

WAYNESVILLE

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SALAMANDER SCAVENGER HUNT MAKES ITS DEBUT!

The Waynesville Public Art Commission invites you to a special kick-off event for the newly installed Salamander Scavenger Hunt on Main Street!

Join us on Friday, December 4th at 4pm in front of Town Hall (9 S. Main Street) to begin the adventure. Participants will be among the first to find the ten salamander sculptures hidden around Main Street. The first 250 participants that find all ten sculptures will receive a special prize! **Please email cpoolton@waynesvillenc.gov to RSVP.**

After the scavenger hunt, stick around to enjoy First Friday until 8pm. First Friday features live music, art gallery meet-and-greets, and extended shopping hours.

This project was sponsored by the Waynesville Public Art Commission and funded by private donations.

For more information, please visit WaynesvillePublicArt.org



RECYCLING OF ELECTRONICS

T**he Town of Waynesville will not pick up electronics** at the curb with your regular household trash or your standard junk/bulk waste collection.

Because North Carolina state law completely bans electronics like televisions, computers, laptops, and printers from landfills, the town's sanitation crews are legally prohibited from throwing them into garbage trucks. If you place e-waste at the curb, workers will leave it behind, and you may face a citation.

Where to Go Instead (Free for Residents):

Since you cannot use curbside pickup, your best option is to load them into your vehicle and drive them to the closest county drop-off site:

Haywood County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): Located just outside Waynesville at 278 Access Rd, Clyde, NC. This is the primary county hub equipped to handle residential e-waste recycling safely and legally.

Jones Cove Convenience Center: Located nearby at 296 Jones Cove Rd, Waynesville, NC. They accept standard residential household waste and can direct you on small electronic drops.

Visit https://www.HaywoodCountyNC.gov/328/Accepted-Materials for more information

SNOW REMOVAL

The primary goal of our snow removal efforts is to ensure that residents, businesses, and emergency responders can move safely through the Town of Waynesville, even in the worst weather conditions. We prioritize safety, mobility, and access to critical services, such as hospitals and fire stations, by removing snow and ice from public roads, sidewalks, and municipal facilities.

Preparation is key. The team starts early, ensuring all equipment is in top shape and ready for action. The Public Works team pre-treats priority roads, bridges, and steep grades with brine or salt to prevent ice buildup.

So what constitutes as a priority road?

- Primary Roads & Emergency Routes: These are the main roads, hospital routes, and those used by emergency vehicles, like police and fire trucks. NC DOT plows state roads and highways. The Town only plows town maintained roads.
- Secondary Roads & Residential Collectors: Includes bus routes, high-traffic streets, and steep grades that are essential for local mobility.
- Neighborhood & Local Streets: These are typically lower-traffic areas like cul-de-sacs and dead-ends. Streets that only have a few residences are usually not considered priority streets.
- Town Facilities & Sidewalks: We also prioritize municipal buildings, public lots, and areas with heavy foot traffic.
- The Town is not responsible for plowing private roads and driveways.

Once snow accumulates to about 2 inches or as directed by the Streets Supervisor, plowing begins. Snow is pushed to the right-hand shoulder of the road, ensuring drainage and avoiding blockages like driveways, fire hydrants, and intersections. After plowing, salt is spread to prevent refreezing and and rock chips are spread as needed for icy hills or roadways. Residents can expect regular updates on road conditions from the Public Information Officer (PIO) via the Town's website, local media, and social media channels.



Save the Date

A Smoky Mountain Christmas

What: A Smoky Mountain Christmas transforms Downtown Waynesville into a glowing holiday scene each December, filling Main Street with luminaries, music, and old-fashioned Christmas charm. Visitors can enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides beneath a canopy of lights, meet Santa in Santaland, and experience the magic of the season in a warm, welcoming downtown setting.
Where: Main Street, Waynesville, NC
When: Friday, November 20th, 6pm-9pm
Who: All are welcome to attend this free event.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Christmas: Town Offices will be closed December 24th-28th. There will be no garbage pick up on December 24th or 25th. The 24th garbage will be collected on Wednesday the 23rd and the 25th garbage will be collected on Monday the 28th.

New Years Day: Town offices will be closed on Friday, January 1st. Friday's garbage will be picked up Monday, January 4th.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Town Offices will be closed Monday, January 18th. Monday's trash will be picked up the previous Friday, January 15th.



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE HAS OPENINGS ON SEVERAL ADVISORY BOARDS

- **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT-THIS IS AN ALTERNATE VACANCY, AND APPLICANTS MUST RESIDE IN WAYNESVILLE'S EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**
- **RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION-APPLICANTS CAN RESIDE WITHIN THE COUNTY OR TOWN-LIMITS**
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION-APPLICANTS MUST LIVE WITHIN TOWN-LIMITS**

PLEASE VISIT WAYNESVILLENC.GOV/CURRENT-VACANCIES FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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