



Stephens City Newsletter

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**Don't Forget to
Change Your Clocks
November 5, 2017**



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:

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

There continues to be some major confusion as to the proper procedure for the placement of trash for pick up and the removal of trash containers afterwards. Trash should not be placed on the curbside prior to 4:00 pm on Tuesday for Wednesday pick up. Trash containers are to be removed as soon as possible, at least before the next day. They are not to be left on the curb for days. All trash must be placed in proper containers with secure lids. Plastic bags are not proper containers. We are asking everyone to please adhere to these regulations. These are necessary for the health, welfare and beautification of our Town.

Landlords, please relay this to your tenants.

Rental and purchase of trash and recycling (65 or 95 gallon) containers is available at the town office. This can be arranged in person at our Locust Street office or over the telephone. This program is provided by the town at cost through our waste and recycling contractor, American Disposal. The annual cost of renting both a trash and recycling can is \$25.

With the holidays fast approaching, I would like to take a minute to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a joyous, prosperous New Year!

Mike Grim
Mayor



Throughout the month of November, the Town will provide leaf collection every Monday. Place your bags of leaves at the curb by 8:00 am and town personnel will remove them. Please do not include plastic flower pots with dead plants in with your leaves.

Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills are due on **Monday, December 4, 2017 by 5:00 pm.** After 5:00 pm, a 10% penalty will be applied to late accounts. On

Tuesday, December 12, service will be discontinued for delinquency. An administrative fee of **\$50** plus the full amount of the bill must be paid before service can be restored.

A drop box is available at the Town Office for check or money order payments. **Do not put cash in the drop box.** Online payments can be made at the Town's website with Discover, Visa or MasterCard.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT
PAYMENTS OVER THE PHONE.**

Water bills are due at the beginning of the months of:

February

April

June

August

October

December

Dropping Temperatures Can Mean Frozen Pipes

Most of the time the first place to check for a frozen water line is an exposed drafty area beneath or within your home or business. Find and be aware of where the cutoff valve is within your home.

Do not open a water meter box unless you have contacted the Town. Town water meters are insulated and not likely to freeze. If you know that the pipes at your property are prone to freezing letting a faucet drip may help to prevent this on especially cold days.

If you have a problem with frozen water lines you may call 540-869-3087.



FREE TREE REMOVAL

Christmas trees may be left at the curb on Wednesday January 3rd or Wednesday, January 10th for pickup by town maintenance staff.

Town Calendar of Events

November 2017

Nov 7 Election Day
 Nov 7 **Town Council Meeting at 7:00 pm**
 Nov 10 **Veterans Day—Town Office Closed**
 Nov 14 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm
 Nov 15 Public Works/ Water Sewer Committee 4:30 pm
 Nov 16 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm
 Nov 21 Historic Preservation Meeting 5:00 pm
 Nov 22 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
 Nov 22 **Thanksgiving Observed Office Closes at Noon**
 Nov 23 **Thanksgiving Holiday—Town Office Closed**
 Nov 23 Public Safety Committee 5:00 pm
 Nov 24 **Thanksgiving Observed—Town Office Closed**
 Nov 27 Parks and Recreation Comm 5:30 pm
 Nov 28 Planning Commission 7:30 pm

December 2017

Dec 4 **Water/Sewer Bills Are Due**
 Dec 5 **Town Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.**
 Dec 5 **Tax Bills Are Due**
 Dec 12 Personnel Committee at 4:30 pm
 Dec 12 **Water Shut Off Date**
 Dec 19 Historic Preservation Meeting 5:00 pm
 Dec 20 Public Works/ Water Sewer Committee 4:30 pm
 Dec 21 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm
 Dec 22 **Christmas Observed Office Closes at Noon**
 Dec 25 **Christmas Holiday—Town Office Closed**
 Dec 25 Parks & Recreation Comm 5:30 pm
 Dec 26 **Christmas Observed Office Closed**
 Dec 26 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
 Dec 27 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
 Dec 28 Public Safety Committee 5:00 pm