



# The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



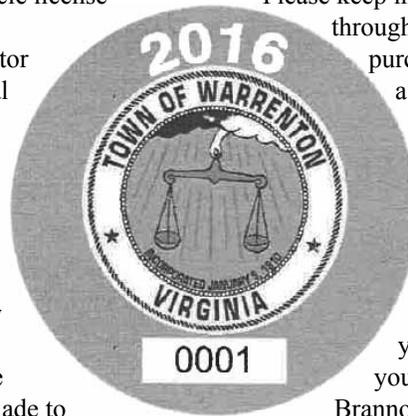
**In event of weather emergency tune your radio to WKCW, 1420 AM.**

## No More Town Vehicle Stickers In 2017

Beginning in 2017, Town residents will no longer be required to purchase and display a motor vehicle license decal by March 15th each year. In lieu of this requirement, residents will annually pay a Motor Vehicle License Fee with their annual Personal Property Tax bill.

Citizens will realize several benefits as a result of this change. First, there will be a temporary “windfall” to you while we synchronize the billing cycle. Instead of billing you for the decal in March 2017, the License Fee will be on your Personal Property Tax bill that is due December 15, 2017.

Second, you will no longer have to scrape your knuckles and awkwardly wield a razor blade to remove the old decal from your car windshield each year. After March 2017, feel free to keep the 2016 decal on as



long as you like; but there will be no replacement coming. Please keep in mind that your 2016 sticker is still in effect through March 14, 2017; if you move into Town or purchase a new vehicle, you will still need to have a sticker through the end of this decal year.

Third, the coincidental payment of the License Fee with your Personal Property Tax Bill means you no longer have to stand in line at Town Hall to purchase the decal or a transfer.

In light of increases to real estate tax and water and sewer charges this year, we hope you will find this to be one small benefit in your favor. If you have any questions, please call Brannon Godfrey, Town Manager, at (540) 347-1101 or [bgodfrey@warrentonva.gov](mailto:bgodfrey@warrentonva.gov). ■

## Town Wins VML Award

The Virginia Municipal League recently announced the winners of the 2016 Innovation Awards for excellence in local government. The Town of Warrenton won the Working with Youth Award for its Student Postcard Project.

Warrenton’s Student Postcard Project was based on the simple principle that students of today are the community leaders of tomorrow. Through the project, the Town meaningfully engaged children from kindergarten through high school in planning for its future as part of the public input process for its comprehensive plan.

In civics, art and English classes, students were asked to identify their favorite places in town and what they hoped their town could be like in 25 years. More than 1,000 students con-

tributed to a stunning display. The project succeeded in educating the next generation about their role in local government and gave them a voice in planning for its future. ■



## Taxes Due In December

Just to give residents a heads-up, Real Estate Tax (2nd half) and Personal Property Tax payments are due on or before December 15, 2016. You may notice that your real estate tax is a little higher for the second half of the year. This is because real estate taxes were increased from .015 to .05 for the second half of the year. ■

# Emerald Ash Borer Found In Warrenton

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is the non-native invasive pest affecting our ash trees. Though native to East Asia, it has been established in Virginia for several years, and has now unfortunately made its way into Warrenton. The adult is a metallic emerald green beetle about ½ inch long. The adults lay eggs on the bark of ash trees. When the eggs hatch, the larvae chew their way through the bark into the tree and feed on the inner bark as they grow. They pupate under the bark and emerge the following year as adults. The exit holes have a characteristic D-shape due to the insect's shape – a flat back and rounded underside.

