



# Stephens City Newsletter

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**From the Town Council,  
Appointed Officials and  
Staff of Stephens City, we  
wish you and yours a  
HAPPY EASTER !**

## CELEBRATE THE 28TH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Plans for the 28<sup>th</sup> Newtown Heritage Festival are underway. **While Souled Out** has become a Friday-night staple, this year's Saturday entertainment -- highlighted and punctuated by the nationally known bluegrass band **The Seldom Scene** at 7.m. Saturday just before the fireworks -- can only be labeled as blockbuster. Appearing on the Commons stage at 3:30 p.m. Saturday will be the local popular favorite, **The Robbie Limon Band**. Displaying their wares earlier in the day will be **The Band - Changed** (12 noon), a local ensemble with an eclectic sound and gospel roots, and the **Sherando High Jazz Ensemble** (10:45 a.m.).

If you would like to join in helping plan the May festival, please join our all-volunteer committee on the third Thursday of every month. We meet at 7:15 at the Town Hall and welcome everyone who wants to work.

Unable to volunteer? Please consider a financial donation to help. The committee raises the funds to underwrite the cost of the festival. Our goal is, and always will be, to provide a free, home-town, family-oriented festival celebrating Stephens City's place in Valley history.

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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## - Town Managers Desk -

Now that Spring is upon us and we look forward to getting outside and doing our yard cleanup, just a reminder that yard waste is not permitted in normal trash pick up. Again I feel the need to remind everyone that there continue to be violations regarding proper trash placement. Please help keep our community clean.

Trash is not permitted to be placed on the curbside prior to 4pm on the Tuesday before Wednesday trash pickup. Trash must be placed in sealed containers with a lid.

Trash cans are to be removed from curbs no later than 7pm on trash collection day. Trash cans left out are subject to pick up and disposal by Town Staff.

These regulations are necessary to control litter throughout the Town as well as sanitary concerns.

Let's all work together for the beautification of our community.

## Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills are due on **Monday, April 1, 2019 by 5:00 pm**. After 5:00 pm, a 10% penalty will be applied to late accounts. On **Tuesday, April 9, 2019** 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  
December**

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!**

**SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2019**

**Don't forget to set your clocks  
forwards one hour.**



### **Free Yard Waste Pickup**

As a result of the recent winds and winter weather many people now have fallen limbs and branches around their properties.

Town Public Works will be going around town to pickup yard debris on March 18th and 22nd. There will be no charge for this pickup but anything put out must be either placed in a container or bundled with cord at the curbside. All collected debris must be of a weight and size that allow it lifted by an individual and placed onto a town vehicle. Thank you!

## **BILLING NOTICE !**

We would like to inform our Town residents that you can save a stamp and never miss a utility bill payment by electing to receive your Water Bill via E-mail. Please be informed that should your water be terminated for non payment, there is a \$50 fee for reconnection and the entire bill amount must be paid in full before water service will be restored. There are various easy payment options for paying your water bill such as signing up for ACH to have payments automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. You may also pay online at the Town's website, at [stephenscity.org](http://stephenscity.org). There is no charge for paying online. We do encourage all our residents to consider these very convenient options. Should you chose to sign up by either E-mail bill or ACH bill pay, then please call the Town office at 540-869-3087 or email Town Treasurer Steve Rickards at [srickards@stephenscityva.us](mailto:srickards@stephenscityva.us)

## **Town Calendar of Events**

### **MARCH 2019**

**Mar 5 Town Council Meeting at 7:00 pm**  
 Mar 12 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm  
 Mar 19 Historic Preservation Commission 5:00 pm  
 Mar 19 Beautification Board 5:30 pm  
 Mar 20 Public Works Committee 4:30 pm  
 Mar 20 Ordinance Committee 5:00 pm  
 Mar 21 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm  
 Mar 25 Parks and Recreation Comm 5:30 pm  
 Mar 26 Planning Commission 7:30 pm  
 Mar 27 Finance Committee 4:00 pm  
 Mar 28 Public Safety 5:00 PM

### **APRIL 2019**

**April 1 Water Bills Due**  
**April 2 Town Council Meeting at 7:00 pm**  
**April 9 Water Cut Offs**  
 April 9 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm  
 April 16 Historic Preservation Commission 5:00 pm  
 April 16 Beautification Board 5:30 pm  
 April 17 Public Works Committee 4:30 pm  
 April 17 Ordinance Committee 5:00 pm  
 April 18 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm  
 April 24 Finance Committee 4:00 pm  
 April 25 Public Safety Committee 5:00 pm  
 April 29 Parks and Recreation Comm 5:30 pm

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