

The Mayor's Corner

BY MAYOR BETH A. TAYLOR

June 2024



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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From the Wytheville Fire & Rescue Dept

Please be mindful of grills and barbecues as we are seeing an uptick in injuries involving grills. Keep grills at least three feet from structures and other combustible materials. Open the hood of gas grills before lighting and clean them after use.



Festivals & Special Events

Mark your calendars and save the dates now for a season full of festivals and special events:

- Wythe-Co Wednesdays in June and July - FREE admission for all Wythe County residents (driver's license or other form of ID for proof of residency) for the following: Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum, Thomas J. Boyd Museum, Great Lakes to Florida Museum, and Wythe County Decorative Arts Museum & Homestead. Wednesday tour hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed for lunch 12-1)
- Friday, June 14, 2024, Saturday, June 15, 2024, and Sunday June 16, 2024, are the dates for the Chautauqua Balloon Events at Wytheville Community College.
- Saturday June 15, 2024, Chautauqua Festival Parade.
- Saturday June 15, 2024, Chautauqua Fun Run.
- Saturday June 22, 2024, Chautauqua Festival 5K.
- Thursday, July 4, 2024, 4th of July Celebration, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Downtown Wytheville.
- Friday, August 2, 2024, After Hours Concert in Withers Park with the band Too Much Silvia on stage. Show times are 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., gates open at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 at the gate, children free. Tickets can be purchased at the Wytheville Community Center for \$5 in advance.
- Let's not forget the Farmers Market located at 210 W. Spring Street in Wytheville. Check their web site at www.wythefarmers.org/ for hours and special events.

Vacation Safety & Crime Prevention Tips from the Wytheville Police Dept

Summer is that time of year when a lot of us go on vacation. Being on vacation can lead to crime victimization if appropriate crime prevention measures are not followed. Most families don't think about being victimized because of all the excitement of going on vacation. The following crime prevention tips are designed to allow the vacationer to enjoy a safe and secure trip and to return to a secure residence:

- **Secure your residence by making sure all your locks work on windows and doors and use them.**
- **Make sure your residence looks lived in, leave shades and blinds in their normal position, park your vehicle (if left behind) in its usual spot, if you are taking your vehicle ask a neighbor to park theirs in your spot.**
- **Ask some of your neighbors to keep an eye on things and make sure they have your contact information and those of your vacation destination.**
- **Make sure your smoke and burglar alarms work, arrange for a neighbor or friend to pick up your packages, mail or newspaper, arrange for someone to maintain your yard.**
- **Make sure that inside you have some timers for lights, T.V. and radio on and off at regular times. Turn down the ringer on your phone (landline) and do not leave a message that you are going out of town.**
- **Consider taking valuables to a safe deposit box.**
- **While on vacation protect yourselves and belongings by always locking your vehicle and always place valuables out of site and DO NOT LEAVE wallets, checkbooks or purses in your vehicle.**
- **Park in well lighted areas, check the back seat before you reenter your vehicle.**
- **Do not act or look like a tourist!**



Council Actions

May 13, 2024:

