

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

First Tuesday of each Month
Regular Meeting Starting Time 7:30 p.m.
Woodstock Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 7, 2010
Tuesday, January 4, 2011
Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Tuesday, March 1, 2011

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Fourth Tuesday of each Month
Regular Meeting Starting Time 7:30 p.m.
Woodstock Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 28, 2010
Tuesday, January 25, 2011
Tuesday, February 22, 2011
Tuesday, March 22, 2011

TREE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Bi-Monthly—Contact Chairwoman Joan Comanor
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www.townofwoodstockva.com

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Jeremy McCleary
Councilwoman Alicia Gutshall
Councilwoman Jacqueline Lambert
Councilman H. Ed Munden
Councilman Stephen Heishman
Councilman Frank Haun
Councilwoman A. Paje Cross

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Mayor's Message...

Fall is coming to a close and winter is knocking on our door. While the calendar tells us that the first day of winter is December 21, things are a little different here in Woodstock. In my mind, winter and the Christmas season start the week of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade and the Light-up Woodstock event. After enjoying a great Thanksgiving with family and friends, our town swiftly shifts gears with Christmas decorations springing-up all over town. This year, Woodstock will have special Christmas events on December 2, 3, and 4. More details about these great events are included in this newsletter.

The transition of seasons provides a great opportunity to reflect on the year. All of us have been impacted, in one way or another, by the slow economy. For some in our community, the economy has been devastating. As a result, there is no better time to get involved in community projects aimed at helping individuals and families who have fallen on hard times.

The slow economy has also hurt many local businesses. You can help to ease the pain on businesses by deciding to spend your money on goods and services right here in Woodstock. It would be wonderful if you decided to do all your Christmas shopping in Woodstock. Doing so will not only help the store owner, but also the store's employees and their families. Additionally, it will give you the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping our local economy.

Perhaps positive long-term benefits will come from a shift toward shopping locally. What may start as a way to save gas money and help businesses at Christmas time could transition into a year-round habit which helps to propel our businesses back to prosperity. Similarly, what may start out as a way to help with community projects at Christmas time could turn into a year-round commitment to helping others in our community.

I have no doubt that our community will rise to the challenge of helping each other through this difficult period. Woodstock is a close-knit and supportive community, and tough times simply bring us closer together. So, while reflecting on this year, take the time to reflect on how lucky we are to live in such a great community!

Have a safe and happy time this holiday season!

Mayor Jeremy D. McCleary

Online & Telephone Bill-Pay Now Offered

The Town of Woodstock has partnered with Official Payments Corporation to offer electronic payments (e.g. credit card, debit card or e-check) of utility bills, real property taxes and personal property taxes. Simply click on the left button on the homepage "Online Bill Pay" at www.townofwoodstockva.com.

If you are interested in paying by telephone, please call 1-800-2PayTax (1-800-272-9829) and enter the Town's jurisdiction code, '9001'. For both online and telephone payments, please have your account numbers available. A nominal convenience fee applies. If you find yourself in a bind when bills are due, avoid paying the disconnection fee, penalty or the interest fee by using your credit card, debit card or bank account.



Toilet Dye Sticks Now Available!

Worried about a leak? Toilet leaks are a large cause for unexpected high water and sewer bills, because leaks can sometimes go quietly undetected. Toilet Dye Sticks are now available at the Municipal Office free of charge. All you have to do is come by to pick one up, drop the dye into the tank and wait to see if the dye appears in your toilet bowl. If so, you will know that you have a leaky toilet and it is time to make repairs or get a replacement.

