



Stephens City Newsletter

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Don’t miss the 4th Annual “Hop In” on the Commons on Saturday, March 31st at the Newtown Commons. The “Hop In” is once again sponsored by the Stephens City Business Association and features two separate Egg Hunts for children 3rd grade and below.

There is a limit on eggs each child can find. There will be several other fun events and games for the whole family. More information can be found at the Town website as we get closer to the date. *See you there!*



“HOP IN”
(Sponsored by the Stephens City Business Association)

Saturday, March 31, 2012
(Open Date, April 1, 2012)
2:50pm to 4:00pm
At the Newtown Commons
Main Street
Stephens City, VA
(The direction our way stephenscity.org/sponsored)

This will be a social celebration for family and friends.

There will be an Easter Egg hunt, Games, Face Painting, Meet the Easter Bunny, have some fresh baked refreshments and much more for children 3rd grade and below and their family and friends.

FESTIVITIES BEGIN PROMPTLY at 2:50pm
2 Separate EGG HUNTS with a limitation on eggs per child!
2:55pm- Pre-Schoolers through Kindergarten
3:45pm-1st Graders through 3rd Graders
All other events will occur during the Egg Hunts

It’s going to be one Hopping Event!

Trash Notice:

I would like to remind all residents that trash containers should not be placed on the curb any earlier than 4p.m. on the day before collection. The Town has noticed recently that a number of residents have been placing their trash cans out before 4pm on the day prior to collection. We have sent notices to some residents already, but would like to curb this practice before it becomes too much of an issue with trash being spread occasionally throughout the streets of Town.

Town Manager, Mike Kehoe



From the Town Manager’s Desk...

It is hard to believe that the Newtown Heritage Festival has been in existence for 20 years now. The first of the Heritage Days was in 1992. It was a tremendous success. The festival featured artisans, historic reenactments, a parade down Main Street and

a sense of community that has remained a building block for festivals to come. The festival has changed and has had good years and great years, but we still recognize it is based upon recognizing our Town’s history and heritage.

One of the reasons the festival has been successful for so many years is that the

committee has worked tirelessly to make sure the event is free to all. None of the events associated with the Festival have an associated price. In order to continue this festival to be free to all attendees, we have to rely on donations and sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a NHF activity, or



The Planner's

just make a general donation , please contact Mike Kehoe, Town Manager at the Town Office.

This year's 20th Anniversary is no different and the NHF committee is hard at work preparing for a great line of events to mark the 20th year . The committee has already selected a commemorative for this year's festival which will be a glazed ceramic flower pot. There will be more information in the coming months about the commemorative.

The following is a tentative schedule for the 2012 Newtown Heritage Festival:

Sat. April 21st at 3pm: Beauty Pageant at Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy
Thu. May 24th: SHS Concert at the Commons

Fri. May 25th: Battle of the Bands

Sat. May 26th: Craft and Food Vendors on Commons
Parade on Main Street
Concert featuring the Boxcars - 7pm

For more information, check out the new Newtown Heritage Festival Website:
www.stephenscity.vi.virginia.gov/nhf

It's official! The Town of Stephens City has a Facebook Page. Please take a moment and go and become a "fan" of the Town of Stephens City's Facebook page. Simply type in the search bar, Town of Stephens City and look for the page with the official "town logo". The page is set up based upon the findings of a research project that Sherando High School students performed as part of their Service Learning Project through their 12th grade Government Class last year.

The page will be used to update citizens of the Town and surrounding area of news and events specific to the Stephens City area. There will also be specific reminders for residents of the Town with regard to bills, emergency notices, or construction and service interruption.

This is a new step for Stephens City in an effort to continue to provide improved communication to our Town residents and residents of the surrounding area.

Brian P. Henshaw
Town Planner/ Assistant Town Manager

Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills for the bi-monthly billing end **Thursday, February 29, 2012** and *are due upon receipt.*

After **April 2, 2012** a 10% **penalty** will be added. On **Monday, April 9, 2012** service will be discontinued for delinquency. A **reconnect fee of \$25** plus the full amount of the bill must be paid before service can be restored.

