

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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Happy Holidays

On behalf of Wytheville Town Council, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our community has so many reasons to be thankful and we look forward to 2023 bringing even more blessings to this wonderful place we call home.



Did You Know

- Ms. Sherrie Parks was appointed to the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
- Cold weather brings about angry pipes, especially our wastewater pipes. Pipes become narrower due to materials that solidify or freeze in cold conditions. So, let's avoid putting grease down our pipes. Let's be diligent about not flushing items such as wipes/rags and pads down into our pipes. This can be very costly to the homeowner or renter if the break is on the customer's side of the water meter.
- Save the Date! The Shred-It event sponsored by Truliant Federal Credit Union, Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Wytheville will be held in the Wytheville Municipal Building parking lot located at 150 E. Monroe Street in Wytheville on Saturday, March 25, 2023.
- The Millwald Theatre is now official open! Check the website below for details on upcoming events:

<https://themillwald.org/>



Important Information from your Fire & Rescue Department

Christmas Tree Safety:

- When choosing a live tree, make sure it has green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Make a fresh cut when placing it in a stand.
- Place the tree multiple feet away from any heat source.
- Water the tree DAILY.
- Make sure you are using appropriate lighting (indoor or outdoor).
- ALWAYS turn the Christmas lights off when leaving home or going to sleep.



Council Actions

November 14, 2022:

- Approved request from Downtown Wytheville, Inc., to hold a Christmas Parade and Celebration on Saturday, December 3, 2022.
- Upon Recommendation from Budget and Finance committee, approved that the Town engages with the Virginia Municipal League (VML) and Virginia Associations of Counties (VACO) Finance to provide the financial services needs for the Lots Gap Water Tank Development Project and authorized the Town Manager and Town Treasurer to execute the documents related to the procurement of these services.
- Appointed Ms. Sherrie Parks to the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Tabled Ordinance No. 1418, an ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 13. Streets, Sidewalks, and Improvements Article 1. In general, by adding section 13-10 Pedestrians in roadway.
- Adopted a resolution accepting a parcel of property (Tax Map 41-A-1-32) From William and Olyvia Deal. Authorized the Town Attorney to approve the form of the deed and the Mayor to execute the deed.
- Tabled consideration from the Wytheville Planning Commission regarding the request of Mr. Jacob Hunter Gamble for the subdivision of property owned by Mr. Phil Tobelmann, which is located at 435 West Union Street, in an R-3 Residential District, until the November 28, 2022, Town Council Meeting.
- Scheduled a public hearing for the Monday, December 12, 2022, Town Council Meeting to consider renewing the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity during 2023 for 276 Express, LLC.
- To dispense with the December 26, 2022, Town Council Meeting due to Christmas holidays.
- Held a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) Consultation with legal counsel regarding possible litigation.

November 28, 2022:

- Upon recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, approved for the Town to initiate a partial early implementation of the Compensation Plan by establishing a new baseline wage of \$15.00 per hour for all full and parttime employees, effective January 1, 2023.
- Adopted Ordinance No.1418, an Ordinance amending and reacting Chapter 13, Streets, Sidewalks, and Improvements Article1. In general, by adding Section 13-10. Pedestrians in Roadway, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, VA.
- Council Approved setting the Town Council Meeting time for 5:00 p.m. through June 26, 2023

Employment Opportunities

If you are interested in working for the Town of Wytheville, or you know someone who might be, I encourage you to visit the Employment section of the Town's website at www.wytheville.org/employment. Departments that currently have open positions include Parks & Recreation, Wytheville Meeting Center, Information Technology, Water Plant & the Wastewater Treatment Plant . You can also put in an application for those departments that do not have current openings so that your application will be on file when a position does become open.

The Town offers a variety of fringe benefits to full-time employees including annual leave, sick leave, paid holidays, health, life and disability insurances, and a retirement program.



**COME WORK
WYTHE US!**

Full and Part Time Positions Available!

2022 Tax Information

2022 Real Estate Tax Tickets have been **delayed**. They will be mailed out as soon as possible and the due date will be changed to a suitable date based on when the tax tickets are mailed out.

2022 Personal Property Tax Tickets have been mailed out and are **due December 30, 2022**.

If you have any **questions about assessments**, please contact the **Commissioner of the Revenue at 276-223-6015**.

