HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living)
The Town of Wytheville recently advanced to the platinum level of the HEAL initiative. This is the highest level that can be obtained. We received our Platinum award earlier this month at the Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference held in Roanoke. I am so proud of our community. Together, we are working on our physical, mental and social well-being. A few of the recent accomplishments are:
1) FREE fruit to all children at McWane Pool during the past two summers. This was much appreciated by the children.
2) Developed raised garden beds for the Kids Adventure program during the summer. Through this program, the children learned to plant flowers and vegetables, water and weed them, as well as how to pick and enjoy them. Another big hit with our youth.
3) “Walk the distance of the Appalachian Trail” was a six-month endeavor. There were 100 participants and collectively we walked 77,700.77 miles! WOW! There were six participants who walked the equivalent distance of the Appalachian Trail (2,200 miles is the total distance of the trail from Georgia to Maine). They are Heather Archer, Paul Cuvelier, Irene Daughtery, Ima Johnson, Aaron Lawson and Angela Myers. Congratulations to all six of you. I want to thank all who participated.
4) And, of course, the “Walk with the Mayor” program has been successful and fun. Participants have enjoyed “walking back in time” as we have learned about aspects of local history while walking portions of Wytheville’s Historic Walking Tour.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
Donald E. Elmore, United States Army, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2019. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., the ceremony will be held at the Wytheville Meeting Center.

MILLWALD THEATRE UPDATE
Over the last several months, the Town of Wytheville planning staff has been working with Millwald Theatre volunteers to submit several public grant applications. Last week, the Virginia Tobacco Commission announced a grant award for the Millwald Theatre in the amount of $160,000. This will be used for architect and engineering fees associated with the renovation project. Earlier this summer, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) awarded the Town a grant of $50,000 to be used for paint and asbestos abatement for the structure.

RECYCLING UPDATE
Thanks to all of you for trying to remember the new hours and guidelines for our Recycling Center. Our vendor has new guidelines that they have to follow, such as only plastic #1 and #2! This is a service that the Town would like to continue for its citizens. I hope we are all good learners and do our part so we can continue this service. A flyer regarding these new guidelines and hours was included in a recent water bill.

WYTHERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
The weather is getting cooler and you may start seeing some of our Policemen with fury faces. This is a fundraiser for the Police Department to raise money, this year I believe it is to buy clothes for children.

Police Chief Ricky Arnold would like to hear from our citizens as to what type of outreach programs they may like to see that may benefit our community and citizens. Call Chief Arnold at 276-223-3310 or Deputy Chief Joel Hash at 276-223-3304.

ORDINANCE CHANGES
Ordinance No.1367 - This ordinance is regarding the Buffer Yard Specification and changed the Zoning Ordinance to reflect the types and number of trees/shrubs that can be planted in a buffer yard.
Ordinance No. 1368 - This ordinance is regarding the Annual Vehicle Decal and changed the Town Code in various places to delete the reverence to the decal. Also states that the fee will be included on the Annual Tax Ticket.
Ordinance No. 1369 - This ordinance is regarding the due date for business licenses, the ordinance changed the due date from March 1 to May 1. There will be additional requirements associated with the business license. Businesses will be informed of those in the future.
Fall is a great time to raise awareness about fire safety! Here are some tips that Town of Wytheville Fire Chief Marc Brade would like to share with our citizens:

**FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY TIPS**

Smoke detectors should be installed in the following locations:
- Inside each bedroom
- Hallway outside of sleeping areas
- Every level of home including basement
- Near the bottom and top of stairs
- Recreation room, living room etc.
- If in a kitchen - at least 10 feet from cooking appliances
- If ceiling in room isn’t an option, smoke detectors can be placed on the wall. However, those detectors should be no more than 12 inches from ceiling.

Smoke detectors typically come two ways:
- Hardwired into home with battery back-up: These units tie each smoke detector into one another. If a smoke detector is activated on the second floor- all units in the home will be activated. These detectors are the preferred units; however, wiring is needed in the construction phase of the home.
- Battery operation only: These units act on their own. If a smoke detector is activated on the second floor- no other alarm will alert unless exposed to smoke.

Do’s and Do not’s:
- **DO NOT** paint over a smoke detector.
- **DO NOT** use smoke detectors that are over 10 years old. Anything over 10 years old should be replaced
- **DO** change batteries 2x a year. Easiest to remember is daylight savings time.
- **DO** test the batteries in smoke detectors every month

Practice fire drills at home. Each occupant of the home should know what a smoke detector activation means. Have two ways out of the home, in case one way out is blocked by fire or smoke. Identify a location outside of the home that all occupants are to meet.

The Town of Wytheville Fire Department does have a smoke detector program. Should you need a smoke detector, need advice on installation and/or need any assistance- please call the Wytheville Fire Department at 276-223-3302. We will help in any way possible!

**Did You Know?**
- Plastic bags: I have been inspired by a passionate young lady who attends Scott Memorial Middle School to push forward to do away with plastic bags in Wytheville. As I approach businesses, I ask each of you to make the switch and ditch the plastic bags.
- Wytheville will be a site for a new dental clinic, an extension office of Bland Ministry Center. This will be located on the backside of the Brock-Hughes Clinic on Monroe Street. I am very excited that a Wytheville location has been chosen. This will offer dental care for those who previously did not have access to such care.
- We now have around the clock shifts of paid fire personnel that eat and sleep right beside the fire trucks, this means decreasing response times, which means better fire protection for our citizens. Council is presently having dialogue with the Wythe County Board of Supervisors to see how we can collectively improve our EMS in both Wytheville and Wythe County, again to provide our citizens with the best we can.
- Census 2020 has already begun. You may see volunteers out even now. These volunteers are presently confirming that the addresses in the last census are still valid and recording any new residential construction. During this upcoming year, March and April, the census will mostly be online. I am forming a committee to help our citizens to get registered. This will take a lot of work and I will need help.

On behalf of Wytheville Town Council, I would like to wish all our citizens a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

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.
GOLD PASS PLANS INCLUDE...
Unlimited aerobic classes, use of the pool, weight/cardio area, gymnasium, youth/teen center, walking track, climbing wall and unlimited racquetball. Complimentary inclusions: quarterly 15 minute consultations, body fat testing, equipment orientations.

NEW CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE 20% OFF THE FIRST YEAR OF A GOLD CONTINUOUS PASS PLAN AT THE WYTEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mention the Promo Code "Be Active" to receive this great November discount.

With the 20% discount, monthly auto deductions will be

- Adult $25.86
- Adult+1 $40.94
- Family $44.26
- Senior/Teen/College $22.54
- Senior Couple $37.54

Town Residents receive an additional 10% off
Wytheville Christmas Parade & Celebration

Friday, December 6th & Saturday, December 7th

view schedule or register a parade entry at downtownwytheville.org/christmas