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# TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE



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## Town Budget Review

Every spring Town staff and the Board of Aldermen craft the annual budget for the Town of Waynesville. The Town's budget year begins July 1, ending on June 30, so the budget that just began is often called the 2013-2014 budget. On June 11 the Board held a public hearing on the budget, which was adopted on July 1. The Town has always and continues to operate with a balanced budget. Highlights from the 2013-2014 budget include:

### **General Fund: \$14,417,240**

The General Fund provides all of the basic government services: Police, Fire, Recreation, Finance, Administration, Street Maintenance and Sanitation Services. Property taxes are the largest source of funding for the General Fund, and the property tax rate remains the same as last year, at 40.82 cents per \$100 valuation. This was the "revenue neutral" tax rate adopted after property revaluation. Sales tax remains the second largest source of revenue.

Projects funded for the coming year include an update to the Recreation Master Plan, fleet purchases for Police and Fire, and the modernization of the town's information technology infrastructure. Further evaluation of our solid waste services are also planned for the coming year, especially in yard waste and recycling services.

### **Water Fund: \$ 3,107,590**

### **Sewer Fund: \$ 2,969,340**

The Water and Sewer Funds are both funded through the fees charged to our customers. Rates increased 6% on August 1st. In the coming year we plan to spend \$580,000 on replacement and repairs to the water distribution system and \$400,000 on the sewer collection system- the pipes in the ground.

As people buy more efficient appliances utility revenues have dropped, but the need for improvements have not changed. Several years ago the Town's Asset Management

Plan identified nearly \$ 31 million in construction and repair needs for both the water and sewer systems, and work continues to address those needs.

Even with the most recent rate increases, our water and sewer rates remain among the lowest in Western North Carolina.

### **Electric Fund: \$ 10,166,150**

The third enterprise fund for the Town, the Electric Fund, also exists to serve its customers, and its revenue comes from the customers. Not every citizen of Waynesville is a town electric customer, but we are proud that all of our customers are also citizens.

There is currently no proposed increase for electric rates. However, Town staff continues to monitor proposed rate increases for Duke Energy-Progress customers, as the Town's electric rates may also have to be adjusted.

### **Town Debt**

In the 2013-2014 fiscal year we anticipate adding \$649,000 in total debt: \$549,000 for the purchase and equipping of police patrol and detectives vehicles, and \$100,000 for two fire service trucks. The first payment for these vehicles won't be due until the next budget year, 2014-2015. In the same two-year time frame, July 2013 - June 2015, the Town will make \$ 3,619,000 in payments on existing debt. As of June 30, 2013, the Town had a total debt of \$16,376,000, which includes a number of town facilities – Town Hall/Police Department, Fire Station # 1, Recreation Center, Electrical Substation # 2, and various pieces of large equipment and vehicles, such as an electric bucket truck and two different types of fire trucks.

A copy of the budget, budget ordinance, and fee schedule are available for public review at the Municipal Building, and online at [www.townofwaynesville.org](http://www.townofwaynesville.org).

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## Don't Show Your Trash: Secure it, Strap it, and Cover it!!

By: Christine O'Brien  
Haywood Waterways

When transporting trash in your pickup truck or other vehicle, be sure it is properly secured. Even the best packed truck could use a tarp or net to help make sure the trash you haul stays put and doesn't end up in the street. Trash can pose a threat to traffic and it can end up in our waterways. Trash that lands on streets can wash into storm drains where it could obstruct water flow and cause localized flooding. It can also be carried to the nearest waterway where it can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life, and affect recreational uses, such as fishing, swimming, and paddling. Much of the trash can take hundreds of years to decompose and some will never disappear. Use a cargo net to secure your trash on the next trip to the dump; they can be purchased for as little as \$15. Be smart and help keep our environment healthy and safe.



## WAYNESVILLE PUBLIC Art COMMISSION

By: Chairman Jan Griffin

Our latest and final piece for the mini-park, located downtown at the corner of Depot and Main Street, is Grace Cathey's three panels depicting the "Wildflowers of the Smokies". This is a fabulous piece of art that we can all be very proud of! The installation will be sometime in late August and we will have our celebration on Friday, September 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. during the September Art After Dark. Please take time to stop by and say hello and enjoy the beautiful art work that Grace has designed for the Town of Waynesville.

On behalf of the Waynesville Public Art Commission, I would like to express our appreciation to all the artists who donated their art for the auction on Thursday, June 27th and all of our contributors and everyone who came to support the Public Art projects for the enjoyment of our community and visitors alike.

