

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the Town of Rocky Mount Zoning and Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2204 of The Code of Virginia 1950 as amended, the Town Council will hold a **public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 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 request:

Patrick Ephriam, representative of the **Chapter 10 Mental Retardation Group Home**, requests a rezoning of the property, Franklin County Tax Map and Parcel Number 2070021200, located at **220 Claiborne Avenue**, from Residential District R-2 to Residential District R-3.

Full copies of the application for rezoning 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 this address, or e-mailed to the following address: pkeatts@rockymountva.org. ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ACCOMMODATION TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD NOTIFY THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AT (540) 483-7660.

In addition to the rezoning request, Town Council will also hold a public hearing on the application for **Transportation Enhancement Program Funds** from the Commonwealth Transportation Board for the **Pigg River Heritage Trail**. The proposed section of the Pigg River Heritage Trail is planned to run along Furnace Creek connecting the Franklin County Veterans' Memorial Park on South Main Street, to Celeste Park on Franklin Street. The trail will meet Virginia Department of Transportation standards for bicycles and pedestrians and pass by the historic Washington Iron Furnace. Written comments accepted.

Franklin Street Festival ON THE CROOKED ROAD

MUSIC!!

September 27, 2008
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

FUN!!

- ♪ Four Music Venues
- ♪ Crafters/Artists
- ♪ Silent Auction
- ♪ Battle of the Bands
- ♪ Food & Fun

FOOD!!

CRAFTS!!

For more information, call
(540) 483-7801

(Craft/Artist spaces are available)



Did You Know?

The Rocky Mount Farmers' Market at Citizen Square can be rented for your special event!

In addition to offering vendor sales on a daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual basis, the Rocky Mount Farmers' Market at Citizen Square is also open for reservations for your special event. Rental rates are based on the type of event planned (or type of organization making the reservation) and range from \$50 to \$250, with a refundable deposit requirement of \$50. The concession stand, which offers a refrigerator, microwave, sink, and stove is available for a separate rental fee. If you are seeking to sponsor a church, school, or family event, the Rocky Mount Farmers' Market at Citizen Square may be the venue you are looking for! For more information, call (540) 483-0907.

ROCKY MOUNT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 11, 2008

Town Council took the following actions at the August meeting:

- Approved subdivision waiver requests of Faron and Lavon Frye.
- Denied the subdivision waiver requests of Morningstar Partners, LLC.
- Approved partial funding request for the upcoming Franklin Street Festival on the Crooked Road.
- Approved Town Manager's request to begin preliminary engineering process for a storm water management plan in the Franklin Heights area.
- Approved increasing the speed limit on a portion of Pell Avenue from 25 to 35 mph. Approved extending the 35mph speed limit on North Main Street around the curve to Byrd Lane.



Free Produce For Seniors



Farm Market Fresh for Seniors is a program which offers seniors \$40 worth of coupons for fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs at local farmers' markets. This is the

first year that Franklin County residents have been invited to participate in the program, which is co-sponsored by the Southern Area Agency on Aging and the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Seniors must be at least 60 years of age, residents of Franklin County, and not have relatives who grow the produce. Income requirements also apply.

The coupons are eligible for use at the Rocky Mount Farmers' Market at Citizen Square.

For more information, contact the SAAA at 1-800-468-4571.

FROM THE MANAGER

In my time here in Rocky Mount, I have found our residents to be compassionate, caring people who care for their community and its future. This is a critical time for our community as we face historic lows in the flow of the Blackwater River, our only source of water for the 3,000 water customers in and around Rocky Mount. When the Town requested voluntary conservation four weeks ago, it did so to prepare you in case we faced a water supply emergency. Continued drought, little rainfall, and steady water use, all mean that our lack of water has become more critical, and so I call upon you, as citizens and good neighbors, to do everything you can to reduce water use in your household and at work.



To protect our water supply and ensure that we have adequate water for the basic necessities, I am implementing mandatory conservation, effective August 25th.

Please help the Town deal with this drought by curbing your water use and by observing the following restrictions: (1) No watering of plants or lawns (except as authorized by the Declaration of a Water Supply Emergency); (2) No filling of swimming pools; (3) No operation of outdoor fountains; (4) No washing of buildings,

walks, or vehicles (vehicles may be washed at commercial car washes); (5) No water service in restaurants unless requested by the customer.

These requests are covered in more detail on the Declaration of Water Supply Emergency. This document may be obtained by calling the Town Manager's Office at (540) 483-7660.

The river has historically met the water needs of our community and I have faith that it will continue to do so. We can help to reduce our non-essential use of water by following these restrictions and by generally practicing water conservation every day. Simple actions save a great deal of water: only running the dishwasher when it is full; using water savers in shower heads and faucets; and repairing leaking toilets and faucets.

