



WINTER: JANUARY, FEBRUARY MARCH



*Happy Holidays and a Safe New Year!!*

# A MESSAGE TO OUR CITIZENS

## SNOW REMOVAL

The Town of Front Royal's goal during snow events is to provide continuous vehicle access. To do so, we must prioritize clearing arterial roads and then service residential streets. First and foremost we ask that all motorists stay off the streets (if possible) during a snow event. This ensures your safety and helps the Town employees to clean the streets more effectively and efficiently. We understand that our job is to clean the streets as quickly as possible and we will strive to do that this year. We need help from you as well:

- Find off-street parking if possible, so the streets can be cleared effectively.
- DO NOT push snow in the street as this creates a hazard for motorists. You could be liable for any accidents caused by this act.
- Understand that pushing snow into driveways is sometimes unavoidable as snow will roll off the edge of the plow. The main goal is to clear the streets for emergency vehicles.
- Please remove snow from sidewalks adjacent to your property.
- Please respect administrative staff when calling the office, as they do not have the ability to divert crews to your area.

### Additional Important Information:

- Snow must be removed from primary roads first (Royal Avenue, Commerce Avenue, Shenandoah Avenue). Residential areas will be tackled next.
- Snow plows are equipped with rubber tips, due to manholes and water valve covers; therefore, sometimes not getting the surface to bare pavement. You may notice this when you see trucks with their plows up.
- Salt works best when the sun is shining; therefore, you may notice the ice not melting fast enough. It is applied first and then plowing after approximately two inches has fallen.
- Snow is sometimes piled up in a Town Right-of-Way in a place not to impair sight distance at intersections. Crews will return to remove the snow at a later time.
- As always, please call 911 if there is ever any emergency. If you have any questions about the process of snow removal, please call the Public Works Department at 635-7819.



**In cases of large snow storms that give us large accumulations of snow and/or ice; plans to remove the accumulation from the streets will be slowed and we ask for patience as our crews work extra hard and long.**



Christmas Trees will be picked up beginning every Wednesday from December 28—January 11, 2012. They must be placed at curb line. Employees will not pick up trees on private property. All ornaments, tinsel and stands must be removed. Artificial and live trees with root balls will not be accepted. More Information is available at the Public Works Department at 635-7819.

**THE 2011 HOLIDAY TREE ORNAMENT is on sale for \$12.50 at the Front Royal -Warren County Visitors Center. The Visitors Center also sells T-shirts and sweat shirts. The Visitor's Center is located in the old train depot located on E. Main Street near the Gazebo.**



### The Front Royal Business Offices will be CLOSED:

- Friday, December 23, 2011 in observance of Christmas Eve—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, December 21, 2011
- Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, December 28, 2011
- Monday, January 2, 2012 in observance of New Year's Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, January 4, 2011
- Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Wed., Jan. 18, 2012
- Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of President's Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, January 22, 2012



**UTILITY GIFT PROGRAM**

If you are looking for that unique gift this year, we can help! We are offering you the ability to make a monetary gift to place on a family, neighbor or friends utility account. Once the gift is made, we will send the recipient a holiday card from you. You do have the option to remain anonymous. Due to the newness of the program you will have to come into the Business Office located at 15 N. Royal Avenue to place your gift. You may obtain more information about this wonderful program at (540)635-8007.



**ELECTRIC METER TAMPERING IS ILLEGAL and UNSAFE!**

If you are having difficulty paying your utility bill please call the Business Office immediately at (540) 635-7799.



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Learn how you can partner with the Police Department and help keep your neighborhood safe and secure for everyone. Please contact Janice Hart at the Police Department at 631-2763

**LEAF COLLECTION & YARD WASTE PICKUP ENDS JANUARY 11, 2012.** You may still bring your leaves and yard waste to the Manassas Avenue Extended Site every day, but Wednesday and Sunday from 9:00am—5:00pm. Wednesday Yard Waste Pickup will resume March 14, 2012. The site will be Closed Saturday, December 24, 2011.

**Friendly Reminder:**

**Town Hall** is located at 16 N. Royal Ave.

**Town Business Office** is located across the street at 15 N. Royal Ave.

Town Taxes, Utility Bills, Parking Tickets, Business Licenses Fees, and Vehicle Decals are to be paid at the Town Business Office.

**Business License Renewals** are due March 1, 2012. Applications will be mailed during the month of January. If you do not receive one please contact the **Business Office @ (540)635-7799.**



**INTERESTED IN STARTING OR EXPANDING YOUR BUSINESS?**

Starting or expanding a new business is certainly a complicated endeavor. However, the Front Royal Planning & Zoning Department can provide technical assistance that will help streamline the approval process. To begin, a consultation meeting with the Town Planner is recommended. During the consultation meeting, local rules and regulations can be evaluated for the new business or expansion project. Staff can also assist with other questions; provide instruction about various incentive programs; or simply help coordinate communication with separate entities, such as the Warren County Building Inspections Department and the Front Royal/Warren County Economic Development Authority.

To schedule a consultation meeting, contact the Department of Planning & Zoning (540) 635-4236.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTING**

Replace conventional incandescent holiday lights with new LED (*light emitting digital*) lights. They use a tenth of the energy for the same amount of light. LED uses between 1 & 3 kWh of energy, compared to between 12 to 105 kWh for traditional lights. LEDs lasts 4,000 hours compared to 2,000 hours over incandescent. Just (10) incandescent strands lit for 13 hours a day can easily add more than \$50.00 to an electric bill. Consider installing timers to reduce the amount of usage.



**Correction:** The Fall Newsletter stated that the EDA meets on the 3rd Friday of the month. It meets on the 4th Friday of the month and agendas may be obtained online at [www.wceda.com](http://www.wceda.com).

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