

# The Town Crier



A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton

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## Town Hires Economic Development Manager

The Town of Warrenton has a new Economic Development Manager working on behalf of local businesses and the Town government. She is Heather Stinson, a northern Virginia native with a rich background in economic development. She assumed her duties in mid-February.

In January the Warrenton Town Council voted unanimously to fund a full-time economic development manager position for the Town. While Stinson will technically be a part of the Fauquier County Economic Development Office team, she will work exclusively on Town matters.

The Town Council felt that it was time to have a manager concentrating on bringing new business to the Town, and working on behalf of existing Warrenton businesses. The Council also feels that Stinson may become a valuable liaison between the Town and County governments, improving the working relationship in regards to economic development.

Prior to coming to Warrenton, Stinson was a project manager for the Loudoun County Administrator's office. She's also served in policy and project management for an economic development consulting firm, and on the economic development staffs of Stafford County, VA and Victoria, TX.



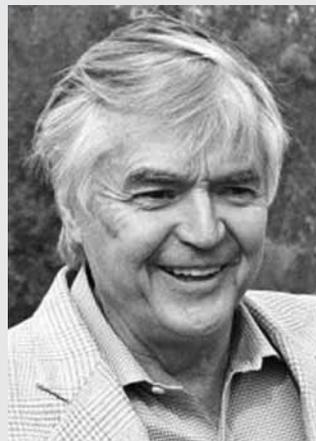
Stinson holds a bachelor's of economics degree from George Mason University, and lives in Chantilly, VA with her husband. ■

## So Long, Friend

As 2014 came to a close, so did a significant chapter in the life of Warrenton. The Town of Warrenton lost a friend December 30 when former Mayor George Fitch passed away of cancer at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. He was 66 years old.

Fitch served as Mayor for 16 years, and was one of the driving forces behind the development of the Warrenton Aquatics and Recreation Facility (WARF). Upon his retirement as Mayor last year, the Town Council voted to name the facility in his honor.

During his tenure, Fitch worked to reduce taxes and government spending, and sought to develop an energy



generation station at the Fauquier County Landfill that would run on trash. He also was a strong supporter of the Mosby Museum.

The Town of Warrenton wishes to express its sympathy to Mayor Fitch's wife and family, and its appreciation for his years of tireless service to the citizens of Warrenton. ■

**GEORGE B. FITCH**  
**1948 – 2014**

# Deputy Chief Dillon Appointed

The Warrenton Police Department (WPD) is proud to announce that Gary M. Dillon has been appointed as the WPD's Deputy Chief. A veteran law enforcement Officer, Gary brings considerable experience and leadership skill to the WPD. He was selected from a large pool of qualified candidates.

Prior to being named Warrenton's new Deputy Chief, Gary served for ten years as the Manager of the Virginia Accreditation Center at the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Through Gary's vision, the program that sets and requires higher standards for its participating agencies has developed into a national model and leader in its field.

In his capacity with DCJS, Gary coordinated and drafted several important model policies for the agency, including best practices for Eyewitness Identification, Human Trafficking, Law Enforcement Usage of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones), and Auxiliary Police Officers. Gary has been a presenter to the Virginia Criminal Justice Services Board, Secretary of Public Safety, and the Virginia Crime Commission on topics relating to best practices in law enforcement.

Prior to his work with the DCJS, Gary was a supervisor with the Charlottesville Police Department, as well as their Accreditation Manager. He's also worked for other law enforcement agencies, and was instrumental in the creation of the West Point, Virginia Police Department.

