

Stephens City Newsletter

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Don't Forget to **Change Your Clocks November 3, 2019**



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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HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

Saturday November 30

- Craft Show at Trinity Lutheran Church 9-2pm

- Gingerbread House contest and Townwide Door Decorating Contest
- Sign up at the Flower Shop for Historic House Tours 11am & 2pm
- Bake Sale and Secret Santa from 10am-2pm at SC United Methodist
- Santa Portraits and Tree Lighting at the Newtown Commons Park.
- Shenandoah Valley Chorus, Scavenger Hunt and More!

Keep an eye out for signs around town. Call the Town Office for more info!

Business Specials - Visit them all!Join us in celebrating Small Business Saturday

Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial

On November 11th 2019, 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STEPHENS CITY TOWN STAFF

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone! Staff would like to take an opportunity during this season of thanksgiving and reflection to thank everyone who calls Stephens City home . Our little town is truly blessed to have so many wonderful people living in it. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Joyous New Year! We look forward to spending another year working to better the town we love and serving our community.

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Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills are due on Monday, December 2, 2019 by 5:00 pm. After 5:00 pm, a 10% penalty will be applied to late accounts. On Tuesday, December 10, 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

LEAF COLLECTION

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.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Wednesday this year. There will be no trash pick up on those days. Collection days will be 12/28/2019 and 1/4/2020. After the holidays Christmas Trees may be left out on regularly scheduled Trash Days.

Reminder: Tax Bills are Due December 5th

This is a friendly reminder that both the real estate and personal property taxes are due on Thursday 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.

Town Calendar of Events

November 2019

Nov 5 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Nov 5 Election Day

Nov 11 Veterans Day—Town Office Closed

Nov 11 Veterans Memorial Ceremony 8:00 am

Nov 12 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm

Nov 13 Public Works Committee 4:30 pm Ordinance Committee 5:00 pm

Nov 14 Newtown Heritage Festival Comm 7:15 pm

Nov 19 Historic Preservation Meeting 5:00 pm

Nov 25 Parks & Recreation Comm 5:30 pm

Nov 26 Planning Commission 7:30 pm

Nov 27 Town Office Closes at 12:00 pm

Nov 28 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

Nov 29 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

Nov 30 Hometown Christmas

December 2019

Dec 2 Water/ Sewer Bills Are Due

Dec 3 Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Dec 5 Tax Bills Are Due

Dec 10 Personnel Committee 4:30 pm

Dec 10 Water Shut Off Date

Dec $\,17\,$ Historic Preservation Meeting $5:00~\mathrm{pm}$

Dec 18 Public Works Committee 4:30 pm Ordinance Committee 5:00 pm

Dec 19 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