

# The Woodstock Wire



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## Mayor McCleary's Message...

Another wonderful Christmas season has passed through the Town of Woodstock. Memories of the 2011 Woodstock Christmas Parade, the "Light-Up Woodstock" festivities, and Santa Claus riding around town with the Woodstock Fire Department will be ingrained in the minds of children of all ages for many years to come. The holidays always serve as a reminder of how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful community.

Meanwhile, we have been hard at work in the process of selecting a new Chief of Police. After Chief Hutcheson was elected Sheriff of Rockingham County, I appointed a Selection Committee to find a new Chief of Police for the Town of Woodstock. I serve on that Selection Committee along with Vice Mayor Jackie Lambert, Councilman Frank Haun, Councilman Steve Heishman, and Town Manager Larry Bradford.

In order to assist in our process, I also appointed an Advisory Committee of law enforcement officers who were willing to advise our Selection Committee. The Advisory Committee was comprised of Strasburg Police Chief Tim Sutherly, Edinburg Police Chief Mike Clem, and Sgt. Aaron Pattie of the Woodstock Police Department. Sergeant Pattie was selected by the Department to be its representative on the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee did not discuss specific applicants, but rather provided the Selection Committee with unique insight into the characteristics and credentials that each representative believed important in a Chief of Police.

I greatly appreciate the willingness of Chief Sutherly, Chief Clem, and Sgt. Pattie to participate in the selection process as members of the Advisory Committee. I also appreciate the time and energy being invested by my fellow members of the Selection Committee. The service of these Committee members has been a tremendous benefit to the entire town. Once the candidate pool has been narrowed, I have asked that all Town Council members participate in the interview process. After completing the interviews, the full Council will then vote on the appointment of the next Chief of Police.

So far, the Selection Committee has spent many hours in meetings and reviewing applications. It is my hope that the result of this long process will be the selection of a Chief of Police that will honorably serve the Town of Woodstock for years to come. Until our new Chief is appointed, Robert "Porky" Bowman has been at the helm of the Police Department as Interim Chief. He has done an excellent job of leading the Department and has really allowed for a smooth transition during this interim phase. Porky has long been a part of the Town of Woodstock family and I am extremely grateful that he was willing to step-up and serve the Town during this important period.

Near the end of the Chief of Police selection process, we will begin rolling-up our sleeves and preparing the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget. I anticipate that this year's budget will involve the same long hours that we dedicated to the budget process last year. Through hard work, hopefully we will once again end up with the best possible budget for the Town of Woodstock.

As always, feel free to contact me at 540.459.2444 or email me at [mayormccleary@gmail.com](mailto:mayormccleary@gmail.com). I always enjoy hearing from residents and business owners in the Town of Woodstock.

Mayor Jeremy D. McCleary

## Do You Wish to Contribute to Your Community? Become a VOLUNTEER with the WEC!



The Woodstock Enhancement Committee offers you the opportunity to be an active part of your community by volunteering at events like the Vintage Woodstock, Halloween on Court Square, Light up Woodstock or Music on Main. Our volunteers have a BLAST!

Are you willing to volunteer a small amount of your time to create new opportunities for your Town? The Enhancement Committee needs your help to ensure that Woodstock is "the best place to live, work and play!"

For more information on how you can get involved please contact Jane Beasley, Coordinator, [woodbe@shentel.net](mailto:woodbe@shentel.net) or 540-459-3621.

*YOU are Invited...*

## To the Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Plant Open House!

Mark your calendars for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Open House, to be held on **April 14, 2012**. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what occurs at the "end of line" after your household toilets are flushed! Town staff will conduct tours of this state-of-the-art facility that conforms to State and Federal water quality regulations. We are proud to showcase the technology that works to support clean waterways for future generations to enjoy. The Town will provide a notice in the March water and sewer bill with specific details. See you there!