Veteran's Memorial Brick Sponsorship

On the following pages in this month's Newsletter is the "official letter" and "sponsorship form" for honoring a veteran. The Parks and Recreation Committee along with the Town Council have decided that the brick sponsorship is to honor the memory of those who served or to honor those who have served or are serving in any of the five branches of the service, (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and US Coast Guard).

At this time, we will only be taking sponsorships for veterans, although general sponsorship of bricks may eventually be considered and will be displayed elsewhere on the Veteran's Memorial.

Please consider giving to this most worthwhile cause to honor our veterans.

Town Calendar of Events

March 2012

- Mar. 6 **Town Council at 7:30pm**
- Mar.. 10 Personnel Committee 5:00pm
- Mar. 15 Water/ Sewer at 5:30 pm
Public Works at 6:00 pm
Newtown Heritage Festival at 7:00pm
- Mar. 17 **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
- Mar. 20 Historic Preservation Commission at 5:00pm
- Mar. 22 Public Safety at 7:00pm
- Mar. 23 Parks and Recreation Committee at 5:00pm
- Mar. 27 Planning Commission at 7:30pm
- Mar. 28 Finance Committee at 5:00pm



** All meetings subject to change without notice w/ the exception of the Town Council meeting.*

April 2012

- April 3 **Town Council Meeting at 7:30pm.**
- April 4 **Water/Sewer Bills Due without penalty. Penalties added to Water/Sewer Bills**
- April 10 **Water Shut Off Date**
Personnel Committee 5:00pm
- April 17 Historic Preservation Commission at 5:00pm
- April 19 Water/ Sewer Meeting at 5:30pm
Public Works Meeting at 6:00pm
Newtown Heritage Festival at 7:00pm
- April 24 Planning Commission at 5:00pm
- April 25 Finance Committee at 5:00pm
- April 30 Parks & Recreation Commission at 5:00pm



Veteran's Memorial Brick Sponsorship

The Town of Stephens City Parks and Recreation Committee is committed to seeing the construction of a Veteran's Memorial at the Newtown Commons. It is our goal to construct a Memorial that honors our Veteran's while at the same time promotes civic pride. As part of the fundraising efforts for the construction of the Veteran's Memorial on the Newtown Commons we have decided to create a "Walk of Honor". We are asking interested citizens or residents of the area to honor their active military or memorialize those who are no longer with us by sponsoring a brick in their honor. The cost of the brick will be used towards the engraving, installation and the construction of the memorial itself.

Please take this opportunity to be part of honoring our veterans. At this time the memorial sponsorship is to honor Veterans that have served in any of the five branches of the military. This includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and US Coast Guard.

If you are interested in just sponsoring a brick, but do not personally know any veterans to honor, please leave the attached form blank where the brick is to be engraved (in the boxes).

Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated for this project and your donation will make this vision a reality and a way that we can all honor the veterans who have given their lives or a portion of time out of their lives to protect the freedoms that we value today.

If you should have any questions please contact Brian Henshaw, Town Planner/ Assistant Town Manager or the Town Office in general.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian P. Henshaw".

Brian P. Henshaw
Town Planner/ Assistant Town Manager



Veteran's Memorial Brick Sponsorship

This **project** will fund a majority of the cost for the Veteran's Memorial to be constructed at the Stephens City Newtown Commons.

Customer: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email address: _____

Note:
 Please print name or message you want engraved on the brick in the boxes below.
 Please print legibly.
 One character per box (letters, numbers, spaces, punctuation)
 16 characters (including spaces) are allowed per line
 Please use abbreviations where possible
 All text will be centered
 Text will be engraved uppercase in **Times New Romans Bold** font
 Price is \$50 per brick (engraved and installed)

Layout/ Message:

Rank/ Name																	
Branch/ Division																	
War or Time Served																	

Please mail completed form and payment to: Town of Stephens City
Veterans Memorial Brick Sponsorship

For questions or concerns please call or e-mail:
Brian P. Henshaw, Town Planner/ Assistant Town Manager
540-869-3087 or bhenshaw@stephenscityva.us

