

The Mayor's Corner

BY MAYOR BETH A. TAYLOR

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I welcome the opportunity to talk to you regarding your ideas and concerns. I can be reached by phone, mail or email.

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Fall Is Here

What a beautiful fall we are experiencing in our town! I'm sure you are enjoying seeing the leaves changing to the colors of red, orange, and yellow. It is like a breathtaking painting being created before our eyes. Take advantage of this beauty and get a little exercise by taking long walks and appreciating the scenery.



for purchase. There will be music, children's activities, and the burning of the Butzemann, which is the German name for Bogeyman, a magical scarecrow that protects the land for a season.

- Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - **Wytheville Fire Prevention Parade on Main Street**
- Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - **MAYHEM ON MAIN STREET**
- Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Church Street - **Trunk or Treat**

Atmos Rate Increase

Wytheville Town Council was made aware that Atmos Natural Gas has submitted an application to the State Corporation Commission to raise natural gas rates. The information is available at the Town's webpage at www.wytheville.org under the Spotlight section. The direct link to the letter is available at the website below. www.Wytheville.org/Docs/Special/Atmos-2023-Rate-Case-Letter-to-Local-Officials-AS-SERVED.pdf

Save the Date

- Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - **Oktoberfest at the Willow Brook Jackson/Umberger Homestead Museum**, FREE ADMISSION sponsored by REMAX Real Estate. German food/beer and other beverages available

News from the Wytheville Police Department

The Wytheville Police Department has received complaints regarding vehicles passing on the right, and going across parking spaces that are vacant to go around a vehicle that is turning left on Main Street and other streets. According to the Code of Virginia 46.2-841, passing on the right is allowed when a vehicle is making a left-hand turn and the spaces are not occupied by parked vehicles. That being said, in the event that a pedestrian or other vehicle is struck, then the Police and the law will become involved. We have seen a couple of car wrecks and, thank goodness, no pedestrians have been hit! **WE DO NOT WANT ANY INJURIES, ESPECIALLY ANY PEDESTRIANS!** Our Police Department wants to caution drivers from passing on the right. Let's be safe drivers.

BE SAFE. DRIVE SMART.



Wytheville has a bright & vibrant future, full of growth. A new year gives us the opportunity to reach into the future for new & exciting projects. Please consider donating to your favorite department!

DONATE LAND • MAKE A MEMORIAL GIFT • MAKE A DEFERRED GIFT
DIRECT GIFT OF CASH OR SECURITIES (STOCKS & BONDS)
PLEDGE & BUILD YOUR LEGACY (MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION)

DONATE ONCE • DONATE MONTHLY • LEAVE IN YOUR WILL

You can choose the department you wish to support!
All donations are tax deductible!
Remember to ask your employer if they match employee donations!

*For more information call the Town of Wytheville
Treasurers Office at 276-223-3333*



Council Actions

September 11, 2023:

- Approved reinstating the Façade Program.
- Approved the request of the Wytheville Police Department and the Wytheville Fire and Rescue Department to close a portion of Spring and Church Streets on October 31, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the Church Street Trunk or Treat Event.
- Approved the request of Downtown Wytheville Incorporated to close Main Street from 5th Street to 4th Street and a portion of Church, Tazewell, and First Streets, on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the 2023 Mayhem on Main Street event.
- Appointed Ms. Eden N. Miller as a youth member to the Wytheville Recreation Commission (term expires August 1, 2024).
- Scheduled a Special Town Council meeting on October 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and scheduled a public hearing for this meeting to consider a bond in the maximum amount of \$843,000 to be used to acquire a refuse truck and a dehumidification unit for the Town.
- Approved the Policy Guidance on Event Safety, Street Closures and Traffic Control, as amended.
- Held a Closed Meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A.)(1.) to discuss the Town Attorney Position; 2.2-3711(A.) (3) discussion regarding the acquisition/disposition of property for a public purpose; and 2.2-3711(A.) (7.) consultation with legal counsel pertaining to probable litigation; 2.2-3711(A.) (1.) Discuss the performance and salaries of appointed employees.
- Amended the agenda to include discussion regarding a salary increase for the Town Clerk due to extra job duties. The Town Council denied the salary increase for Town Clerk.
- Amended the agenda to include discussion that all appointed officials' salaries shall be discussed and voted upon by the Town Council. The Town Council approved that all appointed officials' salaries shall be discussed and voted upon by the Town Council.

September 25, 2023:

- Approved the request from George Wythe High School to close 1st Street between Main and Monroe Streets and Main Street, from 1st Street to 12th Street to conduct their Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Approved a resolution supporting the Monroe Street Traffic Calming Project Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) application.
- Approved a resolution supporting the Road Diet Improvement Program (HSIP) application for Peppers Ferry Road.
- Approved the Asbury Lane Subdivision Plat, Phase 1.
- Approved a resolution recognizing the Town volunteers who serve on Committees, Boards and Authorities.
- Amended the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget to appropriate \$10,500 for the HVAC system at the Heritage Preservation Center.
- Held a Closed Meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711 (A)(1.) to interview a candidate for the Town Attorney position.

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Parade – 9:15 AM from Spiller Elementary School



Ceremony -10:00 AM in Withers Park

- Welcome
- Wythe County JROTC – Present Colors
- National Anthem – Leslie Mabe
- George Wythe High School Band
- Spiller 5th Grade Choir
- Guest Speaker – Donald E. Elmore, United States Army
- Benediction - Bagpiper

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony is being held in cooperation with the Wall of Honor Committee and Spiller Elementary

Veterans will continue to be honored with a special showing of a patriotic movie at the Historic Millwald Theatre on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Watch for further details to be announced soon.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS
of the Town of Wytheville Waterworks
Waterworks ID No. 1197810

We have been advised by State Health Officials that the water supplied by this waterworks during the twelve-month monitoring period from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, exceeded the four quarter Primary Maximum Contaminant Level locational running annual average of 0.060 milligrams per liter (mg/l) for Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) contained in the Commonwealth of Virginia/ State Board of Health *Waterworks Regulations*. The four-quarter running annual average HAA5 concentration is 0.066 mg/l.

Disinfection of public drinking water is necessary to prevent waterborne diseases such as typhoid and cholera. However, the disinfectants themselves can react with naturally occurring material in the source water to form unintended byproducts which may pose a health risk. Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) are known byproducts of the drinking water disinfection process that have a primary maximum contaminant level(s) and this waterworks is required to monitor the distribution system on a quarterly basis.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

We will continue to collect Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) samples every three months to determine compliance with the *Waterworks Regulations*.

This is not an immediate risk to consumers. If there had been an immediate risk, you would have been advised accordingly. No consumer action is necessary at this time.

For more information, please contact:

_____ **Town of Wytheville** _____ (owner or operator)
_____ **P.O. Box 533 Wytheville VA 24382** _____ (mailing address)
(276) 223 - 3322 (telephone number)

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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