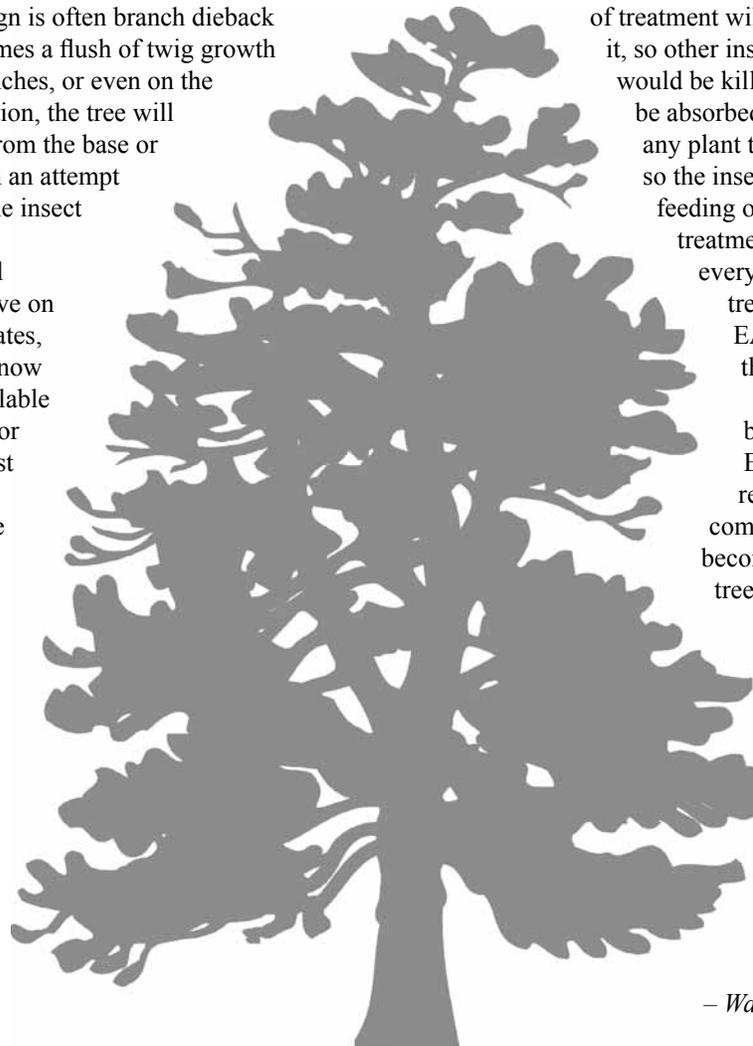
Emerald Ash Borers only affect ash trees, but they are 100% lethal to ash. White ash is the most common ash around Warrenton; it occurs both naturally and as a planted tree. EAB attacks trees as small as one inch in diameter, and trees typically begin showing signs of damage after they've been infested for 2 years. The first sign is often branch dieback at the top of the crown. Sometimes a flush of twig growth will occur further down the branches, or even on the main trunk. Later in the infestation, the tree will begin re-sprouting new shoots from the base or roots. Trees respond this way in an attempt to re-gain leaf area lost due to the insect damage.

Broad-scale landscape-level treatments have not been effective on EAB anywhere in the United States, so they are not being attempted now in Virginia. Treatments are available for individual trees, however. For treatments to be effective, at least 2/3 of the original tree crown must still be intact. Products are available that can be applied by homeowners as soil drenches. Others can be injected into the tree trunk, but this requires specialized equipment and skill, so it is generally only done by professional arborists.

Before applying a product to control EAB, read the label carefully. Make sure it lists Emerald Ash Borer as an insect the product controls, and follow all label instructions. The insecticides used in any type



*An adult Emerald Ash Borer, so named for its metallic green coloring. Image from Emerald Ash Borer Information Network, a collaborative effort of the USDA Forest Service and Michigan State University.*



of treatment will kill any insect that ingests it, so other insects feeding on ash trees would be killed. Also, soil drenches can be absorbed into the root system of any plant that has roots in that area, so the insecticide may affect insects feeding on other plants. Additionally, treatments need to be reapplied every one to two years. If treatment is ever stopped, EAB will infest the tree at that time.

If a tree needs to be removed because of EAB damage, it is best to remove it before the tree is completely dead. Ash wood becomes more brittle after the tree dies, and so can be more dangerous to cut than the average tree. If you're unsure about the status of your tree, you can contact a professional arborist for an assessment and recommendations. Arborists can be found through the website [www.goodtreecare.com](http://www.goodtreecare.com). ■

– Warrenton Tree Board

## Fall Clean-Up Schedule

Fall Clean-Up Week for the Town of Warrenton is scheduled for the week of October 17 – 21. Town trucks will provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that cannot be handled on the regular weekly refuse schedule. All items are to be placed on the street line by 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for your area. No return trips can be made. All trash and refuse must be placed in proper containers. Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse. Town crews will not pick up tree trimmings and brush cut by tree companies and contractors; it is the responsibility of the company doing the work. All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately.