Having worked with a majority of the Commonwealth's law enforcement agencies, Gary has a wealth of knowledge



and understanding of police policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

Gary holds a BS in Criminal Justice Administration and is currently participating in a Master's program seeking a degree in Public Administration. He is married with two children. ■

## Clean Water is a Community Effort

This past year the Town of Warrenton was designated a "Municipal Small Storm Sewer System" (designated MS4) by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. With this designation, the Town is developing a program to protect and enhance the water quality of the streams in and around the Town. "Streams?" you ask. "There are no streams in Warrenton." Ah, but there are! If you haven't noticed before, there are several active streams in Town that feed tributaries of the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. Main Street is the drainage divide, with the north side draining to the Potomac and the south side to the Rappahannock. The flow of rain and melting snow over yards, parking lots, streets, driveways and rooftops and other surfaces, that isn't absorbed into the ground is called storm water runoff. As storm water runoff travels across these surfaces into the ditches and storm sewers, it picks up dirt, trash, oil, fertilizers and other pollutants that are carried into the local streams and eventually to the Chesapeake Bay.

To achieve higher water quality and environmental protection under MS4 will take a community effort. The Town will be developing programs and projects on a larger

scale, but residents and businesses also can play an important role in the cleanup and maintenance of local streams. There will be follow on articles on this subject with tips on what everyone can do to help. Here are just a few to start:

- Pickup after your dogs and pets. Other than being an unpleasant public nuisance, pet waste left on the ground adds bacteria to the streams.
- Don't rake or blow leaves or yard debris into the street or storm drains. Not only does this block drains and cause flooding, but it adds unwelcomed sediments to the streams.
- Don't over fertilize your lawn. Follow the instructions on the bag and, better yet, get a soil test from the local extension office to fully understand what your lawn actually needs. ■

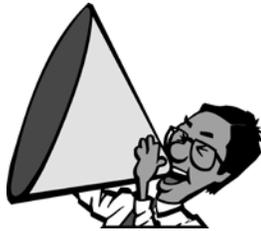


# WARF News

*From the Town of Warrenton Parks and Recreation Department*

## Help Us Spread the Word!

Did you know that many people are surprised when they find out that anyone can visit the WARF, regardless of their residency? Many are also surprised to find out that you don't have to be a member to visit the WARF. The WARF is a Town of Warrenton facility, and Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County residents do receive discounted rates. But anyone can visit the WARF, whether you live in Warrenton, Fauquier County or beyond! So spread the word.



## Learn to Swim!



Did you know that swimming is the only sport that can save lives? Learning to swim is the single most important skill

you and your family can have to stay safe in and around the water. That's why investing in swim lessons for your family is not only a fun activity to participate in, but it is also a skill that will have lasting value for a lifetime.

The WARF offers group swim lessons for all ages and ability levels. A variety of aquatic programs are available for youth. Swim lessons are available from Parent/Child through Youth Level 5. In addition to swim lessons, we also offer the WARF Swim Club. WARF Swim Club is a non-competitive fun swim club for those who have completed Level 5 of swim lessons. Summer Prep is another popular offering. Summer Prep is perfect for those who want to get back in the water after the winter season and get ready for their summer swim team tryouts.

The WARF also offers Lifeguard Certification courses, as well as Water Safety Instructor courses.

## Registering for WARF Classes

Online Registration is now open for all of the WARF's spring and summer classes! A Complete listing of classes can be found at [www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov) (under Parks & Rec/ Aquatics). Follow the directions for online registration, or stop by the WARF front desk to sign up for the class of your choice. Classes fill quickly, so register today!

## Another Successful Swim Season at the WARF

Another very successful high school swim season at the WARF has come to an end. High School swim season is a very busy time of year, and the WARF would like to thank the community, its members, and patrons for all of their support. Hosting swim teams provides local high school athletes a chance to participate in competitive swimming and provides the basis for lifetime fitness.



Business from swim teams is not only beneficial to the WARF, but also to its patrons and the community. Renting the WARF for swim practices and competitions brings in revenue that helps keep membership fees low and allows for high quality classes and amenities to members at incredible savings. Swim competitions hosting teams from out of town bring in families from across the region. These visitors would not have otherwise been in Warrenton and brought in valuable business to our Town's stores, restaurants, and hotels.

By supplying a venue for teams to practice and compete, the WARF is helping local youth have more opportunities to develop their interest in swimming, many beyond the basic level.

