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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the Town of Rocky Mount Subdivision Ordinance and Section 15.2-2204 of The Code of Virginia 1950 as amended, the Rocky Mount Town Council will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008**, to be held in the Council Chambers at the Rocky Mount Municipal Building, located at 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, to which all interested parties are invited in reference to the following requests:

Faron and Lavon Frye request two waivers from the Town of Rocky Mount Subdivision Ordinance for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2070029200, located between Windsor Drive and Anderson Street: (A) A waiver from Article 8-3(L) requiring CG-6 curb and gutter; and (B) A waiver from Article 8-4(B) requiring sidewalks.

Morningstar Partners, LLC requests three waivers from the Town of Rocky Mount Subdivision Ordinance

for Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2010009300, located off of Cornell Road: (A) A waiver from Article 8-3(L) requiring CG-6 curb and gutter; and (B) A waiver from Article 8-4(B) requiring sidewalks; and (C) A waiver from Article 8-1 (C) requiring the subdivider to pay a proportionate share of the cost of the extension of water and sewer service to the property being developed.

Full copies of the applications for request are available for review in the Planning and Community Development Office, 345 Donald Avenue, Rocky Mount, Virginia, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written public comments may be sent to the attention of the Town Clerk at the above address. **ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ACCOMMODATION TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD NOTIFY THE TOWN CLERK AT (540) 483-7660.**

Welcome Aboard!

KRISTIN KESSEE

LIEUTENANT, POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. STRICKLER

COUNCIL MEMBER

MACEO C. TONEY

ALTERNATE, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

GREGORY B. WALKER

COUNCIL MEMBER



Did You Know?

The Town of Rocky Mount maintains shelters at two parks facilities that you can reserve for **FREE!**

Mary Elizabeth Park, off of Randolph Street, and **Mary Bethune Park**, at the end of East street, each offer picnic shelters and restrooms that are available to the public. In addition to these amenities, Mary Elizabeth Park features tennis courts, a roller hockey court, a volleyball net (on a grass court), and playground equipment. Mary Bethune Park features playground equipment, horseshoe pits, and a walking trail.

Although the parks are open to the general public from dawn until dusk, the picnic shelters can be reserved for special events such as birthday parties, company picnics, family reunions, etc.

In addition to these parks, the Town maintains a third park, called **Gilly's Park**, which features a fishing pond, on Trail Drive. To find out more, please call the Community Development Office at (540) 483-0907.

National Night Out

August 5, 2008

SPONSORED BY THE ROCKY MOUNT POLICE DEPT.
EVENT LOCATION: ROCKY MOUNT FARMERS' MARKET
AT CITIZEN SQUARE. PLEASE CALL (540) 483-9275
FOR MORE INFO.

ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 14, 2008

Town Council took the following actions at their July meeting:

- ♦Approved request of M&L Holdings rezoning request.
- ♦Denied request of Christopher Hatman for rezoning request.
- ♦Approved two subdivision waiver requests for James R. Girty.
- ♦Approved amendment of Article 28 "Sign Regulations" revising the Central Business District sign regulations as stated.
- ♦Approved acceptance of grants presented by Police Chief Erik Mollin, being: 1)Wal-Mart grant; 2)School Resource Officers for Benjamin Franklin Middle School and Franklin County High School.
- ♦Approved Norfolk Southern Railroad Agreement - Rail Side to Serve Second Phase of Industrial Park.
- ♦Approved to proceed and accept Commonwealth of Transportation Board – Economic Development Access Funds.
- ♦Approved cutting money for management of Community & Hospitality Center effective October 1, 2008 due to the Town receiving offers from another organization.

Honor a Veteran Today!!

The ordering deadline for the next brick order is Friday, August 15, 2008. Orders must be received by this date for printing and installation to be completed by Veteran's Day. For a brick order form, or more information, please call 483-7660. Brick order forms are also available online at www.rockymountva.org and at the Veterans' Memorial Park located on Scuffling Hill Road.



FROM THE MANAGER

It is not often there is news about refuse collection, but recent events make this a great time to talk about your curbside collection service.

Starting with your August bill, refuse collection charges will increase by \$1 for residential service and \$2 for commercial service. This means that residential service will cost \$4 per month and commercial service will cost \$8 per month per unit. This increase is designed to help offset the dramatic increase in the price of fuel.

In addition to the fee increase, I have recently received a number of complaints about dogs and wild animals disturbing trash set on the curb during the evening. One way to prevent these messes is to bag all garbage and place in a trash can with a tight fitting lid. Please use an appropriate 35 gallon trash can rather than placing bags of trash directly on the street.

Garbage must be to the curb by 7:00 A.M. on your day of collection. Garbage is collected on Tuesday for areas east of Main Street and areas north of the railroad tracks on North Main Street. Garbage is collected on Wednesday for areas west of Main Street. Garbage is collected on Thursday for the Franklin Heights and 40 East areas. If necessary, call the Finance Department at 540-483-5243 to see what day your garbage is collected.