The Town does pick up Freon appliances (air conditioning units, humidifiers/de-humidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, etc.). A local recycling company drains the Freon at no cost so we are able to pick them up. If you place a refrigerator or freezer out for pickup, the door must be removed.

Town crews also will pick up tires, but there is a fee of \$3 per tire. To have tires picked up (with or without rims) you must pay \$3 per tire. This is the amount the County Landfill charges. Call Public Works in advance to make arrangements. If the fee is not paid in advance or no arrangements have been made the tires will not be picked up. To make arrangements or if you have questions call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

## Items the Town Will Not Pick Up

The Town will not pick up the following items during Fall Clean-Up Week: dirt, rocks, sod, stumps, and large logs, concrete, blocks, bricks and slabs. Please, no masonry products, mattresses or box springs, televisions, computer monitors, printers, copiers, fax machines, battery packs, liquids, chemicals or paint. If any of these items are set out during Fall Clean-Up Week, they will not be picked up.

Some of these items can be taken or recycled at the landfill and there are fees to dispose of some of them. For more information on the cost or when you can take any of the items listed to the landfill, call the Fauquier County Waste Management Office at (540) 422-8840.

If you have paint cans that are empty or dried up, remove the lid and Town crews will pick them up.

## Fall Clean-Up Week Schedule

(See map on page 7.)

<b>Area A</b>	<b>Mon., October 17</b>
<b>Area B</b>	<b>Tue., October 18</b>
<b>Area C</b>	<b>Wed., October 19</b>
<b>Area D</b>	<b>Thu., October 20</b>
<b>Area E</b>	<b>Fri., October 21 ■</b>

## Time To Claim Your Bags

The Town of Warrenton would like to remind all Town residents that trash bag pick-up time starts October 1, 2016. For those citizens new to the area, the Town of Warrenton gives out one free box of 100 trash bags free to each Town residence per year. The Town also furnishes residents and businesses with recycling bags.

The bags are available at the Visitor Center at 33 N. Calhoun Street seven days a week from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. You will need to show some type of ID that displays your Town address.

Please note that recycling bags will not be picked up if used as trash bags or if the wrong items are placed in them. If you have any questions about the bags or the recycling programs, call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. If you have questions about picking up the bags, you can call the Visitor Center at (540) 341-0988. ■



*Free trash bags and recycling bags are available at the Warrenton Visitor Center (33 N. Calhoun Street).*



## Fall Leaf Collections

The Town's two fall leaf collections have been scheduled for November 7 – 18 and December 5 – 16. All property owners are requested to rake leaves to the street line by 8:00 AM on their first scheduled pick-up day. Do not rake leaves in ditch lines or gutters to prevent clogging. Locate leaves so that vehicles are not blocking them. Do not put brush, limbs, rocks or other debris with the leaves.

To find out what days Town crews will be in your area, see the schedule below and refer to the Special Collection Map, or you can check the Town's web site at warrentonva.gov under Fall Leaf Collection or call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

After completion of the second collection there will be limited collection up through January 6, 2017, after which any remaining leaves will have to be bagged and set out with household refuse.

### First Leaf Collection Schedule

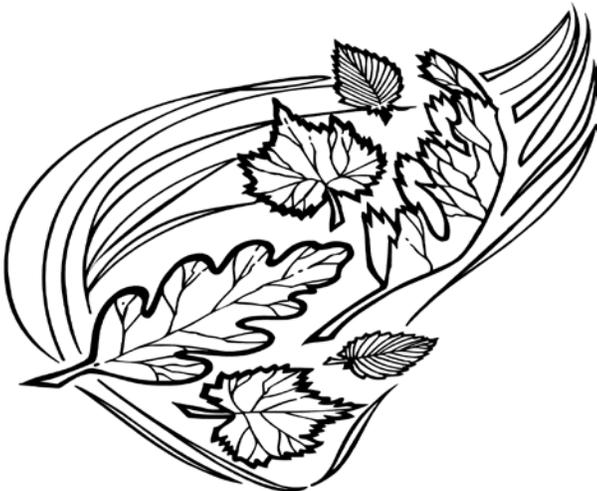
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- Area A**            **November 7 & 8**
- Area B**            **November 9 & 10**
- Area C**            **November 14 & 15**
- Area D**            **November 16 & 17**
- Area E**            **November 18**

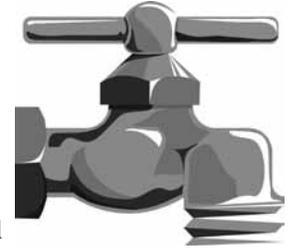
### Second Leaf Collection Schedule

(See map on page 7.)

