



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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Hot Weather Safety Tips for Pets

We all have experienced the extreme heat this Summer and, for the most part, we have all had access to water, shade and the opportunity to go inside to get out of the heat, but our precious pets depend on us to keep them out of the heat. Here are some **"Hot Weather Tips"** for keeping our pets safe this summer:

- Keep your pets indoors when possible/limit outdoor exercise to early morning or evenings.
- Provide pets with extra cool water sources.
- Consider dog booties for hot pavement, (hold your bare foot on the ground for 7 seconds, if it's too hot for your feet it is too hot for bare paws).
- Never chain your pet.
- Never leave your pet in a vehicle unattended.
- Keep long haired animal coats trimmed down.
- Take EXTRA precautions if your animal is older, obese or short nosed.
- Look out for signs of heatstroke, including panting, vomiting, warm dry skin and collapsing.

HAVE OUTDOOR PETS? ALWAYS provide a well-shaded and ventilated shelter and ALWAYS provide nonmetal, spill proof water bowls. Baby pools and sunscreen can also help to keep pets safe. Remember it is unlawful not to follow these State guidelines to keep our pets safe.



From the Wytheville Fire Dept

It is Town Council's pleasure to congratulate the following Fire and EMS employees on their recent appointments:

- **Christopher Slemp; Fire Marshal**
- **Matt Akers; Deputy Fire Marshal**
- **Jeff Hodge; Assistant Fire Marshal**
- **Everett Lineberry; Assistant Fire Marshal**

From the Wytheville Police Dept

Thinking about going on vacation? Then consider a "vacation house check". The Wytheville Police Department offers a free vacation house check program for town residents. If you are going away for vacation, you can contact the department to request these services. They will check on your house periodically, helping to deter crime and giving you peace of mind in your absence. To request a free vacation house check, call the non-emergency police department number, (276) 223-3300 Monday - Friday, excluding holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You will be asked for all the pertinent information, dates you will be gone, emergency contact information and the phone number of a key holder who is local. You also should stop your mail and newspaper deliveries or have someone collect it daily. Having lights on set timers can also make your house look occupied. I personally want to thank the two officers, (Officer John Khachane and Officer Andrew Denham), who were on duty when I was on vacation and encountered unknown vehicles at my home on two separate occasions.

It is the pleasure of Town Council to congratulate and recognize the following Police Officers who have recently completed their Animal Control training and those who are in the process of completing their goal to also become an Animal Control Officer:

- **Corporal Blaine Grubb; Completed**
- **Officer Brandi Holmes; Completed**
- **Officer David Newman; In Process**
- **Officer Andrew Denham; In Process**

Wythe County Public School children are back in school. Be prepared to stop when buses are loading and unloading children. Passing school buses with flashing lights is a zero-tolerance offense. Officers will also be enforcing school zone speed limits. If school buses and school zones make you late for work, we highly suggest you leave earlier or take an alternate route. The safety of our school children is our highest priority. It is your responsibility to be safe and responsible drivers.

NOTICE FROM THE TREASURERS OFFICE

Sewer Rates (Changes are Highlighted)

| Use Tier | Up to | Current Rate | Proposed Rate (7/1/24) |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | BASE RATE | \$14.00 | \$15.00 |
| 0 gallons to | 3,000 gallons | pay \$1.81 per 1,000 gallons | pay \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons |
| 3,000 gallons to | 10,000 gallons | pay \$6.13 per 1,000 gallons | pay \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons |
| 10,000 gallons to | 25,000 gallons | pay \$6.19 per 1,000 gallons | pay \$9.34 per 1,000 gallons |
| 25,000 gallons to | 100,000 gallons | pay \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons | pay \$9.75 per 1,000 gallons |
| 100,000 gallons to | 3,500,000 gallons | pay \$7.15 per 1,000 gallons | pay \$10.30 per 1,000 gallons |
| 3,500,000 gallons to | 10,000,000 gallons | pay \$9.15 per 1,000 gallons | pay \$12.30 per 1,000 gallons |
| 10,000,000 gallons to | infinite | pay \$9.10 per 1,000 gallons | pay \$12.25 per 1,000 gallons |

sewer usage rate charges are cumulative and assessed at value shown per 1000 gallons used in each bracket

