

WAYNESVILLE

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025

MAIN STREET CHAMPION

We are thrilled to announce that Kirk Messer has been officially awarded the 2025 Main Street Champion! This recognition is a testament to Kirk's exceptional dedication and outstanding contributions for our community. Kirk will receive this honor during the Main Street Conference on March 13, 2025, in Mooresville, NC. It is a remarkable achievement that highlights his commitment to making a difference in our community!

Please join us in congratulating Kirk on this recognition and for his continuous efforts in making Waynesville a better place. We look forward to celebrating with him and showing our appreciation for all the hard work and passion he has poured into his role.

Kirk's Contributions:

Kirk was hired on August 30, 2012, and is currently a Crew Leader for Streets and Sanitation Division.

Kirk supported numerous successful Main Street Events that have enhanced the community's involvement and appeal. Below are just a few:

- Apple Festival
- Church Street Festival
- Whole Blooming Thing Festival
- Christmas Parade
- Folkmoot Festival
- Treats on the Street

Once again, congratulations to Kirk Messer on being named the 2025 Main Street Champion! His hard work and dedication continue to inspire us all, and we are lucky to have him on our team.



ENERGY SAVER NC

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has launched Energy Saver North Carolina, a program with over \$208 million in federal rebates to help households afford energy-efficient upgrades like heat pumps, electrical panels, and insulation.

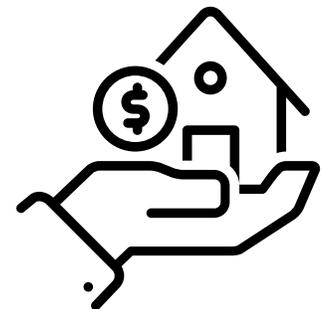
Rebates include:

- \$8,000 – Whole-home heat pump
- \$4,000 – Electrical panel
- \$2,500 – Electrical wiring
- \$1,750 – Heat pump water heater
- \$1,600 – Insulation, air sealing, ventilation
- \$840 – Heat pump dryer, electric stove, cooktop, or oven

Initially, the program targets single-family, owner-occupied homes, focusing on high energy-burdened, disadvantaged, and storm-impacted areas. Homeowners earning below 80% of their area's median income may qualify for 100% funding; middle income households earning 80-150% of area median income are eligible for 50% funding plus any available, qualifying tax credits.

Haywood County residents can apply and save thousands on energy-efficient upgrades at www.ENERGYSAVERNC.org.

The program includes two U.S. Department of Energy rebate programs: Homeowners Managing Efficiency Savings and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates.





PRIVATE PROPERTY DEBRIS REMOVAL

The Town of Waynesville is **accepting applications** for a Private Property Debris Removal program (PPDR) through FEMA that can assist residents with:

- Removal of potentially eligible storm-generated debris from private property, private roads and/or driveways
- Demolition of hazardous structures

DEBRIS:

Eligible debris must be the direct result of Hurricane Helene and must be located within the Town of Waynesville. To be considered eligible the removal of the debris must be in the public interest, meaning:

- Eliminates immediate threats to life, public health, or safety
- Eliminates immediate threats of significant damage to improved public or private property

Types of eligible storm-generated debris includes:

- Vegetative debris
- Construction and demolition debris
- White goods (household appliances)
- Household hazardous waste

If you are a residential property owner that has the above mentioned, please meet our DebrisTech personnel at:

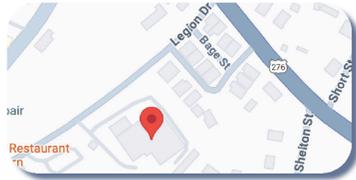
Public Works Office

Thursday, February 27: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Friday, February 28: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 1: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

129 Legion Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- **Most Recent Tax Bill/Record *** (NOT OPTIONAL)**
- **Valid Driver's License or State Issued I.D.**
- **Utility Bill from the time of event (power, water or gas)**
- **Homeowner's Insurance Policy**
- **House Deed**

**Deed is only required if signing up for demolition of a structure*

Call 501-604-6453 if you have additional questions

SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

For the well-being of our regional ecosystems, here in Waynesville, our native plants are essential. Biodiversity is crucial for local food webs that depend heavily on native plant species. Native plants give local insects, birds, and mammals a place to live, reproduce, feed, and shelter. Certain insects and birds, for instance, heavily depend on particular native plants for food or nesting locations.

Having a variety of native plants is essential for preserving biodiversity because these plants have co-evolved with the local fauna, and they are well-suited for local climate conditions. In the absence of these plants, other native organisms may find it difficult to survive. Visit waynesvillenc.gov/departments/development-services/landscaping-projects to view native plant lists and encouraged planting practices!



Appalachian Heritage Weekend

What: Kick off the weekend with a Friday night concert on Main Street showcasing the region's finest musicians. Then on Saturday, enjoy art vendors, live music, hands-on demonstrations including basket weaving, blacksmithing, and spinning, and follow the true crime trail, a historical self guided tour that uncovers Waynesville's most intriguing true crime stories from local history.

Where: Main Street, Waynesville, NC

When: Friday, May 2nd at 6pm and Saturday, May 3rd, 10am-5pm

Who: All are welcome to attend this free event.

Art After Dark

What: Stroll Main Street after hours and enjoy studio tours, a variety of art demonstrations, live music lining the streets, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Where: Main Street, Waynesville

When: First Fridays of May through December. Shops, Restaurants, and Galleries are open late.

Who: Everyone is welcome! Please visit <https://visitncsmokies.com/blog/after-after-dark/> for more information.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE HAS OPENINGS ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

- HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
- CEMETERY COMMITTEE
- RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
- PLANNING BOARD
- ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- WAYNESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS SERVE AN IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER ROLE IN ADVISING TOWN COUNCIL ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE WAYNESVILLE COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONTACT CPOLTON@WAYNESVILLENC.GOV OR 828-452-2491 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SERVE.



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