

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Tuesday, May 4, 2010
Tuesday June 1, 2010

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Tuesday, April 27, 2010
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Tuesday, June 22, 2010

TREE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

TOWN COUNCIL

Honorable William C. Moyers, Mayor
Ms. Alma Hottle, Vice Mayor
Councilwoman Alicia Gutshall
Councilwoman Jacqueline Lambert
Councilman H. Ed Munden
Councilman D. William Pence
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PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Keith Lantz, Chairman

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The Woodstock Wire



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Message from the Mayor...

We are proud to present the first Town of Woodstock newsletter which has been in the making for a few months. It is our hope that you will find the newsletter informative and that it spurs your interest in what is happening in Town. As you read this first edition of our newsletter, I would like for you to be thinking about additional things you would like to see included in future editions. At this time we plan to publish the newsletter quarterly. As you read the articles, you will see that Woodstock has lots of activities for all ages. We are constantly trying to find new ways to reach out to the interest of our citizens. If you have ideas about additional things you would like to see the Town pursue, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, if you would like to be involved in the planning or carrying out of these activities call or stop by the Town Office.

Woodstock is a great place to live, and with our citizens' help, we can make it even better. Thanks for your cooperation.

William Moyers, Mayor

Wastewater Treatment Plant Nears Completion



Construction on the two million gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant will conclude in May of this year. Certified town staff members are currently operating the new facility while testing and training for total operations in late spring. The facility is designed to meet all current state and federal guidelines for wastewater treatment as well as meeting the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Act. The membrane filter process at the facility meets the limits of current technology in the removal of nitrogen and phosphorus from the discharge to the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. An open house for the public is being planned for this summer.



Please continue to remain cognizant of what you are disposing of into the sanitary sewer system. We are removing hazardous material, nitrogen and other unsuitable material to ultimately discharge clean water into the Shenandoah River. When grease, fat and oil, toys, synthetic materials, pharmaceuticals, de-greasers, industrial solvents, paint, and other chemicals enter the sanitary sewer system,

operators work diligently to remove them, which is difficult to do by biological processes alone. This translates into additional costs for citizens.

Supporting a comprehensive effort to keep our river clean for recreational and ecological purposes is an important community goal.

(Pictured Above: Chief Operator Gary Richman & the Membrane Filter Building)

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Spring Clean Up Information & Instructions

The Town's spring clean up will be from April 5-16, 2010. During this time, designated town crews will be checking all streets for items prohibited during the course of regular refuse collection.

In order for crews to efficiently remove wood debris, tree limbs and brush should be cut and bundled together in lengths of approximately six (6) feet. Wood products larger than four (4) inches in diameter and large stumps can be collected during this time. Other items collected during these weeks include metal products, large appliances, furniture, and other household items. Flammable or corrosive materials will not be collected at any time.

Please keep in mind that all items must be placed out by the street in order to be collected. Town employees cannot remove items from private property. If you have any questions about spring clean up, please feel free to call Public Works at 459-3045.

Child Safety Seat Installation and Inspection Seminar

On **Monday, March 29, 2010** there will be a child safety seat installation and inspection seminar held at the Woodstock Rescue Squad. Please arrive between **4:30 and 7:30 p.m.** A Certified Child Restraint Inspector, who is also an officer with the Woodstock Police Department, will be available to inspect your child seats, provide assistance with installation and answer any questions that you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

As financial planning for the fiscal year 2011 draws near, the Town is continuing to be faced with a sluggish economy, diminishing local revenues, and State and Federal cutbacks. Thus, the mission of the budget process is ever so important as we try to make informed decisions about the provisions of services offered to our citizenry and the resources required to achieve those services. We promote stakeholder participation in this process and ask that you take note of the key dates and activities in the calendar below as we work together to adopt a sound fiscal year 2011 financial plan.

Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Calendar

<u>Key Dates</u>	<u>Budget Activity</u>
Weeks of March 15 & 22	Budget Work Sessions with Finance Committee
Weeks of April 5 & 12	Budget Work Sessions with Town Council
Tuesday, May 4	Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Proposed Draft Budget
Weeks of May 10 & 17	Budget Work Sessions—Discussion of Public Hearing Comments, as needed.
Tuesday, June 1	Adoption of Fiscal Year 2011 Budget and Appropriation of Funds.



Town Parks & Pool

After what seems like a long and snowy winter, the Town of Woodstock staff is looking forward to seeing pool and park facilities being visited by patrons who, like us, have a case of spring fever! Rent a park shelter for your event at W.O. Riley Park, visit Riverview Park and Effinger Trail where sometimes an Eagle can be spotted, hear a local band at Main Street Park, and quietly reflect at the new Veterans Park. Beginning in May, the Town of Woodstock's Park Manager will host several park activities including Doggie Days, BINGO, Swim Olympics, Basketball Tournaments and other fun activities for all ages. The Pool will be hiring for the summer season, so if you are interested, please submit your application with applicable First Aid, CPR or Water Safety Instructor certifications no later than May 7th. If you or your child is interested in swimming lessons, please check with pool staff and make sure to visit our website for sign-up information during the beginning of June. The Pool will be opening on May 29th. Let the fun begin!!

Summer 2010 Event Schedule

Friday, May 28	Music on Main- The Amazing Country Band Main Street Park- 7-9 p.m.
Friday, June 25	Court Square Festival- featuring The Robbie Limon Band- 5-10 p.m. Music & dancing, food, wine tastings, arts & crafts, children's activities and more! Starts at 6 p.m.
Friday, July 2	Music on Main- The Bill Vaughan Band Main Street Park- 7-9 p.m.
Saturday, July 3	Fireworks- Shenandoah County Fair Grounds- 9:30 p.m.- Gates open at 8:30 p.m. <i>July 10- Rain Date</i>
Saturday, August 14	Route 11 Yard Crawl- 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday, August 20	Music on Main- The Amanda Wilkins Band- Main Street Park 7-9 p.m.
Friday, September 10	Music on Main- John Richards and The Virginians Main Street Park 7-9 p.m.

Schedule subject to change
For more information www.townofwoodstockva.com

"Take 10" and Help Woodstock Get What it Needs for the Next 10 Years

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses will receive a 2010 Census form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation since the last decennial census in 2000 and tell us how we've evolved as a country. Because census data affect how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country and our community for the next **10 years**.

During Census 2000, the mail participation rate was 72 percent as of the April 2000 cut-off. About \$85 million is saved for every one percent increase in mail participation. For these and many other reasons, we must work to encourage everyone's participation in the census.

It's easy. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.

It's important. Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.

It's safe. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Finally, the most efficient way to respond to the 2010 Census is to complete the form as soon as it arrives and return it in the postage-paid return envelope. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take the count in person.