- Area A**            **December 5 & 6**
- Area B**            **December 7 & 8**
- Area C**            **December 9 & 12**
- Area D**            **December 13 & 14**
- Area E**            **December 15 & 16 ■**



## Town Water Lines To Be Flushed



The Town of Warrenton Utilities Department has scheduled its semi-annual flushing of the water lines September 26 – October 27 (Monday thru Thursday) between the hours of 7:00 PM and 1:00 AM. This is a standard maintenance practice normally performed twice a year to clear the water lines of any sediment, and to inspect and exercise the valves and fire hydrants in the system.

If you experience any discoloration in your water, such as a rusty or brownish color, this can normally be resolved by running your cold water until it clears. This process usually takes two to seven minutes. Do not run the hot water to clear up the water. This only allows the discolored water to enter the hot water tank. If after all attempts have been made to clear up the water it is still discolored, please contact Warrenton Utilities Superintendent Richard Wines at (540) 347-1858 and a service person will respond.

The Town of Warrenton appreciates citizen's cooperation in this effort as we continue to provide the best possible service. ■



## Recycling Being Set Out Too Early

The Town would like to bring it to residents' attention that recycling is picked up on Wednesdays. Please do not set out your recycling prior to that day. We have been experiencing some recycling being placed out a day or two prior to Wednesday, and that means the refuse crews have to pick through and determine if it was set out for refuse or recycling. Then if crews pick it up by mistake, we get calls that "It was out for recycling, not trash." And if crews don't pick it up there is a chance it will get blown down the road or scattered about leaving it sitting out for a day or so.

We understand that some of you leave so early in the morning that you prefer setting your refuse or recycling out the night prior, and that is fine. But please not a day or two prior. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated. ■



# Parks And Recreation News

## Save the Dates

### Halloween Happyfest Parade

Warrenton Main Street

Sunday, October 30 – 2:00 PM

Assemble at 1:45 PM

@ 5th & Main Street

Pets in costumes welcome!

Trick-or-Treating following the parade  
at participating stores in Old Town.

### Trunk or Treat Friday, October 28

Check our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/warrentonaquaticandrecreationfacility)

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for more details after October 1st.

## WARF Hours of Operation

(Effective August 29 – June 4)

### Competition Pool & Fitness Room

Monday – Friday: 5:00 AM – 8:45 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 5:45 PM

Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

### Leisure Pool

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 8:45 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

### Spa

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 8:45 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 5:45 PM

Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

### Water Slide

Friday: 4:00 – 8:45 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

## September Membership Special

Get two months of membership FREE. Purchase or renew an annual membership in September and get two additional months FREE. (If renewing, membership must expire within 6 months of purchase.) See our front desk staff for full details.

## \$2 Tuesdays & Thursdays

Starting September 13th, every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 – 2:00 PM, you're able to gain admission to the WARF for a small charge of \$2, regardless of residency! This promotion is only available when Fauquier County Public Schools are in session. This promotion includes access to the pools and fitness room, but cannot be used towards fitness classes. No re-entry allowed with \$2 Tuesday and Thursday promotions.

## October Membership Special

Two months of membership for \$79.00, regardless of residency. Not valid with any other offer or promotion.

## WARF Swim Club

Take the plunge into WARF Swim Club, where those who have completed Level 5 swim lessons (or equivalent) can refine their technique, build endurance and just have fun. Learn starts and turns, build skills, and stay in shape in a supportive environment. Proper stroke technique is emphasized as students learn to improve their swimming abilities. This is not a swim team, but is a good bridge for those who wish to work towards participating with a competitive swim team.

Evaluations are available, when needed, to assess swimming ability and placement in the Swim Club. Please see a Front Desk staff member for more information. Go to [www.swimwarf.com](http://www.swimwarf.com) to get details and register today!



