



Mayor's Memo

By Mayor Trenton G. Crewe, Jr.

During this summer season in Wytheville, we find ourselves in a time of transition and change.

Revitalization is in full swing in our downtown district. It seems like new businesses are opening each week with something creative and interesting to promote that adds flavor and distinction. Several storefronts are getting new facades. In late July or early August, we anticipate that work will begin on other downtown improvements including sidewalks. Just a few weeks ago, the contract for the next phase of improvements was awarded to DCI/Shires, Inc. To go along with these efforts and encourage continued business during construction, Downtown Wytheville has a weekly special event planned called "Hard Hat Fridays." Beginning on July 22, music, sales, and a variety of other activities will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each Friday. For more details about this, visit their website at www.DowntownWytheville.com or follow them on Facebook.

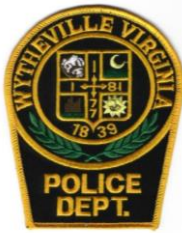
Wytheville Town Council is changing as well. We recently bid farewell to Councilman Judson Lambert. Judson honored the citizens of Wytheville with three terms on Council totaling twelve years of service. Through the years, Judson has especially been involved with the Planning Commission, the Board of Architectural Review, and Downtown Revitalization. Judson served with distinction. His professional experience in accounting paid large dividends for the Town throughout the years. He possesses wisdom and foresight with quiet powers of persuasion which were very instructive, especially when negotiating a rough spot. He could consider all points of view with thoughtfulness and courtesy and weigh them carefully before commenting. He will be sorely missed and we wish him all the best.

After the special election August 23, we shall also say goodbye to another council member. The untimely passing of Jack Hunley left an important seat vacant. We asked long-term councilman Bill Weisiger if he would be willing to step up and serve out this term. Bill agreed in his usual gracious manner and greatly assisted us in keeping the flow of council consistent despite this significant loss. We appreciate his wisdom and dedication and look forward to continuing to work with him as a strong member of our downtown business community.

As of July 1, we have also welcomed a new member to Council. Joseph Hand, Jr., was elected for a four-year term in the May election. Many of you may know Joe as the owner of RE/MAX Landmark Real Estate. He has already shown great interest in our downtown revitalization efforts. We look forward to working with him in the years to come.

I was honored to have the opportunity in June to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for Freedom Lane. Under the planning and direction of the Wytheville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, 24 one or two bedroom apartment units will be built to house veterans. It is anticipated that construction will be complete in June 2017. We are pleased to see this project come to fruition and provide for much-needed housing for our veterans.

I welcome the opportunity to talk to you regarding your ideas and concerns. My office, at the Wytheville Municipal Building, is open prior to Council meetings on the second and fourth Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and other times by appointment. I can also be reached by phone at 223-3356 or via email at tcrewe@wytheville.org.



Wytheville Department of Public Safety

MISSION STATEMENT



The Wytheville Department of Public Safety exists for the purpose of safeguarding life and property and maintaining order in a professional manner that preserves a confidence in our democratic process. Each officer and employee shall be responsible for the observance of orders, proper performance of duty, and the maintenance of discipline on the part of members and employees assigned to their shift and for enforcement of the law, promotion of proper patrol, investigation of motor vehicle accident, necessary investigation of crime, and protection of life and property. To fulfill its mission, the Wytheville Department of Public Safety is dedicated to providing a quality work environment and the development of its members through effective training and leadership.

2016 First & Second Quarter Traffic Enforcement/Accident Statistics

Crash Reporting January 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2016

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Major Crash	14	12	11	8	5	7	57	Total Crashes 258
Minor Crash	41	27	29	37	31	36	201	
Injuries	1	2	3	2	0	0	8	
Fatalities	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Charges	12	10	7	8	5	6	48	

Criminal Charges 1/1/16 - 6/30/16

Forcible Fondling	1
Robbery	1
Simple/Aggrav Assault	20
Burglary/B & E	3
Shoplifting	30
Thefts from Various	15
All Other Larceny	22
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Impersonation	1
Embezzlement	2
Stolen Prop Offense	1
Destruction/Damage/Vand.	14
Drugs/Narcotic Violations	78
Pornography/Prostitution	2
Weapons Violations	7
Drunkenness	33
Trespass	5
<u>All Other Offenses</u>	<u>129</u>
TOTAL	365

Traffic Charges 1/1/16 - 6/30/16

Driving While Intoxicated	38
Defective Equipment	64
Seat Belt/Child Safety Seat	106
Dangling Objects	1
No/Expired Registration	36
Use of Comm Dev Driving	1
No/Expired State Inspection	23
No/Expired Oper. License	11
Suspended/Revoked OL	23
No Liability Insurance	13
No Tag(s) on Display	11
Altered/Forged Tag	4
No/Expired Town Decal	18
Fail to Yield Right of Way	34
Follow to Close	12
Fail to Obey Sign/Lights	30
Reckless Driving	22
Speeding Violations	180
<u>All Other Traffic Violations</u>	<u>290</u>
TOTAL	917

Citizens desiring additional information regarding the programs and activity of the Wytheville Department of Public Safety are encouraged to contact Chief Rick W. Arnold at anytime by calling 276-223-3310 or rickya@wytheville.org. "I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Wytheville. Without your support, we cannot succeed in our task of providing a safer community."

Chief Rick Arnold