



**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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## Brush Pickup

It is that time of the year again when we all are trimming and cutting in our yards. Here is a reminder of the Brush collection Guidelines. DO NOT place brush, grass, or leaves on meters, sewer cleanouts or fire hydrants. DO NOT place brush/branches/grass/leaves in the travel lane or block sidewalks. Tree and leaf removal by a contractor for a homeowner needs to be disposed of by the contractor.

Let's remember the dates of pickup because if you miss that date, it can be another month before it is picked up. Here are the remaining dates for the season of 2021: June 28-July 2, July 26-30, August 23-27, September 27-October 1, October 25-29, November 22-26, and December 27-31.

- Let's remember to take care of our pets during this hot season. Hot Weather Tips: Dogs need to be inside a cool place when the temperature is 85 degrees or above. Dogs cannot be tethered in high heat. When dogs are tethered in cooler temperatures, the tether needs to be a minimum of 15 feet. Limit outdoor exercise to early morning or evening. Provide pets with extra cool water. Remember they cannot fend for themselves.
- It's hot and it is pool season once again. DO YOU NEED A PERMIT? There is a statewide building code that requires a building permit for any swimming pool that is larger than 150 square feet in surface area, holds 5,000 gallons of water, or is 24 inches or more in depth. The code makes no distinction between in-ground, above ground or inflatable pools, hot tubs, or spas. Remember let's have fun SAFELY. Please come by the Municipal Building to pick up your guide to the permit and inspection process or call the Building Official's Department at 276-223-3339.
- VDOT is proposing a reconfiguration of the Northbound I-77 Exit 41 interchanges. If approved, the modifications will realign the northbound ramps with Nye Road and improve traffic flow and safety in the area. VDOT will be holding a public hearing for this project at the Wytheville Meeting Center from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2021. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

## Did You Know

- In the coming months, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be making repairs to the Cove Road bridge crossing the interstate. The repairs are expected to take several months and will necessitate a complete bridge closure for a six-week period. The closure is anticipated to begin in early September of 2021. During the closure, motorists will be detoured onto Holston Road to North Fourth Street. Residents and motorists utilizing the impacted area should anticipate increased periods of heavy traffic and likely delays. We will provide additional information on the project as it becomes available.
- The Millwald Theatre is under construction and anticipates opening in the fall of 2022.

### Keep Your Pets Safe From the Heat This Summer



## Council Actions

### June 14, 2021:

- Held a public hearing to consider a Town charter amendment to establish a new Town election date and to establish voting precincts and polling places. Later in the meeting, adopted Ordinance No. 1399 establishing the East Wytheville and West Wytheville precincts and polling places.
- Conducted a public hearing to consider the renewal of a lease of Town of Wytheville property for a childcare center that would provide for an additional five-year term. This was approved later in the meeting.
- Received a 2020 Excellence in Waterworks Operations/Performance award from the Virginia Office of Drinking Water.
- Set a public hearing for the July 12, 2021, Town Council meeting to consider an amendment to the Town Code regarding the real property tax exemption for the elderly and handicap.
- Set a public hearing for the June 28, 2021, Town Council meeting to consider the appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.
- Appointed Town Manager T. Brian Freeman as the Town of Wytheville Zoning Administrator
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1395, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-22 on third and final reading.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1397, an ordinance amending the cigarette tax section.



Receiving Waterworks Excellence Award

### June 28, 2021:

- Held a public hearing to consider the amendments to the 2020-21 Fiscal Year budget.
- Presented a Proclamation to Mount Rogers Health Department for their outstanding work for our citizens and all those in Mount Rogers health district during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Appointed Patricia Austin as an alternate to the Wytheville Board of Zoning Appeal.
- Adopted a Resolution endorsing the Exit 41 Improvement Project for Virginia Department of Transportation.

## “Walk with the Mayor”

In closing, I invite you to share thoughts or ideas with me regarding if we should bring back the “Walk with the Mayor” program. Please contact me with ideas regarding where you might like to “walk.” Hopefully, we can come up with some interesting options this year.



“Walk Back in Time”  
Mayor’s Walk



“Sacred Places”  
Mayor’s Walk

## Want to Work for the Town of Wytheville?

The Town of Wytheville currently has a variety of employment opportunities available. For more information on how you could become part of our team visit:

<https://www.wytheville.org/employment>