As the crispness of fall hits the air and the leaves begin their colorful show, I continue to learn more about the great town that I now serve. Many of you know that during September and October I have been hosting a “Walk with the Mayor” each Thursday morning at 7:30. These small meetings have been successful and beneficial to me as there has been a lot of constructive dialogue exchanged that has helped increase my understanding of the viewpoints of our citizens. I plan to reinstitute these once the cold weather breaks in the spring. In light of citizen feedback, I am considering changing the time of the walks to reach more constituents. Over the winter, we will continue these chats inside with “Coffee with Council” gatherings. Details regarding these meetings will be posted on www.wytheville.org, as they become available, as well as in later editions of this column.

I hope that many of you have visited the LOVEworks display adjacent to the entrance of McWane Pool on Monroe Street. A design is complete for sidewalks and landscaping around the display. Work on this portion will likely begin next spring. We’ve seen many visitors and locals snapping photos at the location. It’s been especially great to see group photos of families. Maybe some will take advantage of this new “photo opp” and we will see “Wytheville LOVE” show up on some Christmas cards this holiday season.

Work continues on the Reed Creek Historic Truss Bridge project. Pending Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) reviews, the work on the park should go out for bid in Spring 2019. Once complete the area will not only serve as an enhancement to recreation, but also will preserve local heritage. The restored bridge helps document the history of transportation in Southwest Virginia. The Pittsburg Bridge Company built the bridge in 1881. It is the VDOT Bristol District’s oldest documented bridge.

Ongoing construction of the entrance-way into Wytheville on East Main Street from Exit 73 is progressing. This work is presently on schedule and slated to be completed next spring. As the entrance area off of both interstates, 77 and 81, these enhancements will beautifully showcase our community and increase the walkability in this part of town for local citizens and visitors.

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 beth.taylor@wytheville.org.

REMINDER

Final Brush Collection Week of 2018
November 26-30
Annual Christmas Open House
Celebrate Christmas with the Haller Family!
Featuring music by Harpist Lori Ringley of Smyth County
FREE ADMISSION

Co-Sponsored by the Town of Wytheville Department of Museums and the Wythe County Historical Society

You’re Invited
Christmas Open House
Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum
Saturday, December 1
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Enter at 205 Tazewell Street

Now Available at The Museum Shop
(within the E. Lee Trinkle Visitors Center, 975 Tazewell Street)

2018 Collectible Miniature Building
The War Memorial
$16.00 plus tax

Wall of Honor, Withers Park
Honors Wythe Countians killed in action during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

2018 Heritage Collection Ornament
$20.00 plus tax

Commemorates the 100th Anniversary of The Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands

The Museum Shop is open
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Celebration
Friday, November 30th & Saturday, December 1st

Friday
- Carriage Rides 5:30-8:00
- Choirs & Live Music 6:00-8:00
- Tree Lighting Ceremony 7:00
- Hot Cocoa ∙ Cider ∙ Baked Goods

Saturday
- Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus 1:00-4:00
- Carriage Rides 1:00-4:00
- Christmas Parade on Main Street 6:00
- Festival of Trees ∙ Christmas with the Hallers

Visit downtownwytheville.org to learn more & register a parade entry!