

What's NEWS in Star City?

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Next Star City Vision & Development Task Force Meeting-Monday January 9, at 7 PM
- Next Council meeting-Tuesday, Dec 20, 7:00 PM
- CHRISTMAS (observed) Monday, Dec 26th
- New Year's Day (observed) Monday, Jan 2

See Note on Page 3 regarding Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule!

Upcoming
Council Meetings:
January 3, 2006
January 17, 2006
January 31, 2006
at 7pm.

All residents are encouraged to attend!

PLAYGROUND

We still need your help! It's a great playground but around \$23,000 still has to be raised to cover the debt.

Donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

Checks should be made payable to: Community Build Playground and sent to: PO Box 4548 Star City, WV 26504

Its Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

You may have noticed that on Monday, November 28, the Christmas decorations were placed on the poles, heralding the beginning of the holiday season here in Star City. What you may not know is just how much preparation this job entails.

There are a total of thirty-five "shooting star" Christmas decorations that adorn the light poles along University and Boyers Avenues. There are also three swirl and star decorations that grace the front of city hall. These decorations contain approximately 6000 red and green "chaser"-type lights. The lights are lit twenty-four hours a day all through the month of December. The current decorations were purchased in 1994 and were originally a white star with a green tail. In 2002, the decorations had become a bit shabby, so they were sent to C.J. Products, the manufacturer, for refurbishing. At that time, the star was changed to red but retained the green tail.

At the beginning of November, the decorations have to be unpacked and inspected for damage. Then Carl Davis makes an order for replacement bulbs. The bulbs need replacing because they have burned out or because the paint that gives them their color has chipped off. Unfortunately, even though these are outdoor decorations, they are still just as fragile as the ones we buy for our homes. This year, he needed to order 1,000 red bulbs and 4,300 green bulbs. When the replacement bulbs arrive, each burned out or chipped bulb needs to be changed by hand. This usually takes a week or two, with the public works department employees changing them in their spare time.

After all the bulbs are changed and the decorations are in working order, Carl then has to make arrangements to use City Neon's bucket truck in order to install them, since the city doesn't have that type of truck. We are very grateful that City Neon donates their time in order to assist with this project. The decorations are always up by the end of November and remain on the poles until January, when they are taken down and stored until the next year.

So when you see the beautiful lights glowing in the December darkness, enjoy them!



*Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year
from the
Town of
Star City!*

Flowering Trees Planted In Memoriam

[As printed in the 11/14/05 issue of the Dominion Post] by Mary Hinchliff

A section of Star City's Caperton Trail will provide visitors with flowers and shade in memory of local residents. Five flowering trees—including dogwood, Japanese cherry, flowering plum, and kwansan cherry—were planted in Star City, each in memory of a former member of the Morgantown North Rotary Club. A plaque placed at the base of each small tree was unveiled November 13, 2005 in memory of Missy Wolfe, Barbara Fierst, Marty Goldman, Dennis Overman, and John Maxwell. The memorial trees are located along the rail trail, near the waterfront and Tugboat Depot playground. The flowering tree planting was possible through the combined efforts of the Star City Common Interest Group and Morgantown North Rotary Club, as well as friends and family members of the deceased. Vicki Cosner, head of the beautification committee of Star City's Common Interest Group, said that once grown, the trees will produce shade along the rail trail while providing a beautiful way to remember loved ones.

For more information on placing memorial flowering trees, bushes, or benches along the Star City trail, please call 599-3550.



Scott Goldman and his son, Ike, of Pittsburgh unveil the plaque dedicated to Scott's father, Marty Goldman.

Police Notes

The Star City Police Department had received money again this year from the Highway Safety Program. This money will be used to run extra DUI patrols the week of New Year's Eve. Save A Life, Don't Drink and Drive!

Protect yourself during the holiday season. When out shopping, use the following 'good sense' safety tips: Make sure your car doors are locked. Place your purchases in the

trunk so they can't be seen. Hook the shoulder strap of your purse across your body to deter purse snatchers. If you receive phone calls soliciting donations, ask them to send paperwork in the mail—don't give out credit card or checking account information over the telephone.

