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Town of Boyce, VA

Town Monthly Newsletter March 2021

Mayor - Richard D. Kibler

Town Council Members: Dennis Hall, Ruth Hayes, Floyd Hudson, Zack Hudson, Whitney Maddox

Town Manager - David Winsatt, **Town Treasurer** - Linda Bishop, **Code Enforcer** - David Clarke

Welcome to the Town of Boyce, VA. This newsletter is sent out each month after the Town Meeting that is held on the first Tuesday of the Month. The next Town Council Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 with a start time at 7:00 pm at the Boyce Volunteer Fire Company - Social Hall. Two **Public Hearing(s)** will take place, see below for more information. Town Council meetings are always open to the public.

The Town Hall office hours are as followed:

Monday – 8 am – 1 pm

Tuesday – 3 pm – 8 pm

Wednesday – 3 pm – 8 pm

Friday – 8 am – 1 pm (Weeks 1, 3, 4 (5th if applicable))

Saturday – 8 am – 1 pm (Week 2 of each month)

Due to the Covid-19 and to protect our Town Employees we have in place a small table on the porch with hand sanitizer and face masks for the town residents to wear who enter the building. When the resident leaves the building, we will do a routine disinfecting of all areas after each customer. If you are not feeling 100%, we ask that you do not come into the building. We do have a night deposit box that you can drop off your business or you can use the mail system; our address is 23 East Main Street, (P.O. Box 209), Boyce, VA, you can call 540.837.2901 or email at Boyceva@verizon.net. To let you know that the Town Hall is **“Open”** we will have a Sandwich Board outside the building on the sidewalk with **Open for Business**.

Important Notice: This Meeting has been Rescheduled: The Town of Boyce will hold a two special **Public Hearing(s)** at our next town council meeting on Tuesday, April 6th at the Boyce Volunteer Fire Company - Social Hall. The meeting will start at 7 pm. The first Public Hearing is to make **Whiting Avenue** a **ONE WAY** street going from the North to the South (Old Chapel Avenue to East Main Street) and adding two speed bumps. The second **Public Hearing** is to add signage that add an additional \$200 fine will be added to a speeders ticket given by the police that are stopped on North and South Greenway Avenue. We have had a lot of complaints on speeders thru town and on our side streets. The Public Hearing(s) will be first on the agenda of the monthly Town Council Meeting. The meeting is open to all and we would like for you to come to voice your opinion if you are **For or Against** the council proposals. We will follow the CDC guidelines with **Masks required** and social distancing. Mask will be supplied.

The Town has a new **Code Enforcer**, his name is **David Clarke** and he can be reached at 540.837.2901 if you have a complaint or concerns. His job duties are to enforce the town codes. He has an official identification badge from the Town of Boyce and he will not be carrying a weapon. He is allowed to walk up to your front door to talk to you but he is not allowed to walk on other parts of your property unless the resident gives him permission.

Ruth Hayes, Town Council Member and Recorder for the Town of Boyce has given her resignation to the Town Council and will be moving to Berryville at the end of April. Ruth has been on the Town Council since 2015 and was elected as Town Recorder in 2016 from the Town Election. She was also on the Town Clerk for 5 years and started out on the Town’s Planning Commission. We **“Thank”** Ruth for all of her years of service to the Town of Boyce and we wish her all the best on her new chapter in her life.

Town Council/Recorder Opening: As you read above, the Town will have an opening for Mrs. Hayes Town Council Position/Recorder. This temporary position will be appointed by the Town Council to finish out Mrs. Hayes Election Term that ends December 31, 2021. The **Recorder** is required to keep the minutes/journal of the proceedings at a Council Meeting and is charged with preserving the records of the municipality. In the absence of the Mayor, the **Recorder** is invested with all of the powers of the Mayor. To qualify to be on the Council you must be a resident of Boyce and have lived in Boyce for 6 months and be 21 years old. If anyone in the Town is interested in this temporary position, contact the Town Manager at the above number/email by Friday, April 16th. There is a small stipend that goes with this position. This position will be on the **“Election Ballot”** this fall in November and is a 4 year term position. You can sign-up with the Clarke County Election Board of Elections in Berryville. Contact Barbara Bosserman at 101 Chalmers Ct., Berryville, VA 22611, 540.955.5168 or email at vote@clarkecounty.gov. The Deadline to sign up to be on the November Election Ballot is **Open Now to sign up and Closes on June 8th, 2021**.