## 2015 Bodies in Motion 5K & 10K Race

The 4th annual Bodies in Motion 5K & 10K race will be held on Sunday, May 17 at the Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility (WARF). The Bodies in Motion 5K & 10K is a fundraising event presented by the Blue Ridge Orthopaedic Foundation (BROF). The event, which also includes a 1-mile fun run, will be for runners and walkers. There will also be activities for children of all ages. Registration is available online through Active.com. For more information, please visit

[www.bodiesinmotion5K.com](http://www.bodiesinmotion5K.com)

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## Two-Dollar Tuesdays



The WARF is offering its “Two-Dollar Tuesdays” special through the end of the school year. Come in on Tuesdays and purchase a day pass for only \$2.00 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM. Come enjoy the WARF at this great discounted price!

## Save These Dates for Summer Fun

Friday, July 3, is the date for “Warrenton Town Limits: A Hometown Celebration.” This event is a celebration of everything Warrenton. There will be live music, an obstacle course, vendors, food, swim time at the WARF, Zumba, a children’s area and much more. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display. This event promises to be fun for everyone. For details, visit warrentontownlimits.com.

Also new this summer – Movies in the Park. The Recreation Committee will be hosting movie nights at Eva Walker Park this summer on May 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, and August 14. Join us for these free, family-friendly evenings in our beautiful park. Movies begin at dusk. Bring a chair and snack. ■



## Reminder

1st Half of 2015  
Real Estate  
Taxes are due  
on June 15th.



## On the Lookout for Emerald Ash Borer

Originally from Asia, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) (*Agrilus planipennis*) has been in the US since 2002. It’s responsible for killing many ash trees from the midwest to the east coast.

While ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) is not a large component of our forests in Virginia, it can be very prevalent in the urban areas. Though EAB has been in the northern Virginia area for years, only recently has it been verified in Fauquier County (last summer). In January of this year, it was found that EAB would also kill fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) too.



The adult beetles are approximately ½ inch long and a bright metallic green color. When their wings are displayed a purple-red abdomen is exposed. Larvae are creamy white with a tan colored head.

EAB kills ashes by disrupting the water and nutrient flow of the tree. The adult is present from May to August, feeds on foliage and then deposits eggs under the bark. The new larvae bore under the bark to feed in the cambium layer. This activity leaves “S” shaped galleries that eventually girdle the tree. The larvae overwinter under the bark and when they emerge leave a distinct “D” shaped exit hole.

Inspecting your ash trees regularly is key to finding out if you have EAB. Signs and symptoms such as branch die back, epicormic sprouts, D-shaped exit holes, S-shaped galleries under the bark, metallic green adults and a high number of woodpecker holes on ash trees can all indicate its presence.

If you suspect EAB, please contact the Department of Forestry (540) 347-6358 and contact a certified arborist. Arborists for this area can be found at [www.goodtreecare.com](http://www.goodtreecare.com). Options of what to do with infested trees are dependent upon the level of infestation, the aesthetic value of the tree to the landowner and other considerations. Systemic herbicides can be applied as a preventative measure, but this should only be prescribed and applied by a certified arborist.

While the outlook for ash trees looks dim, homeowners can still promote healthy and resilient trees on their property by diversifying the species they plant and properly taking care of them. Having a certified arborist periodically inspect trees is a good investment to ensure tree health. One lesson we can learn from EAB is the importance of having a diverse urban forest that will persist should another pest come along. As always, when planting new trees think “right tree, right place!” For more information:

- [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)
- Virginia Department of Forestry: [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension: <http://www.ext.vt.edu/> ■

