

Winterville at Work!



The Pulse of the Police - March 2019



In our continuing effort to keep the citizens informed, the Police Department has expanded a more personal touch to the Town of Winterville newsletter. Along with our Website and Social Media platforms, we want to inform and reach as many citizens as possible. This section will share what Officers and your Department may be doing that may go unnoticed or not reported by other means.

- * On January 10th, I had the privilege of acting as one of the judges for the Boys and Girls Club "Youth of the Year" competition. What an awesome experience! The Boys and Girls club, located in Winterville, is helping mold our youth into some amazing young men and women who will no doubt be the next leaders in our society.
- * Officer Dobra, our School Resource Officer, also participated in a Visions meeting at the Boys and Girls Club on January 17th. The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm about the future design and capabilities of the Club as it grows and changes. Our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club gives us access to the youth of our community and forms relationships that will last for a lifetime.
- * We have compiled some 2018 statistics that may be of interest to the citizens of Winterville. This is a snapshot of some data as we reflect and recognize the hard work that your Officers of Winterville are doing and have done during 2018:
 - Officers wrote 4,961 citations resulting in 6799 charges;
 - Officers made 209 felony arrests and 358 misdemeanor arrests; and
 - Officers made 49 DWI arrests.
- * The Winterville Police Department strives to provide the highest level of law enforcement service to the Town of Winterville through professionalism, respect and a non-biased approach to all citizens. We will further grow in number (as we seek to fill our remaining openings) and capability in this upcoming year and continue our focus on meeting the needs of the community in which we serve.

Ryan C. Willhite
Chief of Police

Watch out for fake Winterville NC Utility bill pay site.

It has recently come to the Town's attention that there is an unofficial website accepting payments for Town of Winterville utility bills. *Doxo* is a bill pay service that charges a large fee for making payments using their service. They are simply a check writing service and is not in any way affiliated with the Town of Winterville. They are charging customers around seven dollars to write the Town a check on your behalf. Their checks can take as long as seven days to reach our customer service staff for payment processing. To reach official Town of Winterville online payment services, we recommend using a credit card at the direct bill pay service website of <https://billpay.wintervillenc.com>. Using the *billpay* site, you will only incur a \$2 convenience fee. Most importantly your payment will reflect on your account the same day unless received after 5 p.m. Any payment received after 5 p.m. will reflect on your account the next business day. We **Do Not Recommend** using this unofficial site operating with the name *Doxo* for payment processing. The unofficial link that you should **avoid** is <https://www.doxo.com/info/town-winterville-nc>.

Important Dates

March 11th at 7 p.m.
Town Council Meeting
Town Hall Assembly Room

March 17th
St. Patrick's Day

March 18th at 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Meeting
Town Hall Assembly Room

March 19th at 7 p.m.
Board of Adjustment
Meeting Town Hall Assembly
Room



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NEW 2018: Offering 2 Adult Softball Divisions: Open Division & Church Division

Winterville Slow Pitch Softball

Registration for Church League Softball begins **March 4, 2019**. All registrations and information must be received by the Winterville Parks and Recreation Department no later than **April 29, 2019** if you intend to participate this season. For more information please call (252) 756-1487 or visit www.wintervillenc.com.

Team Entry Fee

Men's: \$400.00 per team
Ladies: \$400.00 per team
Co-Ed: \$400.00 per team

Player Entry Fee

\$10.00 per player (living within Town limits)
\$20.00 per player (living outside Town limits)



AEROBIC LINE DANCING

WHERE: Winterville Operations Center located at 2936 Church Street.

COST: \$3.00 per session.
WHEN: Tuesdays from 7-8 pm.

Learn a new dance while taking part in a great form of low-impact exercise. Who knew exercise could be so much fun!

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T-Ball & Pee Wee Baseball Registration

When: Online: February 25th- March 13th (walk-in also available 8:00 am-5:00 pm)
Late: March 14th-17th (8:00 am-5:00 pm only); includes \$10 late fee

Where: Online: www.wintervillenc.com – click departments, parks & recreation, then “online registration & reservation” link.
Walk-In: 2936 Church Street Winterville, NC 28590 (Winterville Operations Center)

Divisions: T-Ball (4-5 year olds)
Pee Wee (5-6 year olds)

Fees: Resident: \$35
Non-Resident: \$45

Contact: Phone – (252) 756-1487,
Fax – (252) 756-1368,
Web www.wintervillenc.com

**Interested in coaching?
Please complete a coaching application online or at the Parks and Recreation Department office.**

Winterville Jr. Babe Ruth Baseball Registration

When: Online: March 25th-April 8th (Walk-in also available 8:00am-5:00pm)
Late Registration: Any registration after April 8th (includes \$10 late fee)

Where: Online: www.wintervillenc.com – click departments, parks & recreation, then “online registration and reservation” button. Walk-In: 2936 Church Street Winterville, NC 28590 (Winterville Operations Center)

Divisions: Ages: 13-15

Fees: Resident: \$50
Non-Resident: \$65

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GOLDEN AGE SENIOR DROP-IN PROGRAM

- * The purpose of the Golden-Age Seniors Drop-In program is to provide seniors, as individuals or groups, an opportunity to come together for games and activities in support of their independence and encourage involvement in community activities.
- * Seniors (ages 55+) will have an opportunity to participate in games, activities, and events accordingly on a weekly basis.
- * Games and activities may include (Bridge, Bingo, Puzzles, Cards, Aerobics, Zumba, etc.).

WHEN: March 14th Spring Flower Craft from 1:30pm-3:30pm
March 28th Winterville's Indoor Gardening Event from 1:30pm-3:30pm

WHERE: Winterville Operations Center Training Room located at 2936 Church Street
CONTACT: For more information, please call 252-756-1487. **COST:** FREE . *Unless noted otherwise.*

There will be limited spaces for participation, be sure to call our office for your spot today!

Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms. Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

<p>1 Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.</p>		<p>October 6, 2016</p> 	<p>2 Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.</p>
<p>3 Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.</p>			<p>4 Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.</p>

 <p>A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.</p>	 <p>Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.</p>	 <p>If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.</p>
 <p>Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.</p>		 <p>Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.</p>

For more information about smoke alarms, visit usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.

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U.S. Fire Administration



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 fireinspections@wintervillenc.com. **EMERGENCY DIAL 911**



Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.



For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.

 <p>Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.</p>	 <p>Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.</p>	 <p>Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.</p>
 <p>Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.</p>	 <p>When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.</p>	

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Fire Safety Pointers

*****NEWS RELEASE*****

Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths. With a few simple safety tips and precautions, most home heating fires can be prevented.

Be Warm and Safe this Winter!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- **Never** use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container outside. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Install and maintain Carbon Monoxide Alarms to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning with fuel burning heating appliances.



For Additional Information or Assistance Contact:

Town of Winterville Fire/Rescue/ EMS Department
(252) 215-2476
fireinspections@wintervillenc.com



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