Town Council/Council Seats (2) openings: This year the Town of Boyce will have up for “Election” two (2) Council seats this November. The (2) two Council Elected Members will take office on January 1, 2022 and it will be for a four (4) year term. The duties of a Town Council Member are tasked with representing the interests of their constituents. In addition to proposing, passing, and ratifying laws and ordinances as well as overseeing the town’s budget. The Council Members meet on the first Tuesday of each month for the Monthly Town Council Meeting and on the last Tuesday of each month for a Work Session Meeting. To qualify to be on the Council you must be a resident of Boyce and have lived in Boyce for 6 months and be 21 years old. There is a small stipend that goes with this position. To get on the “Election Ballot” for the fall election in November you can sign-up with the Clarke County Election Board of Elections in Berryville. Contact Barbara Bosserman at 101 Chalmers Ct., Berryville, VA 22611, 540.955.5168 or email at vote@clarkecounty.gov. The Deadline to sign up to be on the November Election Ballot is **Open Now to sign up and Closes on June 8th, 2021.**

Planning Commission Openings: The Town of Boyce is now recruiting two (2) Town residences to be a part of the Planning and Zoning Commission. This opportunity is “to promote orderly development of the town and its environs”. The Planning and Zoning Commissioners are responsible for preparing and recommending to the Town Council the comprehensive plan and zoning for adoption and reviewing. Commissioners meet once a month and a small subsidy is given each month. A person with local municipal experience would be of great help. If interested, contact the Town Manager at above number/email.

Note: Zack Hudson a Town Council Member and also the Town Liaison appointed to the Planning Commission and been appointed the Temporary Chair until the Town Council can find a replacement member.

Board of Zoning Appeals aka BZA: The Town of Boyce is now recruiting a (1) Town residence to be part of the BZA. This opportunity is “to hear and decide appeals of decisions made by the zoning administrator; it may also grant variances from the requirements of the zoning ordinance.” The BZA meets only when needed. If interested, contact the Town Manager at the above number/email.

The Virginia Burn Ban: **The law goes into effect on February 15th each year and runs through April 30th.** You are allowed to burn between 4 pm and midnight as long as you take proper care and precaution and attend your fire at all times. **You must get a Burn Permit and Town Burn Rules from the Town Hall before you burn;** there is no cost for the burn permit.

Town Trash Pick-up is every Tuesday.

We have a new Trash Company and they are coming early. Please have your trash out by 8 am.

The Town of Boyce provides solid waste trash pickup each Tuesday but no longer will collect recyclables. The schedule Spring Clean-Up was cancelled and rescheduled for the fall. The Town does not provide trash containers. The weekly collection permits each household or business to put out a Large Trash can up to 95 gallon plus an additional 3 bags. Residents are allowed to put out the trash after 3 pm on Monday afternoon but not before. **The company that picks up our trash each week has requested that all cardboard boxes be broken down.** Residents are not allowed to put out yard items, i.e. - grass, leaves, limbs, etc. Also, residents are not allowed to put out TV’s, appliances, AC units, etc. Residents are not allowed to bring in trash from other places for Boyce to pick-up, a warning letter will be sent if this happens and that resident trash will not be picked up thereafter.

The Town has a website with all of the Town’s information on it for your use. The website can be found at www.boyceva.net. On the website you can find the Town Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance and the Boyce Historic District information. Also, on the website we will be adding the Monthly Town Meeting Agendas and the Monthly Town Meeting Minutes. We also have the following permits that are needed for the residents; they are Business License Application; Open Burning Permit; Yard Sale Permit and Allowance of Chickens Permit. On the front page of the website we will post important information as to what is going on in the town.

The Town would like to get all of its resident emails so we can send out this Monthly Newsletter and any other public notices. Your email will not be shared to anyone outside of Boyce. Please complete the form enclosed and send back to the Town Office or you may email your email to boyceva@verizon.net. By giving the town your email, the town will save on postage and email town updates. So far, we have **149** residents’ emails and we thank you, you’ve saved the town postage. If you wish not to receive this monthly newsletter, please let us know.

Open Meetings to the Public, please join us.

Town Planning Commission - Monday, March 29, 2021 - 7:00 pm - Town Hall

Committee Members - Temporary Chair - Zach Hudson and Town Council Liaison, Linnea Goodwin, Elizabeth “Betty” McCorkle the Town Planning Commission currently has 2 openings.

Town Council Work Session - Tuesday, March 30, 2021 - 6:00 pm - Town Hall

April Town Council Meeting - Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - 7:00 PM - Two Public Hearing(s) - Boyce Volunteer Fire Company - Social Hall

Other Information:

Board of Zoning Appeals - Chair - TBD, Vice Chair - David Perkins, Secretary - David Hough, Betty Brock, Carol Coffelt. The BZA currently has 1 opening. This board meets when needed.

Town of Boyce Representative to the Clarke County Parks and Recreation - Stephen Bacci

Town of Boyce Representative to the Clarke County Board of Supervisors - Beverly McKay

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