



Stephens City Newsletter



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A Special Thank You from the Mayor

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for all your support, patience, and understanding through the VERY long and sometimes contentious dispute with Frederick Water. Please know that while tensions seemed high, civility always reigned, and we have continued to work together on many issues. This has been a very complicated process and both sides are pleased to have found a resolution.

We have finally been able to reach an agreement that will benefit the citizens of Stephens City by ensuring water and sewer at fair and reasonable costs as well as help our fellow neighbors and county residents. While it has taken longer than hoped to get here we are happy to have a solution that creates a binding agreement between the parties to memorialize and accomplish the long-term goals and interests of both the Town of Stephens City and Frederick Water.

Again, thank you for your patience and all your continued support.

Respectfully,

Mayor Mike Grim

Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial

On November 12th 2018, at 8:00am the Town of Stephens City will be holding a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial located in front of the Old School on the south end of town. The event should not last much longer than 30 minutes and will include a few words from a speaker, and the laying of a wreath. All service members and citizens interested in honoring our armed forces are encouraged to attend. General and accessible seating will be available. Parking will be located along the street and behind the school building.

As a reminder engraved bricks are still available for placement into the memorial. These are an excellent way to recognize the service of friends and family members. Applicants are able to customize the appearance of these bricks with name, rank, branch, and time of service. Orders placed over the next months would be installed this coming spring, making a brick purchase a perfect as a Christmas or Holiday gift.

For more information regarding the upcoming event or purchase of a brick please feel free to contact the staff of the Stephens City Town Office at (540) 869-3087.



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.

**Don't Forget to
Change Your Clocks
November 4, 2018**

 **It's time to
"Fall Back!"
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday at 2am**

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: 869-3087

Fax: 869-6166

Police: 868-1012

Website:

www.stephenscity.org

Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills are due on **Monday, December 3, 2018 by 5:00 pm**. After 5:00 pm, a 10% penalty will be applied to late accounts. On **Tuesday, December 11, 2018** 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. Please allow 2 business days for online payments to post to your account.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT PAYMENTS OVER THE PHONE.

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

February
April
June
August
October

Sewer and Manhole Inspections

You may notice town staff working throughout the day during the night doing inspections on manholes. The majority of these inspections will be in the road but in some cases may be in open or common areas where town sanitary lines run across a property. There is no need to be concerned should you see our maintenance department near your property these are routine inspections to ensure the proper function of our sewer system.

Reminder: Tax Bills are Due December 5th

This is a friendly reminder that both the real estate and personal property taxes are due on Wednesday December 5th by close of business at 5pm. Taxes can be paid online through our website, by check via the postal service, or in person here at the Town Office. If your taxes are normally handled by your mortgage company do not worry if you have received a copy of your taxes in the mail this is done only so that you may have a record for your own files.

Please be advised that as a result of a software error some citizens may have received an incorrect real estate tax bill from the town. On the incorrect bills the amount due for this December billing was doubled. New bills have been mailed out to those affected reflecting the correct charge for second half real estate taxes. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Town Calendar of Events

November 2018

Nov 6 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
Nov 6 Election Day
Nov 12 Veterans Day—Town Office Closed
Nov 12 Veterans Memorial Ceremony 8:00 am
Nov 13 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm
Nov 14 Public Works Committee 4:30 pm
Water/Sewer Committee 4:30 pm
Nov 15 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm
Nov 20 Historic Preservation Meeting 5:00 pm
Nov 21 Town Office Closes at 12:00 pm
Nov 22 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed
Nov 24 Hometown Christmas
Nov 26 Parks & Recreation Comm 5:30 pm
Nov 27 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
Nov 28 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
Nov 29 Public Safety Committee 5:00 pm

December 2018

Dec 3 Water/ Sewer Bills Are Due
Dec 4 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm
Dec 5 Tax Bills Are Due
Dec 11 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm
Dec 11 Water Shut Off Date
Dec 17 Parks & Recreation Comm 5:30 pm
Dec 18 Historic Preservation Meeting 5:00 pm
Dec 19 Public Works Committee 4:30 pm
Water/ Sewer Committee 4:30 pm
Dec 20 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm
Dec 24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed
Dec 25 Christmas Day—Office Closed
Dec 26 Christmas Observed— Office Closed
Dec 25 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
Dec 26 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
Dec 27 Public Safety 5:00 pm