Example=charged \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons used until they reach 3,000 gallons used, if they use another 1,000 gallons they pay \$7.00 for next 1,000g

Water Rates (Changes are Highlighted)

| Use Tier | Up to | Current Rate | Proposed Rate (7/1/2024) |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | BASE RATE | \$21.00 | \$22.00 |
| 0 gallons | 3,000 gallons | pay \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons used | pay \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons used |
| 3,000 gallons to | 10,000 gallons | pay \$9.04 per 1,000 gallons used | pay \$9.29 per 1,000 gallons used |
| 10,000 gallons to | 25,000 gallons | pay \$7.15 per 1,000 gallons used | pay \$7.40 per 1,000 gallons used |
| 25,000 gallons to | 100,000 gallons | pay \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons used | pay \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons used |
| 100,000 gallons to | 3,500,000 gallons | pay \$4.60 per 1,000 gallons used | pay \$5.25 per 1,000 gallons used |
| 3,500,000 gallons to | 10,000,000 gallons | pay \$4.30 per 1,000 gallons used | pay \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons used |
| 10,000,000 gallons to | infinite | pay \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons used | pay \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons used |

water usage rate charges are cumulative and assessed at value shown per 1000 gallons used

Example=charged \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons used until they reach 3,000 gallons used, if they use another 1,000 gallons they pay \$9.29 for the next 1,000 gallons

- **Water/Sewer deposits also increased from \$100 to \$150**
- **Administrative charge for water turned off for non-payment increased from \$30 to \$50**

Need a New Pet?

The Town of Wytheville Cat Shelter is at maximum capacity with 50 cats and kittens available for adoption. Most are healthy and just need a good home. Do you have room in your home for a new fur baby? View cats that are currently available at www.facebook.com/catsofwytheville or contact the Cat Shelter by calling (276) 223-3300.



Town of Wytheville Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

The Town of Wytheville is pleased to announce that the newly designed **Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)** document draft is ready for **public review and input**.

The **Phase I public input** period will **open on August 9, 2024**, and remain **open until September 4, 2024**. Interested persons may review the draft document online at the Planning Department webpage www.wytheville.org/planning. In addition to the draft document, general information about the project, including the project timeline and next steps will be posted at this webpage.

The **Phase II public input** period will **continue until the document's adoption** later this year or early next year. During this phase II public input period, citizens are invited to submit relevant input or comments to the Planning Department through informal communications using either email, phone or in person comments at any time. Contact information is **276-223-3361** or jwoods@wytheville.org.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

The Town of Wytheville is in the process of drafting a new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to replace the current zoning and subdivision ordinance. This exciting project will update the town's land use regulations and development standards, while improving the functionality and readability of the town's land use ordinances. The proposed UDO draft is available for public review and comment. Please help us spread the word about this exciting project for the Town of Wytheville.



Visit the planning department website to review the current UDO draft & take the **CITIZENS SURVEY**

WWW.WYTHEVILLE.ORG/PLANNING

Want to learn more? Plan on attending!

OPEN HOUSE EVENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH • 4PM - 7PM

Wytheville Meeting Center • 333 Community Blvd • Wytheville

Council Actions

June 24, 2024:

- Presented a resolution to Devoted to You recognizing their efforts for the "A Christmas to Remember" event.
- Adopted and presented a resolution recognizing the Wytheville Statesmen Baseball Team.
- Conducted a public hearing to consider the donation of a small parcel of Town-owned property located at the intersection of Main Street and 12th Street to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and adopted Ordinance No. 1438, an ordinance discontinuing and vacating a small parcel of Town-owned property located at the intersection of Main Street and 12th Street to be donated to the Virginia Department of Transportation, on first and final reading.
- Conducted a public hearing to consider appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 departmental budgets due to unexpected expenditures during the fiscal year and approved the appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 departmental budgets and authorized the Town Treasurer to make the departmental transfers.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1436, an ordinance appealing Chapter 7, Licenses and Business Regulations, Article III. Taxicabs, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia, on first and final reading.
- Appointed Ms. DeAnne Irving to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee for a four-year term (term expires May 14, 2028).
- Scheduled a Work Session for Monday, July 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. to hold Meet and Greet sessions with applicants being considered for appointment to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Board to fill the expiring term of Mr. Wythe Morris (term expired May 14, 2024).

