



Stephens City Newsletter

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**From the Town Council,
Appointed Officials and
Staff of Stephens City, we
wish you and yours a
joyous and prosperous
New Year!**

From the Desk of the Mayor

With the holidays ending and 2019 now a part of history, we can look to 2020 and the new vision that it will bring for our town. Overall, I am very pleased with the direction our town is headed and I am excited to see what 2020 has in store for us.

As we enter this new year, Stephens City is poised to be one of the fastest growing towns in the Shenandoah Valley, with several residential development projects either currently underway or soon to be. While we expand our town, we will continue to strive to maintain our authentic charm and "small-town" feel. In addition to the development projects currently underway, we are excited to begin a study into renovating the old Stephens City school house to utilize it as a town office and community center for the residents. It is our hope to one day use this beautiful and historic building to serve the residents of our town as well as be a more recognizable beacon to visitors. Finally, throughout 2020, we will be recognizing our town's small businesses with several anniversaries which will be celebrated throughout the year and highlighted in the upcoming Newtown Festival in May.

Whatever 2020 may bring, I wish you and your family health, happiness, and prosperity in the new year.

*Sincerely,
Mayor Mike Diaz*

From the Stephens City Police Department

To keep our town beautiful we ask that residents please return your trash cans to their respective places as quickly as possible each Wednesday after trash pick up. If cans are left on public property or impede traffic, they will be removed.

Please be considerate and clean up after your pets.

BUSINESS LICENSES

Business licenses must be renewed annually, after January 1, 2020 and are due by March 1, 2020. Renewal forms will be mailed to existing license holders. The cost of the business license is based on gross receipts or a minimum of \$15. **Please be sure to have your gross receipt records available when applying for your license.** If you have any questions, please call our office at 540-869-3087.

Kelly Thatcher, Deputy Town Clerk

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

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Stephens City, VA 22655

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Police: 540-868-1012

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Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills are due on **Monday, February 3, 2020 by 5:00 pm**. After 5:00 pm, a 10% penalty will be applied to late accounts. On **Tuesday, February 11, 2020** 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 on the first Monday of the months of:

**February
April
June**

**August
October
December**

Recycled Christmas Trees will be picked up, Wednesday January 8, and Wednesday January 15, 2020. Please leave your tree at the curb by 8:00 am for pickup.



TRASH AND RECYCLING

A Message From American Disposal Service Inclement Weather Policy

"Safety in your community is our primary concern. Roads and/or areas which are deemed unsafe due to snow or ice will be suspended for collection. If suspension occurs, services will resume on the next regularly scheduled collection day."



FROZEN WATER LINES

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. Town water meters are insulated and are not prone to freezing. **Do not open a water meter box unless you have contacted the Town.**

If you have a problem with frozen water lines, during office hours you may call 540-869-3087; after hours contact 540-662-6162.



Town Calendar of Events

January 2018

Jan 1 New Year's Day Observed — Office Closed
Jan 7 Town Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
 Jan 7 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm
 Jan 14 Historic Preservation Commission 5:00 pm
 Jan 15 Public Works 4:30 pm
 Ordinance Committee 5:00 pm
 Jan 16 Newtown Heritage Festival 7:15 pm
Jan 17 Lee Jackson Day— Office Closed
Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day— Office Closed
 Jan 22 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
 Jan 23 Public Safety Committee 5:00 pm
 Jan 27 Parks & Recreation 5:30 pm
 Jan 28 Planning Commission 7:30 pm

February 2018

Feb 4 Town Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
 Feb 11 Personnel Committee 5:00 pm
Feb 17 Presidents Day— Office Closed
 Feb 18 Historic Preservation Commission 5:00 pm
 Feb 19 Public Works Committee 4:30 pm
 Water/Sewer Committee 4:30 pm
 Feb 20 Newtown Heritage Festival 7:15 pm
 Feb 24 Parks & Recreation 5:30 pm
 Feb 25 Planning Commission 7:30 pm
 Feb 26 Finance Committee 4:00 pm
 Feb 27 Public Safety Committee 5:00 pm

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