# Winterville at Work!

The Town of Winterville Mayor, Town Council, and Staff Wish All of You a Safe and Happy New Year!

The Town would like to remind residents of route changes during the New Year's Holiday. During the week of January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Town offices will be closed Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see the following adjustments to the scheduled routes:

- GFL will run the recycle service on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and garbage service on Wednesday, January 4th on the normal schedule.
- Regularly scheduled Limbs Route for Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> will run on Tuesday, January 3rd.
- Regularly scheduled Limbs Route for Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> will run on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Regularly scheduled Leaves and Grass Route for Wednesday, January 4th will run as normal.
- Regularly scheduled Limbs Route for Wednesday, January 4th will run on Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Regularly scheduled Leaves and Grass Route for Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> will run as normal.

Also, the Town would like to remind residents of route changes during the Martin Luther King Holiday. During the week of January 16th  $-20^{th}$ , Town offices will be closed Monday, January 16th. Please see the following adjustments to the scheduled routes:

- GFL will run the recycle service on Tuesday, January 17th and garbage service on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> on the normal schedule.
- Regularly scheduled Construction Debris Route for Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> will run on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Regularly scheduled Limbs Route for Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> will run on Tuesday, January 17th.
- Regularly scheduled Construction Debris Route for Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> will run on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Regularly scheduled Limbs Route for Tuesday, January 17th will run on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Regularly scheduled Leaves and Grass Route for Wednesday, January 18th will run as normal.
- Regularly scheduled Leaves and Grass Route for Thursday, January 19th will run as normal.

#### **TOWN OFFICE CLOSINGS**

The Town Offices will be closed for the following:

- New Year's Day Holiday: Monday, January 2, 2023.
- Martin Luther King Holiday: Monday, January 16, 2023

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk, Don Harvey at 252-756-2221 ext. 2344 or don.harvey@wintervillenc.com.

#### **Energy Saving Tips**

- Air seal your home. Sealing cracks, gaps and leaks and adding insulation can save up to 10% on home heating and cooling costs.
- Dress for the weather. When you're at home, dress in warm clothing in the winter and cooler clothing in the summer to stay comfortable without making your heater and AC work harder.
- Change your light bulbs to LEDs.
- Wash your clothes in cold water if possible.



### **Important Dates**

Monday, January 9th 7:00 pm **Regular Town Council Town Hall Assembly Room** 

Tuesday, January 17th 7:00 pm Planning and Zoning Board **Town Hall Assembly Room** 

Tuesday, January 17th 8:00 pm **Board of Adjustment Town Hall Assembly Room** 

Tuesday, January 24th 6:30 pm **Recreation Advisory Board Operations Center** 

**Thursday January 26th** 7:00 pm **Human Relations Board** 

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#### Winterville Utilities Electric Rate Change

Due to changes in the energy market, the Town had to react to remain financially secure. The Town has absorbed these increases for the past several months stabilizing rates for as long as possible. We realize that this increase will be an unpleasant change for our customers, so please know that we appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate these challenging times.

Please contact Customer Services at (252)756-2221 ext. 8009 with any questions or concerns.

#### **BEWARE OF THE GREASE GOBLIN**

Did You Know...

Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the Town's sewer main? You can help prevent a costly and unsanitary overflow by following a few simple steps:

#### Do Not

- \* Pour grease, fats, and oils from cooking down the drain.
- \* Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- \* Use the sewer as a means of disposing food scraps.

#### **Yard Waste**

#### Are You Contributing to Storm Drain Blockage?

If you are placing your grass clippings, leaves, limbs, or other debris in the streets, storm drains, or drainage ways; then the answer is yes.

You are contributing to storm drain blockage. These not

only create a visible nuisance, but it creates
major problems:

- It causes a traffic hazard due to vehicles turning out to miss it
- As it rains the waste is washed down into the storm drain system and builds up, which in turn causes flooding problems.
- Do not place grass clipping, yards debris, or anything else in the storm drain ditches. These drainage ways must remain open and clear of debris to keep from flooding.

#### Waste Pick Up By the Town

The Town of Winterville will **NOT** pick up any yard waste that is placed in the streets. Yard waste must be placed behind the curb and away from utility poles and other services for the town to pick it up . Chapter 98.028 of the Code of Ordinances prohibits placement of objects in streets, gutters, and other drainage ways.

#### **Winter Weather Awareness**

As temperatures begin to drop, update your emergency plans and restock your emergency supplies kit. Winter weather in North Carolina can be difficult to predict, so the message is always to have a plan. Now is the time to make a plan and prepare so that you and your family can weather the storm. Most deaths attributed to winter storms are the result of indirect dangers such as traffic accidents, falling trees, downed power lines, house fires and carbon monoxide poisoning resulting from improper use of space heaters, grills, and stoves.

#### Parks & Recreation Upcoming Program and Event Registration

Spring Cal Ripken Baseball – Begins January 1st Daddy Daughter Dance – Begins January 1st T-Ball & Pee Wee Baseball – Begins February 13th

For additional information please visit: <a href="https://www.wintervillenc.com/parks-and-recreation">https://www.wintervillenc.com/parks-and-recreation</a> or call 252-756-1487.

W.H. Robinson Elementary Ms. Williams 3rd grade class with Mayor Ricky Hines and Kinston Mayor Don Hardy.



#### Fire Prevention - Fire Escape Planning



Follow this link for planning tips and tools: <a href="https://www.wintervillenc.com/fire-rescue-ems">https://www.wintervillenc.com/fire-rescue-ems</a>

#### **SMOKE ALARMS**

If you need assistance with checking your smoke alarms or changing the battery, please contact the Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS Department at (252) 756-2515 or email at <a href="mailto:fireinspections@wintervillenc.com">fireinspections@wintervillenc.com</a>

#### **EMERGENCY DIAL 911**



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