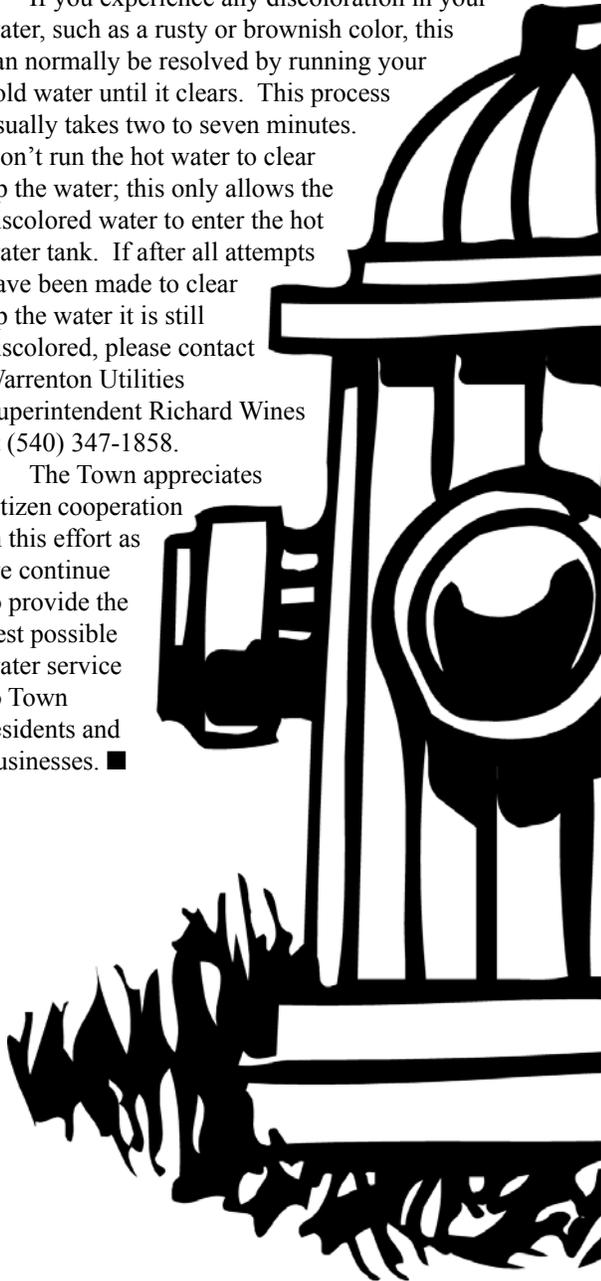
## Water Line Flushing Scheduled

The Town of Warrenton Utilities Department has scheduled its bi-annual flushing of the water lines March 30 – April 30, 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.

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.

Don't 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.

The Town appreciates citizen cooperation in this effort as we continue to provide the best possible water service to Town residents and businesses. ■



## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Memorial Day – May 25

**Monday, 5/25/15** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 5/26/15** – Monday and Tuesday's refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 5/27/15** – Recycling collection  
*(newspapers, cardboard, bags)*  
**Thursday, 5/28/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Friday, 5/29/15** – Regular refuse collection

### Independence Day – July 4

**Monday, 6/29/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 6/30/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 7/1/15** – Recycling collection  
*(newspapers, cardboard, bags)*  
**Thursday, 7/2/15** – Thursday and Friday's refuse collection  
**Friday, 7/3/15** – Holiday; no refuse collection

### Labor Day – September 7

**Monday, 9/7/15** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 9/8/15** – Monday and Tuesday's refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 9/9/15** – Recycling collection  
*(newspapers, cardboard, bags)*  
**Thursday, 9/10/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Friday, 9/11/15** – Regular refuse collection

*NOTE: For your convenience, there will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) during the holidays. ■*

## Make-Over for Town Website!

The Town's website is being redesigned! We are looking forward to having a more vibrant and user-friendly website within the next few months. As part of the process, we will also be migrating to a new online payment system. ■

# Spring Clean-Up Scheduled

Spring Clean-Up Week for the Town of Warrenton is scheduled for the week of April 13 – 17. 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.

Please place all items on 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 or contractors; that's the responsibility of the company doing the work. All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately. Dirt, rocks, sod, stumps and large logs will not be picked up.



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

The collection crews can take away your old tires for you, but there is a \$3 fee 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, your tires will be left behind. To make arrangements, or if you have questions, call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

The Town can no longer pick up mattresses or box springs. You can take them to the Fauquier County Landfill yourself, but

there is a fee for disposing of them.

