



Town of Boyce, VA

Town Monthly Newsletter

April 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, May 4th, 2021 with a start time at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 23 East Main Street, Boyce, VA. 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: The week of April 19th the Town Manager will be on vacation. The office will be open for business on Monday, 4/19 - 8 am - 1 pm; open Tuesday, 4/20 - 3pm to 8 pm; closed on Wednesday, 4/21; open Friday, 4/23 - 8 am - 1 pm; closed on Saturday, 4/24. (The Town Treasurer - Linda Bishop and Town Code Enforcer - David Clarke will cover the Town Hall.)

At the Town Council Meeting on April 6th, we had a special guest; **Wendy Gooditis** unexpectedly drop in at our meeting. Mrs. Gooditis is a Member of the Virginia House of Delegates - Tenth District. Mrs. Gooditis was recognized and she spoke briefly at the beginning of the meeting. She is a resident of Clarke County.

The Town’s has a new **Code Enforcer**, his name is **David Clarke** and he can be reached at 540.837.2901 or email at codeenforcer@boyceva.net 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.

At the **Town Council Public Hearing meeting** on April 6th, the Town Council voted to make Whiting Avenue a One-Way Street going from North to South - Old Chapel Avenue to East Main Street. This ordinance is to regulate traffic within the Town of Boyce to include speed limitations, designation of roadways into a single direction, and allowance for installation of speed bumps and other traffic calming devices where the Council deems appropriate. Once everything is in order to make the street a one-way street the pasted resolution will go into effect with signage on both ends of the street. Also at the public hearing the Town Council voted to

add an additional \$200 fine to a speeding ticket that is issued on North and South Greenway Avenue - Route 340 by the Clarke County Sherriff's Department or the State Police. The current speed limit is 35 mph. This will go into effect once the signage is posted on both ends of North and South Greenway Avenue - Route 340.

Also at the Town Council meeting the Town Council voted to change over the Town's CD's into an investment account so the town can earn more interest on the town accounts.

Also at the Town Council meeting the Town Council pasted a Tax Resolution for guidelines for Delinquent Taxes for the Town's residents. The resolution reads as followed: **Whereas:** The Town Council desires to continue to collect current and delinquent taxes, fees and penalties from those taxpayers who have not paid their billed taxes; and **Whereas:** The Town Council also desires to compromise and close out and remove from the tax rolls those taxes calling collectability into substantial doubt. **Be it therefore resolved that:** All taxes, at the amounts invoiced by the Town and all taxes which would have been invoiced if the taxpayer filed a return or notice of real and personal property, business operations, license taxes, remain as due and owing in the amount invoiced or would have been invoiced had the Town know of the asset/income. All other taxes, including those that may have been wrongly invoiced, errors in billing, or those for which the taxpayer had moved from the Town at the time of assessment are hereby written off the books of the Town.

Ruth Hayes, Town Council Member and Recorder had her last official Town Council Meeting at the April 6th Town Council Meeting. Ruth has been on the Town Council since 2015 and was elected as Town Recorder in 2016 from the Town Election. She was also the Town Clerk for 5 years and she 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. Ruth is moving out of Boyce to Berryville in May.

Town Council: As you read above, the Town will have an opening for Mrs. Hayes Town Council Position. This temporary position will be appointed by the Town Council to finish out Mrs. Hayes Election Term that ends December 31, 2021. If anyone in the Town is interested in this temporary position, contact the Town Manager at the above number/email by Saturday, April 24th. There is a small stipend that goes with this position. If the Town receives 2 or more interested people a meet and greet will take place the following week at the Town Hall.

Town Council has (3) Seats openings that will open January 1, 2022: This year the Town of Boyce will have up for **"Election"** three (3) Council seats this November. Their will be (2) two Council Elected Members and (1) Elected Recorder/Town Council Member seat. The 3 positions are 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. The Town **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 as Vice 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. There is a small stipend that goes with these positions. 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, (second floor), 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. The last day to get you name on the ballot will CLOSE 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 has been appointed the Temporary Chair until the Town Council can find 2 additional members.

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 went into effect on February 15th 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.

Yard Sale Permits:

The Town Code sections 90.30-90.34 require any resident of the Town of Boyce who would like to hold a yard sale to acquire a permit from the Town Hall. There is NO cost for a yard sale permit. The ordinance states that yard can be held between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Yard sales shall not be conducted longer than two consecutive days. A resident may hold two yard sale during the year.

Town Trash Pick-up is every Tuesday. 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.

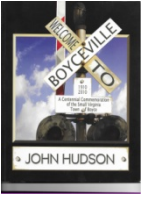
Note: Residents are not allowed to bring in trash from other places for Boyce to pick-up, a warning letter will be sent if this happens and that resident trash will not be picked up thereafter.

The Town will have a Town Clean-Up Day in May. This will take place on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021** the same day as the regular trash day, so mark your calendar. **Items must be placed on the curb in front of your house by 7 am Tuesday, May 11th.**

1. Disposal fees for the following items which are collected by the landfill will be passed onto the residents. **The cost will be as followed:** Televisions - \$15.00; Console TV's - \$20.00; Computer Monitors - \$10.00; UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supplies - batteries, etc. - \$5.00; items must have a sticker prominently displayed and you can buy the sticker(s) at the Town Office.
 2. Items that are free for pick-up will be Furniture, Appliances such as Microwave(s), Washer(s), Dryer(s), and Refrigerator(s).
 3. **No** yard trash, hazardous waste, tires, lawn equipment or gasoline powered engines will **not** be picked up.
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BINGO at the Boyce Volunteer Fire Company - Social Hall. Bingo is held on Thursday at 7 pm and Sunday at 1:30 pm of each week. For more information call 540-837-2317. It is a requirement that everyone wears a mask, excluding individuals that have a medical condition prohibiting them from wearing one. Masks will be provided at the door for those who do not have one. While volunteer members will do their best to monitor social distancing, it is recommended to maintain 6ft between all who are not members of the same household. No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID 19, or known exposure to a COVID 19 case in their prior 14 days, is permitted.

If you should have a street light out in front of you residents, please let the Town Manager know so we can get the light fixed, email the Town Manager at Boyceva@verizon.net with your name and your address.



In 2010 the Town of Boyce celebrated its Centennial of the Incorporation of Boyce in 1910. John Hudson, a former resident of Boyce wrote a paperback book called **“Welcome to Boyceville, 1910-2010”**. This book is well illustrated with many old photos of the Town as well as the history. The price of the book for is on sale and reduced to **\$10.00**, the price was \$25.00. You can pick up a copy at the Town Hall.

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 mayor@boyceva.net. By giving the town your email, the town will save on postage and email town updates. So far, we have **151** 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.

It’s Mowing Season: Did you know it’s illegal to leave grass clippings in the roadway. The Code of Virginia 18.2-324 says no one may throw or deposit any substance onto a road that creates a hazard to the traveling public. Any persons violating the provisions shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. On some roads, this includes not only cars, but bicycles and motorcycles.

Open Meetings to the Public, please join us.

Town Planning Commission - Monday, April 26, 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, April 27, 2021 - 6:00 pm - Town Hall

May Town Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 4, 2021 - 7:00 PM - Town Hall - currently has 1 opening.

Other Information:

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

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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