- Scheduled a public hearing for the July 22, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider a General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$800,000 for capital improvements to the Town's wastewater facilities.
- Approved the issuance of a maximum of 50 hunting permits on Town-owned land on Sand Mountain.
- Heard a presentation from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation requesting to construct a Virginia Breeze Bus Service transit stop on Spring Street near the Elizabeth Brown Memorial Park and adopted a resolution authorizing the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to construct a new transit stop at that location.
- Conducted a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Discussion regarding performance appraisals and salaries for appointed employees, and discussion regarding a pending vacancy of an appointed position, and pursuant to 2.2-3711 (A) (19) Discussion regarding plans related to the security of the Wytheville Municipal Building located at 150 East Monroe Street and certified the closed meeting.
- Scheduled a closed meeting for the July 8, 2024, Town Council Meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A) (1) Discussion regarding performance appraisals and salaries for appointed employees, and discussion regarding a pending vacancy of an appointed position.

July 8, 2024:

- Heard a presentation from Lieutenant Bryan Bard of the Wytheville Police Department regarding the departmental activities.
- Adopted a resolution setting forth the meeting dates, times and place of the regular meetings of the Wytheville Town Council through June 23, 2025.
- Approved an application from Mr. Hunter Stuart for nontraditional landscaping of property located at 725 West Main Street.
- Adopted the amended Electronic Meeting Participation Policy.
- Adopted the amended 2024-25 Wytheville Town Council Rules of Procedure.
- Appointed Mr. Tim Whalen and Ms. Tammy Jenkins to the Wytheville Tree Advisory Committee for a four-year term (term expires May 14, 2028).
- Reappointed Mr. Brandon Elmore to the Smyth-Wythe Airport Commission (term expires June 30, 2028) and requested staff to determine if alternate members can serve on the Smyth-Wythe Airport Commission.
- Scheduled a public hearing for the August 12, 2024, Town Council meeting to consider an amendment to the Town of Wytheville Charter, Section 2. Council Generally.
- Canceled the October 15, 2024, Town Council meeting due to the Virginia Municipal League Conference.
- Approved Town staff to draft a resolution in honor of Mr. John Johnson to be adopted and presented to his family at a future Town Council meeting.
- Approved recognizing Town retirees with 25 or more years of service with a presentation of a plaque, rocking chair, etc., during a Town Council Meeting within proximity to their retirement date.
- Conducted a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711 (A) (1). Discussion regarding performance appraisals and salaries for appointed employees, regarding a pending vacancy of an appointed position, and certified the closed meeting.

July 22, 2024:

- Conducted a public hearing to consider a General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$800,000 for capital improvements to the Town's wastewater facilities, and approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$800,000 for capital improvements to the Town's wastewater facilities.
- Approved using Emergency Procurement Procedures to the replacement of a pump at the Booker Pump Station.
- Adopted a resolution supporting a Southeast Rural Community Assistant Project, Inc. (SERCAP) Facilities Development Program Grant application in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for the repair of Clarifier #4 at the Town of Wytheville Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Approved the request from the Department of Museums for the Take a Break from the Interstate Road Market scheduled for July 26-28, 2024, to hold yard sales for three days rather than two days for residents and businesses along the Road Market route through the Downtown area and on Tazewell Street.
- Heard a presentation from Director of Parks and Recreation, Josh Sharitz, about a proposed schedule of holidays to close the Wytheville Community Center and requested Director Sharitz to prepare reports of attendance at the Community Center on holidays and report back to Town Council.
- Heard a presentation from Director of Parks and Recreation regarding a proposed splash-pad and requested Director Sharitz to form a committee of certain Town staff members, Town Council representatives, Recreation Commission representatives and Town Management to gather additional information and present it to Town Council in September 2024.
- Approved increasing the annual stipend from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for (4) police officers who took the additional training to be certified as animal control officers and who perform the additional animal control duties.
- Conducted a closed session regarding performance appraisals and salaries for appointed employees and consulted with legal counsel to discuss the bond for the College Park Subdivision.