- Approved proceeding with the Veterans Banner Project.
- Conducted a public hearing to consider Ordinance No.1433, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Approved Ordinance No. 1433, on second, but not yet final, reading.
- Conducted a public hearing to receive bids and consider the sale of a non-exclusive franchise, privilege, lease or right for an electric, light, heat and power transmission and distribution system in the Town of Wytheville. Read the bids aloud and accepted the high bid from Appalachian Power Company contingent upon the negotiation by Town staff of an appropriate franchise agreement to be submitted to the Council for approval.
- Approved the request of the Wytheville Training School Cultural Center for traffic control on Saturday, July 20, 2024, for a Street Fair event.
- Approved a resolution from the Virginia Department of Transportation for Project Funding and Commitment and Signature Authority.
- Approved a resolution supporting a Smart Scale Application to provide a pedestrian corridor on North Fourth Street from Commonwealth Drive to Northwind Apartments.
- Approved a resolution recognizing the George Wythe High School Sports Teams and Academic Teams.
- Scheduled a Work Session for May 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to hold a Meet and Greet Session with an applicant to be considered for appointment to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee.
- Scheduled a public hearing for the May 28, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider a Community Development Block Grant Application for the Monroe Street Housing Production Project.
- Scheduled a public hearing for the June 10, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider the request of Ronald Lee Houseman, Jr. and Mark Alan Harman, Trustee of the Mark Alan Harman Trust, to vacate an undeveloped portion of West Pine Street, extending between North 16th Street and North 18th Street, and appointed the Public Works Committee as viewers for this street vacation request.
- Consensus of the Town Council to place the Town Mowing Regulations in water bills as an insert in the next mailing.
- Consensus of the Town Council to present a resolution to the Vintage Baseball Team to recognize them for their efforts,
- Conducted a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(3). Discussion regarding the proposed acquisition of real property for a public purpose and certified the closed meeting.

March 28, 2024:

- Conducted a public hearing to consider a Community Block Grant application for the Monroe Street Housing Production Project and adopted a resolution supporting the project.
- Adopted Ordinance No.1433, on third and final reading.
- Appointed Mr. Brandon Stuart to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee for a four-year term (term expires 5/14/28).
- Scheduled a public hearing for the June 24, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider the request of the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Town to donate a small parcel of property located at the intersection of Main Street and 12th Street.
- Reviewed Ordinance No. 1434, an ordinance to repeal Chapter 10, Planning and Development, Article IV. Erosion and Sediment Control, and to remove Article V. Impervious Land Area Stormwater Management, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia.

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



TOWN OF WYTHEVILLE



Treasurer's Office will be closed

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 24-28, 2024

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JULY 10 -11, 2024

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

**FOR PAYMENTS, PLEASE USE THE NIGHT DROP LOCATED AT THE
FRONT OF THE BUILDING OR USE THE
ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION AT
[HTTPS://WWW.WYTHEVILLE.ORG/ONLINE-PAYMENTS](https://www.wytheville.org/online-payments)**

**FOR WATER/SEWER EMERGENCIES DURING THE CLOSURE,
PLEASE CONTACT:**

BILLY ANDERSON 276-223-3342

ANDREW AUSTIN 276-223-3434

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OR CALL 911

PUBLIC NOTICE MOWING REGULATIONS

The Town of Wytheville would like to remind property owners of their obligation to the Town's Mowing Ordinance in the Town Code: *Chapter 12. Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Article VI. Nuisances on Premises, Removal of Weeds, Mowing, Etc., and Clutter, Division 2. Removal of Weeds, Mowing, Etc.*

The ordinance was amended to remove the language of only having to mow three (3) times per season beginning April 1 through September 30, and, in Chapter 12. Section 12-92, of the Town Code states, *"It shall be unlawful for the owners of property to permit grass, weeds and other foreign growth to exceed the prescribed height of 12 inches, except: (1) if a property is located in an A-1 Agricultural Zone that has been set aside for agricultural operations as defined in Chapter 12. Section 12-76 and used for the production of hay, feed crops or similar agricultural uses; (2) if a property owner has applied and been approved for a mowing exemption as outlined in Chapter 12. Section 12-94; or, (3) if a property owner has applied and been approved for using the property for nontraditional landscaping purposes as defined in Section 12-93."*

The Town would like to remind citizens that it is unlawful to dispose of grass and other vegetative debris on the sidewalks and streets of the town. The Town of Wytheville appreciates the efforts of its citizens in maintaining yards and outdoor spaces.

Please contact the Building Official's Department at (276) 223-3354 if you have questions or concerns regarding the Town's Mowing Ordinance or if you would like a copy of the ordinance. The Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, is available online for viewing at <https://library.municode.com/va/wytheville>.