, the town has traditionally made this property open twice a year for guided hikes. This year's spring hike will take place on Saturday, June 11. Once again Naturalist Don Hendershot and Western Carolina University Professor Peter Bates



will lead, and talk about the flora and fauna in the watershed, the forest management plan (adopted by the Town Board in 2008) and Southern Appalachian forests in general. Registration for the June 11 hike will open Monday, May 2 and can be done online or via phone. Participants **must** be able to hike 3-5 miles over moderately strenuous terrain. Hikers must wear appropriate clothing and hiking shoes and bring rain gear, water and snacks. Birders should bring their binoculars. Sorry, no pets are allowed.

Topping Trees Can Lead to Many Problems

Your trees can add a lot to your landscape; shade, beauty, a sense of permanence and landscape maturity, or a place to hang your hammock.

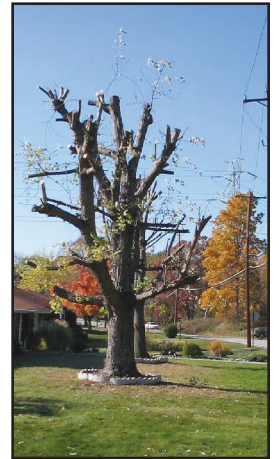
Trees have evolved for millions of years and can do pretty well without our help, but if they're growing close to where people live, work or play, then they require a little maintenance to keep them safe and healthy. Usually just some routine maintenance can prevent or remedy many problems that trees might have, while neglecting it can be the source of heartache later on.

As important and helpful as good maintenance is, poor practices and bad work can be worse than doing nothing at all. Soil disturbance, bad pruning cuts, climbing with spurs, or overpruning all cause more problems than they might solve. One of the worst offenses is the practice of "topping".

Topping is when the ends of all limbs in the crown of a tree are cut off, usually to stubs. The most common reason for topping is that the tree is getting "too big". It's an understandable fear that as a tree gets larger it gets taller and heavier and has more potential to do damage.

Proper maintenance and monitoring can almost always prevent that from happening, and there are better ways to reduce trees when necessary. If you're still just too worried about a tree, it's better to remove and replace it with a smaller-growing tree than to top it. Besides being unsightly and defacing the natural beauty of trees, topping can cause severe health issues and a long series of detrimental consequences.

Leaves are what trees use to produce food. Topping removes most, if not all of a tree's leaves, and



therefore its source of food production. The tree will have to use stored energy to produce a new set of leaves, leaving it weaker and with a lack of reserve energy. Like people, when weakened they become more susceptible to secondary afflictions.

Another consequence of topping is decay at the point where large cuts are made. Trees respond to injury by trying to wall it off to prevent decay and grow new tissue to encase the wound. As a result there is often decay that spreads down into the limbs from the cuts.

What you're left with years down the road is an ugly, dangerous tree with terrible structure and decay. Why put yourself and your tree through the pain? Take good care of them instead; it will pay dividends for years to come.

This article was written by Michael Davie, a natural resource manager for Snow Creek Landscaping in Arden. He may be reached at mdavie@snowcreekinc.com

Disposal of Tree Trimming Debris

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 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Answers from Page 1

- c. One cent of the property tax generates \$106,000 for the Town. The Town's current tax rate is .40 per \$100 valuation.**
- b. 87%. The town collected \$4,227,281 in property taxes in fiscal year 2010. The fire and police departments cost \$3,695,437, an amount equal to 35 cents of the 40 cent tax rate.**
- a. Over 139,000 visits were recorded from July 2009 to June 2010. These include members, spectators and day visits.**
- c. In fiscal year 2008 the Town had 166 full-time employees. Since then the following departments have lost one position each: Recreation, Finance, Sewer Maintenance, Planning and Cemetery. The Streets and Sanitation Department has eliminated three positions. All positions were vacant at the time they were eliminated. The Police Department added two positions to patrol, funded by a federal COPS grant.**

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

May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Yard Waste					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Bulky Items					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Yard Waste					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Bulky Items					
29	30	31				

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

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Easter - Offices closed April 22 (garbage pickup April 21)

Memorial Day - Offices closed May 30 (garbage pickup May 31)

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

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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

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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