Also note, the Fire Marshall, Posey Dillon, has implemented a burning ban within the Town of Rocky Mount until further notice, due to the continued dry conditions.

If you have suggestions on water conservation, or if you want to report water abuse, please call the Community Development Office at (540) 483-0907.

The Town appreciates the cooperation of residents in observing the mandatory conservation efforts and the burning ban.





Town-Wide Burning Ban In Effect

Due to the severe drought, the Town has instituted a ban on all open air burning within the corporate Town limits. The ban took effect on August 26th because of the lack of rain in recent weeks and the forecast of little rain in the near future. For more information, please call (540) 483-7660.

Take the NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE!!

Do you have a friend or relative whom you think would enjoy this newsletter? Maybe someone who has moved away...or a college student far from home? If so, forward this newsletter on and encourage him or her to sign-up to receive a copy monthly!

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ON THE MARKET

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sept 12 **Franklin County Parks and Rec Biggest Loser Competition Kickoff** 6:00 p.m.
- Sept 27 **Girl Scouts Chili Cook-Off** 11:00 a.m.
- Oct 11 **Alzheimers' Association Walk** 8:00 a.m.
- Oct 24 **Blue Ridge Autumn Festival** 3:00 p.m.
(Sponsored by the Community Partnership)
- Dec 5 **Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas** 12:00 p.m.
(Sponsored by the Community Partnership)

For more information, contact the Community Development Office at (540)-483-0907.



RAIN BARRELS SAVE MONEY & WATER

A **rain barrel** is a simple storage system that is connected to the downspout of a house or building. The barrel collects and stores rooftop runoff that would normally be lost. Most barrels are fully enclosed or are covered in a way that prevents contamination by debris, bugs, etc. Rain barrels can be purchased as pre-assembled units, or they can be crafted at home requiring minimal equipment and tools.

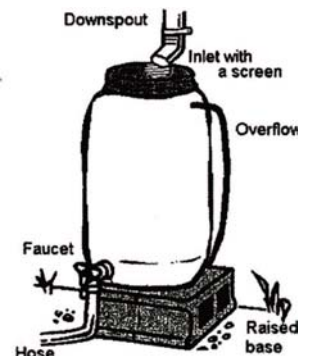
Rain water is the perfect water source for outdoor and indoor plants. Rain water is naturally soft, unlike treated water, which is softened with added minerals. Rain water can also be used to wash cars, decks, patios, etc. Instead of water from the faucet, rain barrels allow you to use saved water to keep your landscaping green and growing, with the added benefit of a reduced municipal water bill!

How to Make a Rain Barrel

Materials Needed:

- Food grade barrel or trash can
- Fiberglass window screen
- Plastic strapping
- Faucet
- Steel Washers
- Lock nuts
- Downspout elbow
- Hose Adaptor
- 2-3 ft of flexible pipe
- Waterproof caulking
- Drill will hole saw 1/16" smaller than faucet insert
- Jig saw
- Scissors

Step 1: Make an overflow drain. Drill a hole near the top of the barrel. Insert a hose adaptor into the hole, secure it with washers and lock nut, then seal with caulk. Attach a pipe to this adaptor so water can overflow to another barrel or drain away from your home. **Step 2: Install the faucet.** Drill a hole for the faucet near the bottom of the barrel. **Step 3:** Screw the faucet into the hole, secure it with washers and lock nut. Seal with caulk. **Step 4:** Cut an opening in the barrel top slightly larger than the side of the down spout. **Step 5: Keep out the mosquitoes.** Cut a piece of screen slightly larger than the barrel. Lay screen over opening and secure it in place with plastic strapping (or the trash can lid). **Step 6: Install your barrel.** Set the completed barrel on a stand or cinder block base located under the downspout. Cut the downspout just above the rain barrel. Attach the downspout elbow to the downspout to direct water into the opening on top of the barrel. **Step 7: Start saving water!** - You can collect even more water by directing the condensate from your air conditioner into the barrel.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2008

- 1 Town Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day**
- 2 Leaf and Brush Pick Up
- 2 Planning Commission Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Rocky Mount Town Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Public Hearing - Transportation Enhancement Program Application- Pigg River Heritage Trail 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Filing Deadline for BZA and Planning Commission to be heard in Oct.
- 15 Joint meeting - Rocky Mount Town Council and Planning Commission (at the Depot) 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Water/Sewer Bills Due**
- 27 Franklin Street Festival on the Crooked Road 9:00 a.m.

October 2008

- 2 Board of Zoning Appeals Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Leaf and Brush Pick Up
- 7 Planning Commission Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Filing Deadline for BZA and Planning Commission to be heard in Nov.
- 13 Rocky Mount Town Council Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Blue Ridge Autumn Festival 3:00 p.m.
- 25 Water/Sewer Bills Due**

Town of Rocky Mount

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.
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