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Let's Keep Our Community Clean– Abide by Refuse Regulations

Chapter 62 of the Code of the Town of Woodstock, Virginia, outlines the proper disposal of refuse for collection by the Public Works Department. Please encourage those in your household to comply with these guidelines in order to keep Woodstock clean:

- Dispose of garbage promptly or place garbage in 20-gallon containers provided by your household.
- Know your collection day– contact the Municipal Office or look it up on the Town's website. The holiday schedule is also on the Town's website. Place containers out no earlier than 5pm on the evening before your collection day and no later than 7:30am on the day of collection.
- Bring your empty trash container(s) in before sundown on the day your trash was collected.
- All garbage and other offensive matter shall be kept in closed metal or plastic containers of five to 20 gallon capacity with a tight fitting lid or plastic-type bag containers, securely tied, and placed secure from flies, rodents, dogs and other animals.
- Liquids shall not be poured or placed in the containers for garbage.
- All trash shall be placed in a container or carton or made into a bundle so that it may be readily moved and carried without coming apart or spilling.
- Garbage and trash will be removed from premises in the town by the town when such garbage and trash is put into containers or made into bundles. The town will not be responsible for removal of trash or garbage except from private residences. The fee for garbage and trash removal from premises shall be set by the town council.
- Please remember that trash cans and bags are lifted by people. In order to reduce Town employees' back strains and injuries, please be mindful of the can size and weight.

Want to Become More Involved? Volunteer for a Committee!!

The Town of Woodstock currently has vacancies on the following committees:

- (1) **Park Commission (2 Vacancies):** The person who serves on this commission has an interest in parks and recreation, park master planning and implementation and input into capital improvements for park facilities and locations. The member will serve a four year term and is appointed by the Town Council, with a recommendation from the Personnel Committee.
- (2) **Shenandoah County Parks & Recreation Committee (1 Vacancy):** The person who serves on this committee makes recommendations to Shenandoah County Parks & Recreation regarding the recreational services and activities that the County will offer. The member will serve a four year term and is appointed by the Town Council, with a recommendation from the Personnel Committee. The Parks & Recreation Committee meets on an as-needed basis.
- (3) **Economic Development Authority* (1 Vacancy for an Unexpired Term):** The person who serves on this board has an interest in business development in the Town of Woodstock. The Authority assists with business enterprises desiring to locate in Woodstock and also serves as a vehicle for business development boards. The member will serve a four year term and is appointed by the Town Council, with a recommendation from the Personnel Committee.

Please come to the Municipal Office to pick up an application form or download one from www.townofwoodstockva.com→Community→Community Service Application Form. Return your form to the Town Manager at the Municipal Office **prior to December 30th!**

*Member must fill out a **Statement of Economic Interest** on an annual basis per *Section 2.2-3115* of the *Code of Virginia*.



Discover Christmas in Woodstock

Enjoy the wonder & beauty of a small-town Christmas and tree lighting at the eleventh annual **"Light up Woodstock"** celebration **Friday, Dec. 3**, on Court Square Woodstock.

Entertainment will begin at 5:45 p.m. with local children's choirs on steps of the courthouse. The Woodstock Chamber of Commerce parade starts at 6:30 p.m. on the north end of town. The **"lighting"** of live legacy Christmas tree will be at 6:45 p.m. with Mayor Jeremy McCleary and special guest Jessica Millares-Gomez as the parade arrives at Court Square.

Immediately after the parade, choral entertainment on the courthouse stairs will resume. Children may visit with Santa on the porch of the historic courthouse. There will be wagon rides, caroling, hot chocolate and more. Bring the entire family and help us **"Light up Woodstock."**

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The festivities continue on **Saturday, Dec. 4** with over 20 businesses offering special discounts, gifts, refreshments, door prizes, entertainment and more throughout the Town.

Town to Host Open House at New Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Town of Woodstock is planning an open house for May 2011. The public will be able to tour the facility at that time. Currently, staff is working hard to get the site stabilized and some "odds and ends" wrapped up. The facility upgrade is a result of the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Act and is currently working as designed, with the Town meeting or exceeding the State's nutrient removal requirements.

Home for the Holidays Thursdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Over 20 businesses will extend their business hours until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays in December prior to Christmas for shopping convenience. The participating businesses will offer special promotions, discounts, door prizes, refreshments, musical entertainment and the holiday spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas in our special town!

To help feed local families in need, please bring a can of food or non-perishable food items to Court Square during the events, the Chamber of Commerce Office or any of the participating businesses.

This event is sponsored by the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce and the Woodstock Enhancement Committee.

Don't forget to SHOP WOODSTOCK!

For more information regarding participating businesses check the website or contact:

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