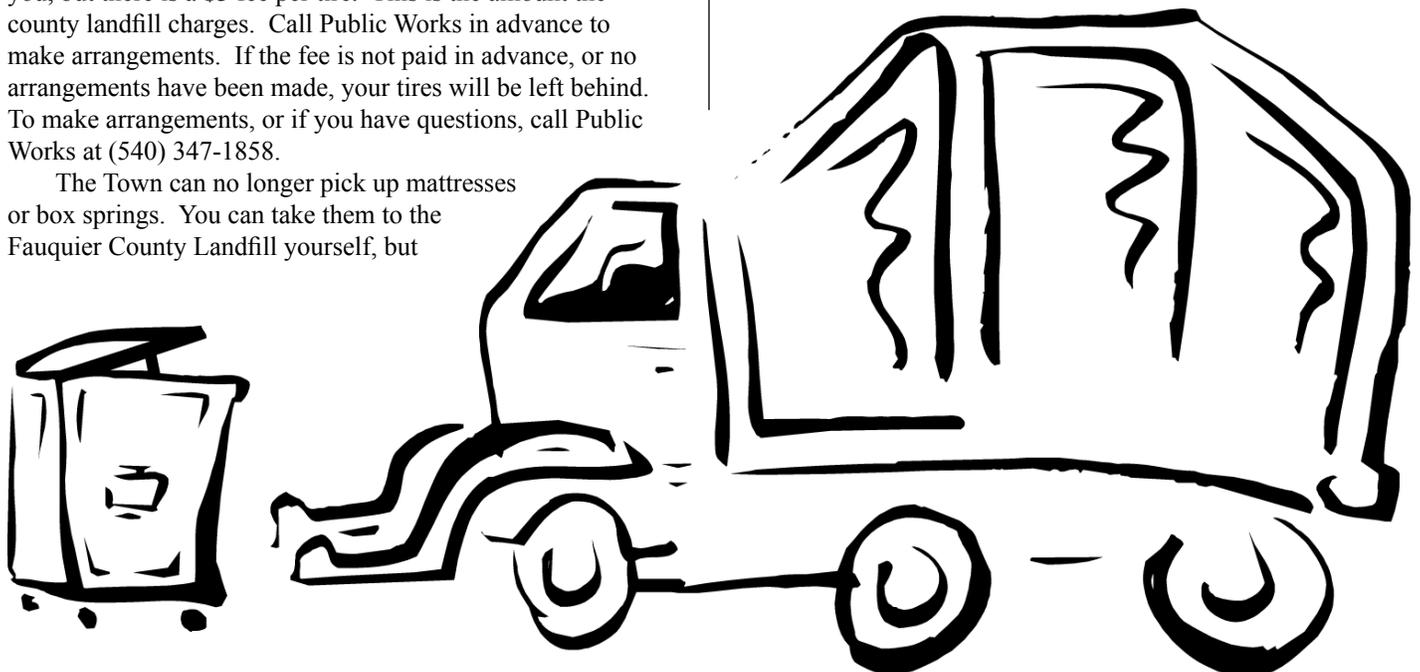
Also, the Town does not pick up TVs, computer monitors, printers, copiers, fax machines, battery packs or any type of liquid, chemicals or liquid paint. But the landfill does take these items for recycling. There is a modest fee for disposing of some of these items. For more information on costs or when you can take any of the items listed to the landfill, call the Fauquier County Waste Management Office at (540) 422-8840. If any of these items are set out during Clean-Up Week, they will not be picked up.