Established in 2006, the Public Art Commission is a group of nine volunteers, appointed by the Board of Aldermen, to create a collection of permanent public art. In the past six years this group has raised over \$83,000 in private donations for the public art seen around town, including the latest piece by Grace Cathey. No town funds are spent on the fees paid to the artists for these unique works of art.

To learn more about the mission of the Public Art Commission and how you can help, either through donating funds or your time, please call 828-452-2491. Funds raised for public art, either through town appropriations, public and private grants, and individual and corporate donations, are secured in the Waynesville Public Art Fund, administered by the Town of Waynesville.

## Congratulations to Town of Waynesville Employee Eddie Ward!

Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk for the Town of Waynesville, has been awarded the prestigious designation of "North Carolina Certified Municipal Clerk" (NCCMC) from the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks, along with the School of Government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for achieving its high educational, experience, and service requirements.



## Greenhill Cemetery Burial Spaces Available

Greenhill Cemetery is owned and operated by the Town, and spaces are available for purchase. Traditional burial spaces and columbarium units are \$1,500 each. In ground burial spaces for cremations are \$1,000 each. If you purchased spaces in the past and are interested in purchasing additional spaces close to yours, please contact the Town of Waynesville's Cemetery Superintendent Daryl Hannah at 828-456-3706.



## "Signs, signs everywhere a sign!"

The Town of Waynesville Planning Board is in the process of reviewing the Town's sign regulations and is calling for interested citizens to serve on an ad hoc sign ordinance review committee. Persons with any perspective are welcomed and encouraged to participate. To place your name on the mailing list for upcoming meetings please contact Paul Benson, Planning Director at [planning@townofwaynesville.org](mailto:planning@townofwaynesville.org) or (828) 456-2004. A public meeting will be held September 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room, located at 9 South Main Street.

## RECYCLE AND BE A WINNER!

Give us your recyclables and win a prize! On Saturday October 26, 2013 a prize will be given to the first three households who bring one of the following items to the Hazelwood Convenience Center and hand them to the attendant. For more information email to:

[Christine.haywoodwaterways@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.haywoodwaterways@gmail.com)

1. Used Oil: show attendant, then discard into appropriate container (at least 5 quarts).
2. Compact Fluorescent bulbs: (at least 3 unbroken bulbs). Place the bulbs in a zip top bag, hand to attendant.
3. 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, hand to attendant.
4. Car & lawn mower batteries: (only day of event!)  
\*\*To claim your prize provide the attendant with your name and address. The prize will be mailed to you.



## Upcoming Events

First Friday of each month till December - ART AFTER DARK more than a dozen galleries remain open until 9 p.m. Special artist showings, hors d'oeuvres, and music.

October 12th - Annual CHURCH STREET ART & CRAFT SHOW Main Street is transformed into an art & craft marketplace for this one day event; widely known as one of the finest juried art shows in the region. Live mountain music & clogging, entertainment, food 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

October 19th – Annual APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL music & dance, craft & demonstration booths, apples, cider, fresh fried pies and other apple delicacies 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

October 31st – TREATS on the STREET Merchants offer treats to young children, 5-7 p.m.


November 24 - Sun - HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE - Enjoy the sights, scents & sounds as the holiday season begins in our festively decorated shops and galleries. Noon-4 p.m.

December 9 - Mon - WAYNESVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE Main Street 6 p.m.

## 2013 Yard Waste & Bulky Items Collection Schedule

All items must be placed at curb by 7:00 a.m. on normal garbage collection day.

 **Yard Waste (Brush)** is collected the 1<sup>st</sup> full week and 3<sup>rd</sup> week

 **Bulky Items (Junk)** are collected the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week

September 2013						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

October 2013							November 2013							December 2013						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31	1	2	3	4

**MAYOR:**

Gavin A. Brown

**ALDERMEN:**

Gary Caldwell

Julia Freeman

J. Wells Greeley

LeRoy Roberson

**MANAGER:**

Marcy Onieal

**ASST. MANAGER:**

Alison Melnikova

**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 at 5:30 pm - 550 Vance St.

**Waynesville Housing Authority**

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

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Labor Day** - Offices closed Monday, Sept. 2. (Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 3)

**Thanksgiving** - Town offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. (Garbage will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 29)

**Christmas** - Town offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25. (Garbage will be picked up Thursday and Friday.)

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