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## Learn-to-Swim Lessons at the WARF

Our swim lesson instructors are Red Cross Certified and are ready to teach you and your family how to swim. Swimming is a skill that everyone should master. Lessons are available for children and adults of all skill levels. We offer group, semi-private, and private lessons. The Aquatics Booklet is available at the Front Desk and online. Online registration is now available. Go to [www.swimwarf.com](http://www.swimwarf.com) to register today.



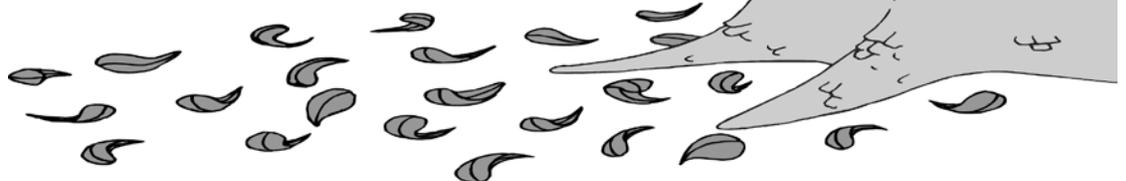
## Soofa Benches

The Town of Warrenton Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the installation of two Soofa benches in August. What is a Soofa bench? A Soofa bench is an invention created by a group of female graduates from MIT who wanted to create technologically savvy park equipment. This bench has a built-in solar powered charging station from which you can charge your phone, tablet, iPad, and other electronic devices while you sit and enjoy the outdoors, prepare for another round of Pokémon Go, or rest between workout intervals.

Through the generosity of the PATH Foundation, the Parks and Recreation Department has purchased two of these benches. Councilman Sean Polster first discovered the Soofa benches at the National League of Cities Convention and thought they would be great for Warrenton. The benches are made of sustainably harvested materials and are built in the United States.

“The Town of Warrenton is the first in Virginia to install Soofa benches, and we couldn’t be more excited,” Sandra Richer, Co-founder and CEO of Soofa said. “The Town embodies everything we look for in early adopters as it has a commitment to being sustainable and innovative, and a very engaged community.”

One bench will be placed in front of the Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility while the second bench will be placed in the Athey Fields Area of the Complex. These benches will modernize our parks while still encouraging outdoor activities. The Town Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank the PATH Foundation and the Soofa Company for making these benches a part of our community. ■



[www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov)

## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Columbus Day – October 10

**Monday, 10/10/16** – Holiday: no refuse collection

**Tuesday, 10/11/16** – Monday & Tuesday’s refuse collection

**Wednesday, 10/12/16** – Recycling collection  
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

**Thursday, 10/13/16** – Regular refuse collection

**Friday, 10/14/16** – Regular refuse collection

### Veterans Day – November 11

**Monday, 11/7/16** – Regular refuse collection

**Tuesday, 11/8/16** – Regular refuse collection

**Wednesday, 11/9/16** – Recycling collection  
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

**Thursday, 11/10/16** – Thursday & Friday’s refuse collection

**Friday, 11/11/16** – Holiday: no refuse collection

### Thanksgiving – November 24

**Monday, 11/21/16** – Regular refuse collection

**Tuesday, 11/22/16** – Regular refuse collection

**Wednesday, 11/23/16** – Recycling collection  
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

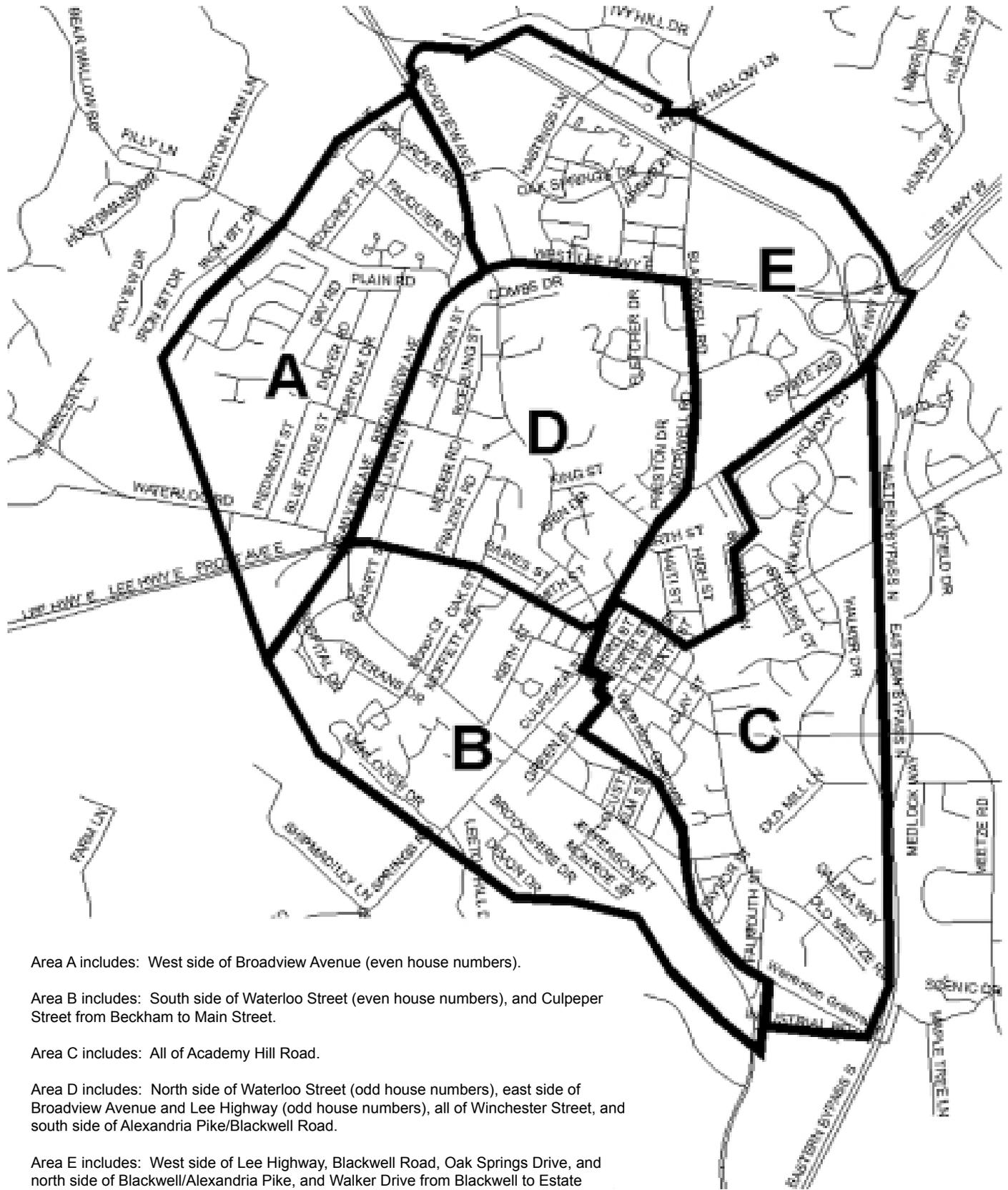
**Thursday, 11/24/16** – Holiday: no refuse collection

**Friday, 11/25/16** – Holiday: no refuse collection

*NOTE: There will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) over the holidays and weekends for any Town residents wishing to dispose of their refuse. This is for regular household refuse only. ■*

# Town Area Map

(for special collections)



Area A includes: West side of Broadview Avenue (even house numbers).

Area B includes: South side of Waterloo Street (even house numbers), and Culpeper Street from Beckham to Main Street.

Area C includes: All of Academy Hill Road.

Area D includes: North side of Waterloo Street (odd house numbers), east side of Broadview Avenue and Lee Highway (odd house numbers), all of Winchester Street, and south side of Alexandria Pike/Blackwell Road.

Area E includes: West side of Lee Highway, Blackwell Road, Oak Springs Drive, and north side of Blackwell/Alexandria Pike, and Walker Drive from Blackwell to Estate Avenue.



**Town Office Hours  
and Telephone Numbers**

*Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

*The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.*

Economic Development.....	422-8275
Finance Department.....	347-1102
Fire Department.....	347-0522
Inspections.....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief.....	347-1105
Police Station.....	347-1107
Non-emergency.....	347-1100
<b>Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Planning and Zoning.....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center).....	349-2520
Recycling.....	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager.....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills.....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
TTD/TTY.....	1-800-828-1120

**After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency  
347-1100**



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