*Watch your speed on
roads and alleys!*

New Recruits?

Congratulations to Patrolman Mike Teets and wife Janice, who welcomed daughter Makayla Marie to their family on June 22, 2005. Makayla has a brother, Sean, age 4.

Congratulations to Patrolman John Tanton and wife Kathy, who welcomed son Kaleb Alexander to their family on September 2, 2005. Kaleb has a brother, Jonathan, age 5.

WHAT'S NEW?

Recently, the Town of Star City started up its own WEBSITE. Although it is still in the very simple first stages, the site is up and running. With help of Blaine Turner Advertising, we were able to set up a very professional looking site, which we hope will be of use to all of our residents and guests in the future. Please visit us at www.starcitywv.com and let

us know what you think. If there are any suggestions for making the site more useful for residents, please call the business office and let us know. We want the site to be as user-friendly and helpful as it can possibly be!

A Special Note From Chief Forbes

"I would like to personally thank all the citizens of Star City for their patience and cooperation for another successful football season. Traffic has always been a major concern for Star City. Once again the citizens have shown they are the finest citizens in the area!"

Tugboat Depot-A Community Favorite

by Jill Nettles, Morgantown Times

Over a five day period in June 2005, hundreds of area residents came together to build Tugboat Depot, a Community Built Playground. Located near the river on Frontier Avenue next to the rail trail, Tugboat Depot has become a favorite of kids, parents, grandparents, and others in the Greater Morgantown area. It features bouncing bridges, a tree house, a tire swing, a twisting slide, and a maze/rock wall. With its unique and original design, bright colors, and maze of towers is a delightful and imaginative place for children to play.

The playground began within the Star City Vision 2020 Project and has grown with the support of several businesses, individuals, and community organizations. The playground, which cost \$96,000 (not counting the labor) to build, offers two separate areas, a *Tot Lot* for children five and under and a main playground for older children. There is also a tugboat, a train, wiggle beams, and spider webs. The playground was designed by Leathers and Associates, a company from New York, along with input from local school children. As Rebecca Hunn, Steering Committee member, said "The playground is a healthy alternative to indoor activities. This playground gets kids active and gets them thinking. It's an alternative to TV and video games."

The community has supported the playground with thousands of dollars in donations, materials, and services. Unfortunately, there is still some debt to pay off. The Steering Committee will be holding fund-raisers in order to raise these additional funds. Be on the lookout for announcements about these fund-raisers!

The Steering Committee is still selling commemorative fence pickets and brick pavers with names on them. A Picket and paver form is on the back of this newsletter. Pickets are \$25.00 and Pavers are \$50.00; pickets will go on the fence surrounding the playground and the pavers will be placed in a decorative pattern in the playground this spring.

SPECIAL NOTICE! PLEASE READ:

The Town of Star City will be observing Christmas Day on Monday, December 26. All Monday garbage customers should place their garbage out on TUESDAY morning for pickup. Tuesday and Wednesday regular pickups will be made on WEDNESDAY. Thursday and Friday will be picked up on their regular schedule. The same schedule will apply for New Year's Day, which will be observed on Monday, January 2.

Yes, we do pick up Christmas Trees! Trees may be placed out with your regular garbage on your regular pickup day .



Left: Memorial Tree plaque along the Rail Trail.



Right: The tire swing is the most popular activity at Tugboat Depot! The kids love it.



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Monday through Friday

8:00AM--4:00 PM



*Star City-Where Our Citizens And
Guests are STARS!*



For information about emergencies such as water main breaks, please listen to radio station **97.9 WKKW**.

**Please consider a donation to the “Tugboat Depot” playground.
Contact information on the front page of this newsletter. THANKS
TO A GREAT COMMUNITY!**



Cut Here!

Help Support Tugboat Depot!

Fence Picket or Brick Paver Order Form

Please make checks payable to:

Community Build Playground, P.O. BOX 4548, Star City, WV 26504-4548

Fence Pickets—\$25.00 17 characters total, including spaces:

Brick Pavers—\$50.00 3 lines, twelve characters per line including spaces
