**Snow Removal**

It’s that time to talk about snow again. Here are the Town of Wytheville’s procedures for clearing our streets.

Did you know that there are over 180 miles of streets that require snow removal? The Town of Wytheville gives priority to clearing the main arterial streets first and then the collector and local streets. The Town also has an emergency snow route plan if Interstates 77 or 81 are closed due to an accident. Parking spaces in the downtown area are cleared as soon as possible and access roads to school parking lots are cleared to allow for early dismissals.

During snowstorms, the Public Works Department works 24 hours a day to keep the main arteries clear within the corporate limits. Lesser connector roads are cleared after the main arteries are sufficiently maintained. Anti-icing product is applied to arterial roadways when temperatures are appropriate to minimize bonding of snow to pavement. Abrasive materials are applied to roadways when required to provide traction. Curves, hills, and intersections normally receive a salt and pea gravel mixture. Roadways are widened to completely remove snow from driving surfaces. Several passes are sometimes necessary to completely remove snow. Ice removal and cleanup operations may take place several days after a snowstorm.

Citizens are encouraged to, if possible, wait until after the second plowing before digging out of their driveways. Please also park off the street, if possible, so that crews can plow the entire width of the street. We appreciate our citizens patience as our Public Works crews do their jobs.

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**Special Museum Exhibit**

The Town of Wytheville Department of Museums’ special exhibition, “Journey Stories,” is now open to the public at the Heritage Preservation Center on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the regular Museum tour hours. The exhibition can be viewed on its own or as part of the total Museum visit that includes the Thomas J. Boyd and Haller/Gibboney Rock House Museums. Admission to the “Journey Stories” exhibition is free and donations are appreciated. “Journey Stories” explores the history of how and why our ancestors first traveled to America, migration westward, and the evolution of transportation and travel. It was created by the Museum on Main Street program of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services and donated to the Department of Museums by the Rural Retreat Depot Foundation. For more information and to schedule tours, contact the Department of Museums at 276-223-3330.

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**Important Information from the Treasurer’s Office**

The following notice is regarding payment options for the Town of Wytheville. As you have been hearing, the Town (and County) are now required to charge credit card processing fees. The fee that the Town of Wytheville must charge is three (3) percent. This fee will be applied when a credit card is used to pay any of the following: water/wastewater bills, permits of any kind, business licenses, meals and lodging taxes paid by a restaurant or lodging business, parking fines, taxes, and fees at the Wellness & Recreation Center, Town of Wytheville Museums, and the Meeting Center. How can you avoid these processing fees that will be assessed? You can write a check and either bring it inside, drop it in the night box, or mail it. You can pay cash in person at the Treasurer’s Office (150 East Monroe Street) or use your online banking. To pay without coming in the office, you can pay online, with a processing fee added, using our online provider, Official Payments. Official Payments can be reached at www.wytheville.org/online-payments or by calling 1-800-272-9829. The Town of Wytheville Jurisdiction Code is 9002.

Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: Personal property taxes are due by December 5 of each year. On February 1 of the following year, a file of delinquent taxes is sent to the Virginia Department of Taxation to offset Virginia state tax refunds and is also sent to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), for the vehicle registration withholding program to collect personal property taxes.
December 13, 2021:

• Conducted a public hearing to consider renewing the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity during 2022 for 276 Express, LLC, for operation of taxicabs. It was renewed by Council later in that same meeting.

• Conducted a joint public hearing with the Wytheville Planning Commission to consider the request of Mr. James E. Crockett, III, for the rezoning of property located on the south side of West Ridge Road, and adjacent to West Lee Highway, from A-1 Agricultural to R-3 Residential. Later in the meeting, the Council adopted on first and final reading Ordinance No. 1403, and amended and reenacted Ordinance No. 640, generally known as the Zoning Ordinance, to rezone from A1 to R3 Residential parcels of property owned by Paul Morin, Tax map #040A-001-0000-001, which was located on the south side of West Ridge Road, and adjacent to West Lee Highway. Later in the meeting, Council gave preliminary approval to a planned unit development on property located on the South side of West Ridge Road, and adjacent to West Lee Highway at the request of Mr. James E. Crockett, III.

• Presented a proclamation to Mr. John M. Johnson to commend him for his research and work in preserving the history of Wytheville and Wythe County.

• Adopted a resolution supporting an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for potential funding for the Lots Gap Water Tank Project.

• Set a public hearing for the January 10, 2022, Town Council Meeting to consider amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II. Council, Division 1. Generally, Section 2-21. When and Where Regular Meeting Are Held, of the Code of the Town of Wytheville, Virginia.

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**Important Information from the Police Department**

Options for Animal Control are available 24/7 to the citizens of Wytheville. If you have an animal emergency, animal in distress, or nuisance animal, like a barking dog in the middle of the night, call 911 and a police officer will respond. If you have a non-emergency animal issue call (276) 223-3300. During regular business hours you will be transferred to the Animal Control Officer if he is not busy on a service call. After hours, weekends and holidays, call (276) 223-3300, and you will be given the following options to choose from. If you are seeking advice on an animal control issue, Press 1. You will speak to a dispatcher that can connect you to a police officer. If you have an ongoing issue and would like for the Animal Control Officer to return your call during regular business hours, Press 2.

The Animal Control office can also be called directly at (276) 223-3397. When the Animal Control Officer is away from his desk, on service calls, after hours, weekends, and holidays, you can leave a message and the Animal Control Officer will return your call when he is back in the office.