## Recycling Calendar

Recycling occurs twice a month and coincides with regular refuse collection. Collection is performed by the Town's contractor, Long Enterprises, Inc. and recyclables are taken to a recycling facility in Winchester, VA. Please post the schedule on your fridge or check the Town's website in order to stay up to date on which days your recycling will occur. We hope that everyone in Town is recycling to contribute to a healthier environment, but if you choose not to use your blue bins, please notify the Public Works Department at 459-3045 to collect them so others may take advantage of this service.

| January |        |    |    |        |    |        | February |        |    |    |    |    |        | March |    |    |    |    |    |        | April |    |    |   |   |   |   |
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**It is Budget Season!  
Calendar for Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

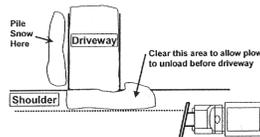
The Town of Woodstock Council and Staff are busy preparing the budget for FY 2013. We encourage citizen input, so please see the below calendar in order to understand the timeline and to become involved.

| <u>Date(s)</u>                               | <u>Activity</u>  |
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| <i>Weeks of March 12th, 19th, &amp; 26th</i> | Budget Work Sessions with the Finance Committee                        |
| <i>March 30th</i>                            | Proposed Budget to the Town Council                                    |
| <i>Weeks of April 2nd &amp; 9th</i>          | Budget Work Sessions with the Town Council                             |
| <i>May 1st</i>                               | Public Hearing on FY 2013 Proposed Budget                              |
| <i>Weeks of May 7th &amp; 14th</i>           | Budget Work Sessions—Discussion of Public Hearing Comments (as needed) |
| <i>June 5th</i>                              | Adoption of FY 2013 Budget & Appropriation of Funds                    |

**...And If There's Snow...**

We have had a very mild winter so far (and a surprise snow this fall!), so we are "knocking on wood" that our winter weather budget will remain somewhat untouched. If we are graced with snow flurries, here are a few reminders:

- Emergency routes will be cleared first; disabled/abandoned vehicles on these routes will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Streets will be cleared in the order of traffic flow normally carried.
- All streets will be plowed back to the curb and gutter or edge of pavement.
- The Town will not clear snow from in front of driveways, mailboxes, etc.
- Please do your part for the community and clear the sidewalk in front of your business/home so everyone can walk or roll safely.
- Do not blow/plow snow out into the street.
- Park vehicles off of the street whenever possible during snow removal.
- Maintain a safe driving distance when following snow plowing vehicles.



**Join Us for  
Neighborhood Watch**

Did you know that the Woodstock Police Department has a Neighborhood Watch? We have quite a successful program, but we can always use more involvement! Neighborhood Watch entails watching out for suspicious activity, attending informative meetings, becoming active by meeting *your* neighbors, learning about scams, and being alerted when there is criminal activity afoot.

Our goals for 2012 are to increase the membership by 30 and to have more community events by partnering with our local businesses. There are no requirements to join the program, just a willingness to better your community through the reporting of suspicious behavior.

The Neighborhood Watch Program meets quarterly in the Municipal Office Council Chambers and is coordinated by Officer Josh Wilberger. Officer Wilberger also administers the department's Facebook page, so please "Like" us to receive WPD updates and Neighborhood Watch information at [www.facebook.com/WoodstockPoliceDept](http://www.facebook.com/WoodstockPoliceDept).

*If you have any questions, please contact Officer Wilberger at 459-2141 or email him at [jdw266@shentel.net](mailto:jdw266@shentel.net). We hope to see you and your neighbor at the next meeting!*



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- Tuesday, February 7, 2012
- Tuesday, March 6, 2012
- Tuesday, April 3, 2012
- Tuesday, May 1, 2012

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- Tuesday, February 28, 2012
- Tuesday, March 27, 2012
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012
- Tuesday, May 22, 2012

**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**

Mr. Keith Lantz, Chairman

**TREE BOARD**

*Meets Bi-Monthly, Contact  
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