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Tribute Trees

Woodstock Commemorative Tree Program Has Launched!



TRIBUTE TREES
Woodstock Commemorative Tree Program

Program Overview: The Tribute Trees Commemorative Tree Program has been developed and is managed by the Woodstock Tree Board. The Tree Board offers a wonderful opportunity to the citizens and friends of the Woodstock community to donate a tree or shrub in memoriam of or in honor of a special friend, relative, loved one, community

organization or leader, or family. Trees or shrubs can be donated to commemorate a special event, occasion, anniversary, or celebration! The Town continues to find ways to increase the urban tree canopy without spending tax-payers dollars, and this is an opportunity to commemorate a special person, event, or organization in a beautiful way.

Tax-Deductible Contribution: A one-time tax deductible contribution of \$150 (for a tree planting, 4-7 ft. tall) or \$50 (for a 5-gal. shrub) can be made payable to the Town of Woodstock. Multiple trees or shrubs may be purchased!

Species Selection & Tracking: Tree species will be selected by the Tree Board, or a particular species can be requested (subject to environmental factors, diversity goals, planting locations, etc.), along with the planting location on public property (Town parks, Town right-of-way, etc.). Unless the donation is anonymous, the donor will be included in a listing in the Town's program file, and will be shown on the Town's website. The Town of Woodstock will send an acknowledgement certificate to the family of the individual who is being memorialized or the individual or group that is being honored. The certificate will include the donor's name, the individual who is being honored, the location of the tree or shrub, and the species.

Donation Form: The donation form will be sent out at the end of September in the utility bills. The program information and form can also be accessed on www.townofwoodstockva.gov/tributetrees and at the Municipal Office.

Let's GROW our tree canopy through donations!



The Town of Woodstock is on Facebook! "Like Us" to find out important Town information at the touch of a button!

Upcoming Events of the Woodstock Enhancement Committee

Halloween on Court Square will be held on **Saturday, October 26th**. There will be Trick-or-Treating at participating businesses (children must be accompanied by an adult) from **1:00 pm until 2:30 pm**. On Court Square, there will be Halloween fun for the children – pumpkin painting, inflatable maze, mask making and more. The featured entertainment is –**Magician Brian Bence**, who will be creating magical memories! **ADMISSION IS FREE**. Children can sign up at this event for a drawing to light the tree with Mayor McCleary for Light Up Woodstock on Dec. 6th!

Small Business Saturday is November 30. Please come out and support our local small businesses for all of your holiday needs.

Light Up Woodstock & Parade to be held on **Friday, Dec. 6th**. Festivities begin at 6 pm.

Leaf Collection

Beginning around the first part of November, we will be initiating the annual leaf collection program. Residential leaf collection will take place on the same day as your regularly scheduled refuse collection date.

Guidelines:

- Rake leaves to the curbside (please allow for proper stormwater drainage by keeping leaves out of the street gutter pan) and leave them loose—we collect leaves via a vacuum method.
- Rake the leaves to your property line by 8:00 am of your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. The routes have been established to allow us to provide faster service and to minimize potential street flooding issues. The route is not set in stone due to extenuating circumstances, but don't worry, we will be there!
- Adverse weather conditions can certainly shorten leaf collection efforts, but usually the program lasts for four to six weeks.
- Enjoy the fall weather!

The Woodstock Fire Department Needs YOU!

Have you ever wondered what happens when an emergency strikes? In Woodstock, the volunteers of the Woodstock Fire Department answer over 500 calls for emergency service each year. As a 100% volunteer organization, the WFD has continued to provide a professional level of service to the community for almost 200 years. They provide a wide array of services to victims of fire, vehicular collisions, hazardous material incidents, natural disasters, etc. **The WFD continues to look for and identify individuals who can join them in providing services and fundraising.** If you are interested, please contact the WFD at co12@shentel.net or 540.459.3242 for more information. You can also follow the WFD on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WFD12.



Join the WFD at their **Open House on Sunday, October 6th, 1-4 pm**. See Smokey Bear, McGruff, Sparky the Fire Dog and enjoy kid's activities, fire displays, refreshments, fire truck rides, and much more!

Our Focus on the Future
The Town of Woodstock Strategic Plan

Town Council and staff have been working hard on the Town's Strategic Plan, titled, *Our Focus on the Future*. The plan highlights the next 5 years of goals and objectives, including an implementation plan for reaching those objectives. The Council identified the following mission statement for the Town:

"To encourage economic growth and to provide high quality and efficient services to the public, while maintaining the Town's unique character."