The Town of Wytheville has developed an Animal Care & Information Brochure. You can view this brochure on the Town’s website at www.wytheville.org/animal-control.

Recently, I had the distinct honor of swearing in six new police officers: John Khachane, Joshua Thomas, Clarence Doyle, Bradley Hurley, Aaron Williams, and Ernest Williams. We welcome these new officers to the Wytheville Police Department!

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**Walk & Talk with Mayor Taylor**

Join us on Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:00am in January & February for a leisurely stroll & lively conversation on the indoor walking track at the Wytheville Recreation Center.

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**Upcoming Events**

• Martin Luther King Annual March is on Sunday, January 16, 2022.
Cold Weather Tips

PROVIDE SHELTER
At 32°F or less, no owned animal should be left outdoors unless they have access to a well-insulated structure that:

- Is large enough to curl up in and has a wind block at the door
- Includes a heated water bowl so they have access to an unfrozen water source
- Has a floor, is elevated from the ground, has cedar shavings, dry straw or the equivalent and has heating or an outdoor heating pad

WALKING YOUR DOG
- Consider shortening your walks if the temperature is too frigid & increase indoor exercise.
- Ask your vet if your pet may benefit from additional clothing beyond their "fur coat" in chilly weather.
- Watch for any signs of injury or extreme cold to their paws, especially in snow or ice.

WARNING SIGNS
Signs that an animal may be getting too cold include:

- Trembling
- Dry Skin
- Sleepiness
- Numbness
- Slowed Breathing
- Illness
- Mobility Issues

Hot Weather Tips

PROTECT YOUR PETS
- Keep your pets indoors when possible
- Limit outdoor exercise to early morning/evening
- 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 is too hot for bare 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 & collapsing

GOT OUTDOOR PETS?
- ALWAYS provide a well-shaded & ventilated shelter
- ALWAYS provide non-metal, spill-proof water bowls
- Baby pools & sunscreen can also help keep pets safe

Get your dog to a Veterinarian as soon as possible!
Wythe County Veterinarians
(Alphabetical Order)

ANIMAL CARE CLINIC, LLC
3649 Stony Fork Road, Wytheville, VA 24382
(276) 228-2727 • www.WythevilleAnimalCare.com
Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri: 8a-5p • Sat: 8a-12p • Sun, Mon: Closed

COMMUNITY ANIMAL CLINIC, INC
995 South 3rd Street, Wytheville, VA 24382
(276) 223-1234 • www.CommunityAnimalClinic.net
Mon-Fri: 8a-5:30p • Sat: 8a-12p • Sun: Closed

WYTHE CARE VETERINARY SERVICE, INC
Mobile Vet
(276) 617-0500 • www.WytheCare.com
Mon-Fri: 9a-5p • Sat: Cat Neuter Clinics by Appointment
Sun: Closed

WYTHE COUNTY ANIMAL CLINIC
210 Grayson Road, Wytheville, VA 24382
(276) 228-2322
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri: 8a-10a; 2p-5p • Sat: 9a-11:30a
Wed, Sun: Closed

Exotic Pet Veterinarian

TIPTON RIDGE VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER
1858 Bob White Blvd, Pulaski, VA 24301
(540) 980-0186 • info@tiptonridge.com
www.TiptonRidge.com
Mon-Fri: 7:30a-6p • Sat: 8a-6p • Sun: 8a-10a; 4p-6p

24 Hour Emergency Veterinarian

TOWN & COUNTRY VETERINARY CLINIC
200 Central Ave NE, Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-5042 • www.TCVCCares.com

Local Rescue Groups
(Alphabetical Order)

BRISTOL HUMANE SOCIETY: “MARGARET B. MITCHELL SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC”
Provides reduced cost spay & neuter services.
16222 Lee Highway, Bristol, VA 24202
(276) 591-5790 • www.MBMSpayNeuterClinic.org
Mon-Fri: 8a-4p • Sat, Sun: Closed

LOST FANTASY RESCUE
Spay & neuter cost assistance to qualifying individuals.
Assistance offered for other vetting based on need.
Provides food for owned pets/ferral colonies as needed.
Provides shelters & bedding for dogs in need.
LostFantasyStables@yahoo.com
www.LostFantasyStables.com

MOUNTAIN VIEW HUMANE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC
Limited service clinic with high quality care at a low-cost, with a focus on spay/neuter efforts. Provides transportation for pets located outside immediate service area. Hosts vaccination clinics for spayed/neutered pets. Provides financial assistance for qualifying clients.
225 Industrial Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-0222 • (855) 447-7647 • info@MVHClinc.org
www.MVHClinic.org

WBAWL “THE WYTHE-BLAND ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE”
Free scheduled transport to low cost spay/neuter clinic, along with financial assistance for qualifying individuals.
(276) 613-3695 • www.WBAWL.com

Did You Know?
If a female dog or cat remains unspayed and is allowed to reproduce unchecked, look what can happen in six short years! Population explosion!!

REDUCE Spraying & Marking
REDUCE Roaming
REDUCE Aggression
LOWER Risk of Cancers
DECREASE Overpopulation
INCREASE Lifespan by 3-5 Years

State Law Companion Animal Requirements
Each owner shall provide for each of his companion animals:

• Adequate feed & water;
• Adequate shelter that is properly cleaned with adequate space in the primary enclosure for the particular type of animal depending upon its age, size, species, and weight;
• Adequate exercise;
• Adequate care, treatment, and transportation; and Veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering or disease transmission.