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Thank You to Our Veterans

On Thursday, November 11, 2021, Chaplain Jim Cox will be the guest speaker at the Annual Veterans Day ceremony. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., the ceremony will be held at the Wytheville Meeting Center.

A native of Wythe County, Chaplain Cox is a 1959 graduate of George Wythe High School and a veteran of the United States Air Force. He is a retired Seventh-Day Adventist minister. Chaplain Cox holds "Fellow" credentials, the highest credentials offered by the International Conference of Police Chaplains (I.C.P.C.). He has been in law enforcement for 30 years. After retiring from law enforcement in Georgia, Chaplain Cox moved back to Wythe County and became the first Chaplain of the Wythe County Sheriff's Office as well as a Deputy Sheriff. Later, he organized a Chaplain Corps and became Chief of Chaplains. Jim is retired now and holds the position of "Emeritus" Chaplain for the Sheriff's Office.



Chaplain Jim Cox

The Wall of Honor committee invites citizens to honor veterans from all military branches by attending this ceremony on Thursday, November 11.

Treasurer's Office Information

The Town of Wytheville accepts credit/debit cards for the payment of municipal fees for town services, payment of taxes, etc. For the past number of years, the Town of Wytheville was able to accept credit /debit cards without charging a convenience fee. However, with recent changes in the banking industry, we can no longer accept credit/debit cards without charging a convenience fee. Effective January 1, 2022, there will be a convenience fee charged for any transactions made to credit/debit cards at Town of Wytheville municipal facilities. We have not been informed yet by the credit card processor what the percentage amount of the transaction will be. We will announce this fee as soon as we have this information.

Police Department Information

"Buckle Up. Phone Down. Don't Drive Distracted" - Did you know that as of January 1, 2021, the Code of Virginia 46.2-818.2 makes it unlawful for any person, while driving a motor vehicle on the roadways in the Commonwealth, to hold a handheld personal communication device. This offense comes with hefty fines up to \$250.00. Distracted and inattentive drivers cause the majority of car crashes in the Town. In a recent study just completed by our Police Department, 90% of car crashes were not speeding related. You can find this study on the Wytheville Police Department's section of the Town website at, <https://police.wytheville.org/document-central>, click on the Forms icon to find "Wytheville Police Department Study."

Important Information from the Fire Chief

- Daylight savings time is here. That is the time to check all smoke detectors in your home. Change the batteries when you check your smoke alarm. If you do not have a smoke detector and need help obtaining one or assistance checking or changing the batteries, please call Fire Chief Marc Brade at 276-223-3312 or myself, Mayor Beth Taylor, at 276-223-3356.
- Cold weather is approaching. NO space heaters in a home or garage should be plugged into an extension cord. ALL electric space heaters should go directly to a wall socket.
- This fall, install and/or check all carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Please follow manufacturers recommendations on installation locations.

Upcoming Activities & Events

Christmas Events

Saturday, December 4 - A Timeless Christmas

12:00-3:00 - Carriage rides and visit with Santa (Wither's Park)

5:00 - Christmas Parade***

Directly after parade (around 6:00) - Judging of floats, vendors, music (Wither's Park)

7:00 - Tree Lighting (Wither's Park)

***Parade floats and trucks will depart from the DMV parking lot, walkers in parade will line up first and all parade participants will be going west on Main Street in the direction of Food City; parade will end at North 4th Street where all trucks and other vehicles will disperse, and floats will head towards Withers Park where the tree lighting and judging of floats will occur. Sponsored by Downtown Wytheville, Inc.



Saturday, December 11 - A Timeless Christmas - Experience an 18th Century Christmas at the Homestead

1:00-5:00 Festivities at the Willowbrook Jackson-Umberger Homestead Museum Site (adjacent to the Wytheville Visitors Center, 975 Tazewell Street)

18th Century Gunsmithing and Open Hearth Cooking Demonstrations, Bonfire, Family Activities and Visits from Mr. Belsnickle!

Family Activities: 1:00-3:00 - Christmas Garland Making, 3:00-5:00 - Tin Punch

FREE ADMISSION

Co-Sponsored by the Wythe County Historical Society

Events at the APEX Center

- L-J Pro Rodeo - November 5-6
- Barn Art Invitational 2021 Livestock Judging - November 6
- Hot Tub Show - November 12-14
- Women's AG Conference - November 13
- Team Roping and Barrell Race Benefit - December 4-5



Council Actions

October 12, 2021:

- Approved the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting from September 27, 2021.
- Approved the request of Wythe County Public Schools Foundation for Excellence to conduct a SANDMAN Extreme Half Marathon and a MLK 5K run on Saturday, January 15, 2022.
- Approved the request of Spiller Elementary School to close streets around the school (Tazewell, Pine, 3rd and North Streets) on Thursday, November 11, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. to conduct a Veterans Day Parade.

October 25, 2021:

- Approved the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting from October 12, 2021.