



Stephens City Newsletter

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**SHERANDO
WARRIOR Club**

Sherando High School Home-
coming Parade & Bonfire

Wednesday, September 27th

Homecoming Parade on Main
Street in

Stephens City at 6:30 pm followed
by a Bonfire Rally at the
Newtown Commons

Homecoming Game, Friday,
September 29th at 7:00 pm
at Arrowhead Stadium



Veteran's Business Day

Date: Saturday Oct. 7th

Time: 12 - 4pm

Where: Capon Valley Bank
5511 S. Main St
Stephens City, VA

Come and support local veteran owned businesses. Enjoy Fun, Food and Festivities. There will be many vintage vehicles and veteran motorcycles on display. Please join us for a great time!

WATER AND SEWER BILLS DUE OCTOBER 2, 2023

Water cut offs will be Oct. 11

Payments will no longer be taken over the phone. Payments can be made by mail, on-line or by coming into the office. We also have a drop box for your convenience.



DROUGHT WARNING

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a Drought Warning for the Shenandoah Region. Because of our commitment to protecting our customers and the vital resources on which they rely, Stephens City is implementing Drought Warning procedures effective immediately.

Residential customers are encouraged to reduce water usage by 15%, while non-residential customers are encouraged to reduce usage by 20%. These water savings can be achieved through voluntary conservation measures and a mandatory reduction in nonessential water use.



FREDERICK COUNTY OPEN AIR BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Due to the increased risk for wildfires due to the current extreme atmospheric and drought conditions, Frederick County will be under an open air burn ban effective Tuesday, September 5th until further notice.

No person shall kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning during this time. This prohibition includes all bonfires, ceremonial fires, camping fires, barrel fires, etc. This regulation does not include barbecue grills, smokers, or any device that emits smoke through a chimney or stack.



ATTENTION: HELP WANTED!

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Town's Board of Zoning Appeals has a vacancy. This is a position appointed by the Circuit Court to act in a quasi-judicial capacity for a five-year term. The BZA hears and decides appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by officials on zoning matters. Members must be a resident of the Town and hold no other governmental position. Request an application from the Town Clerk.

TREE COMMISSION

The Town's Tree Commission has multiple vacancies. This Commission oversees proper tree care on public lands and rights-of-way within the Town limits. Join this team to green up your Town. Request an application from the Town Clerk.

New Employee Spotlight:**Administrative Assistant****Name:** Cailee Anderson**Education:** Millbrook High and Laurel Ridge Community College**Fun Fact:** Owns Bearded Dragons**Zoning Administrator****Name:** Dave Griffin**Education:** UVA and VT Law School**Fun Fact:** Loves to Sing Show Tunes and Tran-Siberian Orchestra

The Town Newsletter is published by the Town Government of Stephens City for its citizens; to inform and to clarify the issues and undertakings before the Town Government. Citizen feedback is encouraged. Contact the Town Office at 1033 Locust Street weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm or by mail:

PO Box 250
Stephens City, VA 22655

Phone: (540) 869-3087**Fax:** (540) 869-6166**Police:** (540) 868-1012**Website:** www.stephenscity.gov**FROM THE
STEPHENS CITY POLICE DEPT**

Halloween will be observed on Tuesday October 31, 2023. Trick or Treating hours will be from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For safety concerns, children should wear reflective gear, or carry a flashlight and be accompanied by an adult. Please check all candy thoroughly before allowing children to consume it.

The Police Department will be on patrol. Please impress upon your children, if there is no light on, do not go to the door. **Let's make this year another safe Halloween!** Everyone please stay safe and have fun!

**FROM THE STEPHENS CITY VOL.
FIRE AND RESCUE****Fire Prevention Week Oct 8th-14th**

Come see us at the station for your Halloween treats on October 31st.

New Businesses/Eateries

Please come out and support these new businesses and establishments

Paco's Mexi Mart — 740 Fairfax St**Flaka's Restaurant — 5460 Main St****Town Calendar of Events****September 2023**

- Sept. 4** Labor Day Town Offices Closed
Sept. 5 Town Council Meeting 6:00 pm
 Sept. 13 HPC 5:00 pm
 Sept. 19 Council Work Session 6:00 pm
 Sept. 21 Newtown Heritage Festival 7:15 pm
 Sept. 26 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
 Sept. 27 Sherando Homecoming Parade 6:30 pm

October 2023

- Oct. 2** Water Bills Due
Oct. 3 Town Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Oct. 9 Indigenous People's Day
 Town Offices Closed
Oct. 11 Water Cut Offs
 Oct. 17 Council Work Session 6:00 pm
 Oct. 19 Newtown Heritage Festival 7:15pm
 Oct. 31 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
 Oct. 31 Halloween Trick-or-Treating 5:30 - 8:30

** All meetings subject to change without notice with the exception of the Town Council meeting.*