Also, be aware of holidays that may affect your day of collection.

If you are unable to get your garbage to the curb, please call the Town Manager's Office at 483-7660 to obtain an application that must be signed by your physician.

We will not collect hazardous materials or other debris not accepted at the landfill. This includes gasoline, oil, antifreeze, batteries, paint, acid, construction materials, tires, propane tanks, or oil tanks. Large amounts of brush, leaves, and yard waste should be reserved for the monthly large item pickup dates and not placed alongside regular household waste for collection.

Also note that the Town will pick up large items and brush on the first Monday of each month. The Town also provides residents a dump truck overnight for \$10 per reservation to facilitate individual household solid waste collection. Each residential parcel is entitled to this service 4 times per year. Call the Finance Department at 483-5243 to schedule.

I appreciate your help in creating a clean and beautiful Rocky Mount.





ON THE MARKET

Come celebrate **Virginia Farmers' Market Week (August 3-9)** by supporting the vendors at your local farmers' market! The Rocky Mount Farmers' Market at Citizen Square is open daily

between the hours of 6 A.M. and 5 P.M. Products available include fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh meats, homemade jams, jellies, and applebutter, fresh eggs, cheese and butter, bulk foods and spices, flowers and plants, handwoven rugs, and a wide variety of craft items.

WANT TO SELL ON THE MARKET?

Do you have a bumper crop of tomatoes?
Have you ever wanted to sell on the Market but didn't know how?

Spaces are available on a daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. For more information, call the Retail Merchants Association at 483-9211.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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| Aug 5 | National Night Out
(sponsored by the Rocky Mount Police Dept.) | 5:00 p.m. |
| Aug 15 | Warren Street Festival
Health Fair
Business Review
Gospel Expo
Night Owl's Rock and Roll | 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m. |
| Aug 16 | Warren Street Festival
Award Breakfast
Antique Car Parade
Music
Macho Man Competition
Pretty Leg Competition
Children's Talent Show
Dancing & Art | 9:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. |
| Aug 22 | Footlights of the Blue Ridge
Heritage Music Program
FREE ADMISSION | 7:00 p.m. |

DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN IMPLEMENTED



On Monday, July 28, 2008 The Town announced that it has entered Stage 2 of its five-stage drought response plan and called for voluntary water conservation by its residents.

River flow in the Town's sole source of water, the Blackwater River, fell as low as 14 cubic feet per second the week before when the Town was not producing water. Rainfall in the river's basin Wednesday failed to boost water levels significantly, and caused the Town to enter the Water Concern Stage. The river's water levels continue to decline, and the upcoming weather situation may not help. The slight chances for rain forecast in the next seven days are unlikely to boost the available water level significantly, so it is time to make our residents and businesses aware that our water levels are falling.

The Drought Plan has five stages: 1- Routine Conservation; 2-Water Concern (Voluntary Conservation); 3-Water Shortage (Mandatory Conservation); 4-Water Emergency; and 5-Extreme Water Emergency.

While our water levels are not yet at emergency levels, our area is classified as in moderate drought and we can expect water levels to continue to drop as August arrives.

In consultation with our Water Department, it is in the

Town's best interests to implement Stage 2 now. It is likely that we will enter further drought plan stages later in the summer. Creeks and branches in the upper reaches of the Blackwater River basin are dry or nearly dry, and the impact of those dry tributaries on Rocky Mount's water supply is clear.

The Water Concern Stage of the Drought Response Plan calls for the public to do its part to ensure water is put only to good use. Water customers can help reduce water usage voluntary through the following measures:

- Refrain from using more water than is needed. If you notice unusual amounts of water use in your bill, work promptly with private contractors to ensure fixtures and plumbing are in good repair.
- Minimize use of water for minor hygiene tasks. Don't run water while shaving or brushing teeth. Consider the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers rather than water for routine hand washing.
- Take showers, which use less water, instead of baths, and save that water (called gray water) to use in plant watering.
- Use rain barrels and gray water recycling to water plants. Rain barrels catch runoff from gutter spouts and typically use a spigot to permit watering from the barrel.
- Water plants early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize evaporation. Use a watering can instead of a hose.
- Limit car washing, pressure washing and similar large uses of water.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2008

- 4 Leaf and Brush Pick Up
- 5 National Night Out 5:00 p.m.
- 5 Planning Commission Regular Meeting and Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Filing Deadline for BZA and Planning Commission to be heard in Sept.
- 6 Veterans' Commission Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Footlights of the Blue Ridge At the Depot 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Rocky Mount Town Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Planning Commission Strategic Planning Retreat at the Franklin Center 5:30 p.m.
- 15-16 Warren Street Festival
- 22 Footlights of the Blue Ridge At the Market 7:00 p.m.

25 Water/Sewer Bills Due

September 2008

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day**
- ? Leaf and Brush Pick Up
- 2 Planning Commission Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Rocky Mount Town Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Filing Deadline for BZA and Planning Commission to be heard in Oct.

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