The Council also identified the following goals during this process:

- **A Great Place to Do Business:** *We will develop policies and procedures that encourage strong and responsible economic growth while maintaining our unique characteristics and quality of life.*
- **A Competitive & Innovation Employer:** *Through workforce planning, benchmarking, and policy development, we will become the most desired municipality in which to be employed by being a competitive leader in relation to benefits, compensation, professional development, work/life flexibility, and creativity and innovation, and by training, retaining, and employing the most capable and quality individuals.*
- **A Commitment to Responsible Fiscal Management Strategies:** *Through long-range planning and sound policy-making, we will maximize financial resources and promote responsible fiscal management and resiliency in order to consistently provide quality services and ensure public trust.*
- **Setting the Standard for Local Government Performance:** *Through a comprehensive performance management program, we will meet or exceed national standards for public service delivery.*
- **Bringing Citizens to the Table-Civic Engagement:** *We will continue to enhance and expand services to all segments of the community and look for new and innovative methods to communicate those services with residents of, and visitors to, our Town.*
- **A Beautiful Place to Live & Work:** *We will continue to provide and develop projects and programs that enhance, create, and preserve the unique character and sense of place that is consistent with what our residents and visitors have come to expect.*
- **Preserving & Linking Neighborhood Amenities:** *We will demonstrate a commitment to the preservation and improvement of Woodstock's natural and valuable human-made resources for recreation, transportation, and environmental purposes.*
- **Preserving our Town for Future Generations:** *We will minimize the effects of urbanization, by reducing the Town's environmental footprint and by encouraging citizens to do the same.*

If you would like to see the objectives and implementation plan draft, please contact Reid A. Wodicka, Town Manager, at reid.wodicka@townofwoodstockva.gov, 540.459.3621, or come to the Municipal Office. We would like to hear from you!

Thrivent Financial & the Woodstock Police Department Address Identity Theft



Bring your old financial or personal documents to our Community Shred event where they will be securely destroyed and disposed of by TrueShred Secure On-Site Shredding Service's mobile shredding truck. Please bring all items to shred in paper bags and all contents will be shredded. Items brought in plastic bags or boxes will be removed and the box or bag returned to you.

At the same time you can attend an Identity Theft Workshop where you will learn:

- **How identity theft can occur**
- **How you can take steps to prevent it**
- **What to do if your identity is stolen**

The events will be hosted by Thrivent Financial Representative, Walt Morgan, CFP®, FIC and the Woodstock Police Department.

Date: Saturday, September 28th, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (shredding) with the workshop starting at 10 am and lasting approximately 60 minutes. Light refreshments will be served at the workshop.

Location: Emanuel Lutheran Church parking lot (shredding), fellowship hall (workshop) at 127 East High St., Woodstock, VA 22664. Call Walt Morgan at 540.459.9257 or email walt.morgan@thrivent.com to register or for more details.

The Woodstock Police Department Welcomes Officers

The Woodstock Police Department has welcomed two new officers in the months of July and August - Officer Travis Pence and Officer Megan May. Officer Pence is a native of Woodstock and comes to us from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department. Officer May, of Edinburg, was a dispatcher with the Emergency Communications Center as well as a deputy with the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department. We are pleased to have these qualified individuals with our Department and welcome them to the Woodstock family.

Tennis Court Renovation



Finley Asphalt & Sealing & American Tennis Courts Inc. will be repairing existing and expanding to regulation-size tennis courts (6 total and 4 with lighting) and one basketball court within the next 60 days. We apologize that they will be out-of-service, but know this will be a great final product!

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- Tuesday, September 3, 2013
- Tuesday, October 1, 2013
- Tuesday, November 5, 2013
- Tuesday, December 3, 2013

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

*Fourth Tuesday of each Month
Regular Meeting Starting Time 7:30 p.m.
Woodstock Planning Commission Room*

- Tuesday, September 24, 2013
- Tuesday, October 22, 2013
- Tuesday, November 26, 2013
- December 2013 (Date TBD)

TOWN COUNCIL

- Mayor Jeremy McCleary
- Councilwoman Alicia Gutshall
- Councilwoman Jacqueline Lambert
- Councilman Michael Funkhouser
- Councilman Stephen Heishman
- Councilman Frank Haun
- Councilwoman A. Paje Cross

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Mr. Keith Lantz, Chairman

TREE BOARD

*Meets Bi-Monthly, Contact
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TOWN ADMINISTRATION

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