If you have paint cans that are empty or dried up, remove the lids and Town crews will take these during Clean-Up Week. ■

## Spring Clean-Up Week Schedule

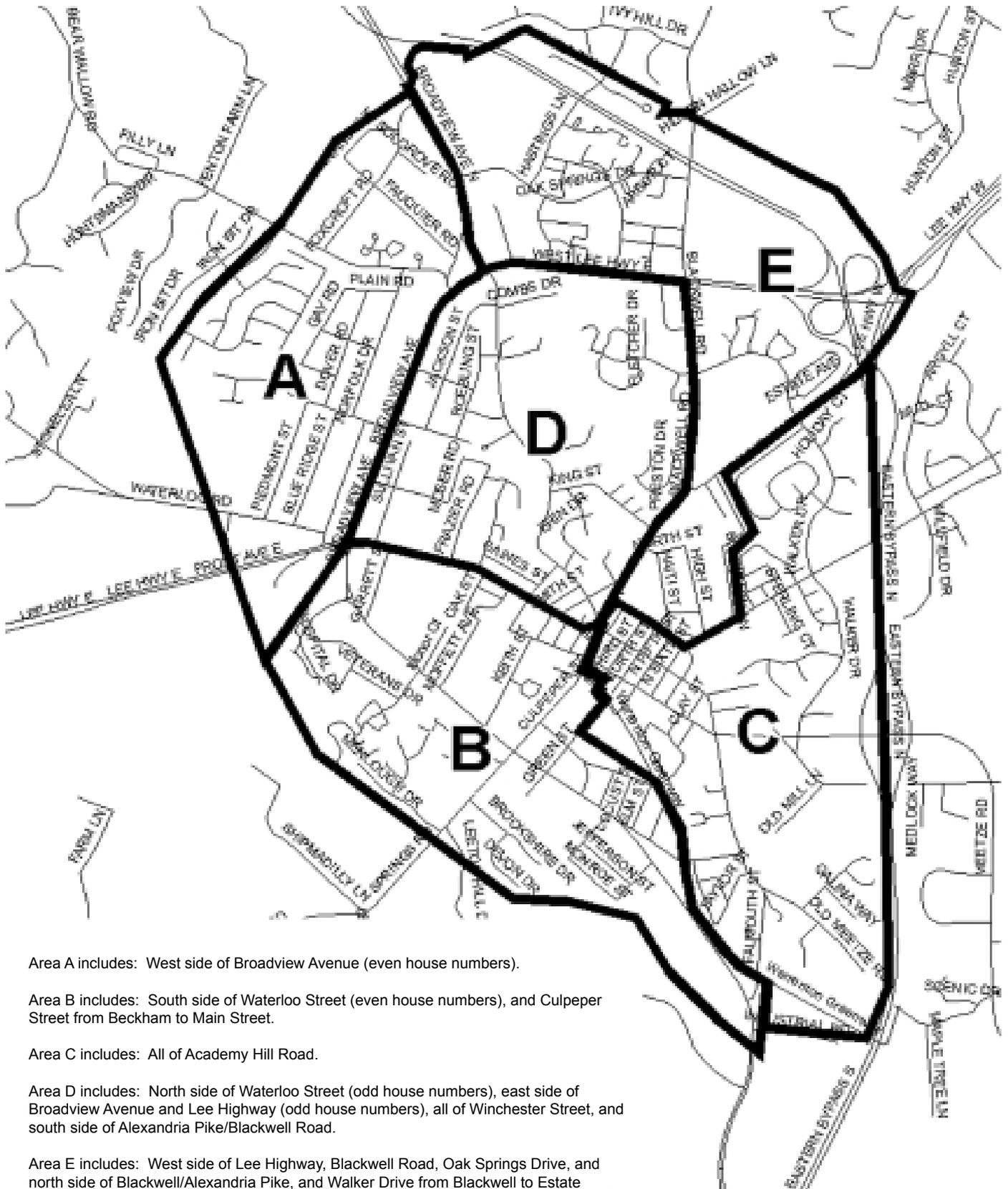
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Area A	Monday, 4/13/15
Area B	Tuesday, 4/14/15
Area C	Wednesday, 4/15/15
Area D	Thursday, 4/16/15
Area E	Friday, 4/17/15



# 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**



*Happy Spring!*  
*From the Town of Warrenton*

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