2019 will be the last year Town of Wytheville citizens will be required to purchase and display a physical vehicle decal on their cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trailers. This year’s decals will go on sale March 1 and must be purchased and displayed by April 15. The Town of Wytheville will replace the vehicle decal fee with a license fee that will be added to the 2019 personal property tax bill that will be due in December 2019.

Our local Food Lion stores have adopted a “no waste policy.” My understanding is that this means our local food banks and churches will be able to pick up breads/pastry food type items for distribution. The produce department currently collects all of the old/bruised/damaged produce, separates any plastics or metals out, and places it into a bin that is routinely picked up and delivered to farmers to feed animals, such as pigs. Although these are probably not local farms, maybe we can work on that. A big THANK YOU to Food Lion. Maybe next we can work on doing away with plastic grocery bags.

You may have noticed a lot of activity on street corners throughout the town. Our Wayfinding Signage Program is now underway for the placement of these new signs. I know that Council, Administration, and Town employees are all excited to see it completed.

The weather is showing signs of Spring. I have been seeing more and more people out walking the track, in the parks, at the college, and throughout downtown and in neighborhoods. I was at the Recreation/Wellness Center one Sunday afternoon recently and it was packed. There were people walking the track and counting laps. Both basketball courts were buzzing with players and spectators. There was all sorts of splashing and swimming in the pool and hot tub area. The climbing wall had lots of activity around it. The multipurpose rooms were filled with families and friends celebrating. The fitness area was full of people running, lifting, grunting, and sweating. Wow! Are we not fortunate to have such a wonderful facility for all ages? It is incredible for a community our size to have such a great place for our children to go for fellowship, exercise, and participate in sports. Don’t forget the great afterschool and summer programs. Sometimes we spend too much time being negative and do not appreciate what we do have. As the weather warms up this Spring, get walking, look around you, and appreciate what a wonderful town we have.

Presently one of the programs that our Parks & Recreation Department is offering is designed to get us all moving. It is FREE to all. No membership is required. The program is called “Walk the Distance of the Appalachian Trail.” It’s simple. Sign up, you can be provided a free pedometer, if needed, and start walking. You can walk anywhere, anytime. Just keep track of your mileage and report it at the end of each month. At the end of August, we will add everyone’s mileage together and see how far our community walked. Sign up now and let’s get moving!

Ordinance 1353 which addresses noise has been amended in the following ways. The punishment definition has been revised. Fines will be up to $300 for the first offense, instead of a flat present rate of $300. This will give the court flexibility when determining the appropriate level of punishment. Also, in regard to commercial and trash pickup vehicles, the distance the noise can be heard was changed from 100 yards or greater to 50 yards or greater.

Ordinance 1354 was revised to allow Council the freedom to appoint an individual to a Town Committee for more than two consecutive terms, if needed.

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.
Celebrate Museum Thursdays

Thursday, April 4 - 7 p.m.
Storyteller Bil Lepp

Heritage Preservation Center
115 W. Spiller Street, Wytheville
Tickets: $8.00
Call (276) 223-3330
for more info or to reserve a ticket.

18th Century Living History Day
“Resolved to Live or Die”

Saturday, June 22—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jackson-Umberger Willowbrook Homestead Museum
(adjacent to E. Lee Trinkle Regional Visitors Center)
Tickets: $5.00
Call (276) 223-3330 for more info.

Featuring Robert K. Rambo as Chief Attakullakulla, Cherokee Chief, the chief present at Fort Chiswell during the peace talks on the eve of the American Revolution. Also will feature Fincastle/Montgomery County Militia, an encampment by British regulars, Wooden Ram Cookery demonstration and much more!

Coffee with Council
Join Wytheville Town Council
for a fresh cup of coffee & conversation.
Second & Fourth Thursdays
at 10:00 AM

March 14—Grayson Restaurant
March 29—Olykoek Donuts
April 11—Starbucks
April 25—Wytheville Recreation Center