



Stephens City Newsletter

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Notice of Utility Rate Increase

You will likely have noticed that your utility bill this month is higher than usual. This is the result of a water and sewer rate increase. The Town Council advertised and held a public hearing for community input on this matter. The rates were adopted by council and became effective July 3rd.

This is the first increase to rates in seven years. The town has delayed this increase as long as possible but it is clear rates must be increased to help restore the Capital Improvement Fund. It is imperative that funds be available for emergency repairs of water and sewer lines to keep our system operational and its users protected.

Stephens City is committed to running a safe and effective water and sewer system for our citizens and this increase will help allow us to do that.

Sec. 22-101. Schedule for in-Town water and sewer rates.

The rate of charge for water and sewer service, or for water service alone but where sewer is available, supplied within the corporate limits of the Town shall be metered and based upon the metered flow. Charges are bi-monthly as follows:

First 3,000 gallons or less: Water - \$19.97

Sewer - \$46.61

All additional usage:

Water - \$4.34 per 1000 gal. or fraction thereof

Sewer - \$10.02 per 1000 gal. or fraction thereof

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 STEPHENS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Halloween will be observed on Wednesday October 31, 2018. 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 and 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!**

- Chief Charles Bockey

Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills are due on **Monday, October 1, 2018 by 5:00 pm**. After 5:00 pm, a 10% penalty will be applied to late accounts. On **Tuesday, October 9, 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.

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

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

**February
April
June
August
October
December**

REMINDER FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Please be aware of the location of your water meter. Over this summer we have run into several situations where the meter lids have been buried in mulch or in some cases even had plantings placed over top of them.

If town staff is unable to access your water meter they will remove whatever might be in the way. We certainly do not want to undo any of your hard work in beautifying your property. Please keep the area around your water meter clear of debris and trim back any plantings in the area to allow the public works department to safely access your meter. We appreciate your help in this!



Sherando High School Homecoming Parade & Bonfire:
Thursday, September 20th
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 21st at 7:00 pm
at Arrowhead Stadium

Town Calendar of Events

September 2018

Sept 3 Labor Day– Town Office Closed
Sept 4 Town Council Meeting 7:00 pm
 Sept 11 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm
 Sept 18 Historic Preservation Committee 5:00 pm
 Sept 19 Public Works/ Water Sewer Committee 4:30 pm
Sept 20 Sherando HS Homecoming Parade 6:30 pm
 Sept 20 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm
 Sept 24 Parks and Recreation Comm 5:30 pm
 Sept 25 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
 Sept 26 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
 Sept 27 Public Safety 5:00 pm

October 2018

Oct 1 Water/ Sewer Bills Due
Oct 2 Town Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 8 Columbus Day—Town Office Closed
 Oct 9 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm
Oct 9 Water Shut Off Date
 Oct 16 Historic Preservation Meeting 5:00 pm
 Oct 17 Public Works/ Water Sewer Committee 4:30 pm
 Oct 18 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm
 Oct 22 Parks & Recreation Comm 5:30 pm
 Oct 25 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
 Oct 26 Public Safety Committee 5:00 pm
 Oct 30 Planning Commission 7:30 pm

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