

What's NEWS in Star City?

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Next CIG Meeting-Monday August 1, 7 PM
- Next Council meeting-Tuesday, Aug 2, 7:00 PM
- **Labor Day Holiday-Monday, September 5—GARBAGE for Monday will be picked up on TUESDAY. All other day's pickups should be on their regular day!**

Council Meetings are held
EVERY
OTHER
TUESDAY
at 7pm.
All residents are encouraged
to attend!

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Under the leadership of the Morgantown North Rotary Club, the community pulled together to build an awesome new play space on the Rail Trail in Star City called Tugboat Depot. The construction was accomplished in 14 days start to finish. Isn't it amazing what can happen when people pull together for a common goal? Come out and play!

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. Thank You!



Town Hall Meeting Results

The Town Hall Meeting was held on June 23, 2005 with the visioning committee, various citizens, and Mayor Sharp. The turnout was small, but the quality of the ideas presented was HUGE. Those in attendance did not hesitate

about giving both opinions and ideas. There was lots of interest and excitement about where the Town of Star City is going. Among the things discussed were what the city's physical appearance should be, what kinds of development needed on

the waterfront, what kind of jobs can be attracted, the most exciting things happening now, what do citizens NOT want to see, and what are the top three projects where public resources should be committed. Another meeting to discuss these ideas is in the works!

Some More Shots of the Playground Construction



Sanitation

The following are the **ONLY** days (this year) that the Star City Offices will be closed and garbage will not be picked up:

**LABOR DAY
MONDAY SEPT 5**

**VETERAN'S DAY
FRIDAY NOV 11**

**THANKSGIVING
THURSDAY NOV 24**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
MONDAY DEC 26**

Ordinance Focus

Ordinance 505.10(b) No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such to run at large in the Town. Any person who permits such shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to penalty.

Ordinance 505.10 (c) No person having possession of a dog shall lead or take such dog on private property of another or knowingly permit such dog to soil upon, damage, or destroy yards, flowers, shrubs, or otherwise trespass on the property of another person. Any person who permits such shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to penalty.

What does this mean? Basically, it means that you must have your dog under control at all times and are responsible for cleaning up any messes it makes. Please be courteous!

Police Blotter

NEW

Child Passenger Safety Law-

On July 6, 2005 a new law went in to effect concerning child safety seats. The new law requires that **ALL** children up to the age of 8 and/or less than four feet nine inches tall **MUST** be properly secured in a federally approved child safety or booster seat.

If you are not sure if this applies to

your child, please feel free to contact Lt. Chuck Hosey or log on to www.wvdot.com/6_motorists/safety/main.html.

Also, please keep in mind that **NO CHILD** under the age of 12 should ever been riding in the front seat, especially in a

vehicle with a passenger side air-bag.

WORD OF WISDOM:

For the safety of yourself and others, if you must use a cellular phone while driving, please use a hands-free device or pull off the road. It isn't a law yet, but it is common sense. Keep yourself safe!

*Watch your speed on
roads and alleys!*

New Faces!

City Elections were held June 14, 2005 at City Hall. The voter turn out was fair and the results of the election were:

Allen Sharp, Mayor
Sharon Doyle, Recorder
Merwin Davis, Jr., Council Person
Tom Konchesky, Council Person
and three new faces,
Mollianne Hamilton, Council Person—Mollianne served

previous councils, works for WVU, is married to Mark and has three children Avary, Owen, and Lily. Safety and beautification of the town are just two of the many things she hopes to accomplish while on council.

Bob Musick, Council Person—Bob is new to politics, works for Valley Health Care, is married to Tanya, and has two sons David and

Michael. He wants to bring new businesses to town, help write grants for funding, and make sure kids have safe places to play.

Chad Laskody, Council Person—also new to politics, Chad is the grandson of longtime resident Paul Laskody. He works for Mt. State Bit Service, is a volunteer fireman, and wants to see what he can do for the Town of Star City.

Star City Past and Present

Did you know Star City once had its own FOOTBALL TEAM? Neither did I, until Mr. Frank Stabene loaned us the photo below. Mr. Stabene is pictured second from the left in the top row in this photo of the 1934 Team. He also loaned us newspaper photos of two other teams. These photos will be on display in city hall.



Mrs. Doris Clise loaned us this photo of the employees of the Beaumont Glass #2 plant located in Star City. This picture dates from approximately 1925-1930 and includes Mrs. Clise's father and uncles. The glass workers must have really liked to have their picture taken, as we've seen numerous group photos from the different plants!



Mrs. Marianne Straface brought in this great photo of a very, very young Senator Byrd shown here with her husband former Mayor Joe Straface, former Councilman/Mayor Harry Jasper, and former Morgantown Councilman Richard Canterbury, circa 1960. Mrs. Straface also brought in some other great photos from her husband's terms as mayor.



Special Projects

Sidewalks/Bike Paths— Construction documents for a new sidewalk/bike pathway on University Ave, Frontier Ave, and Leeway St have been received from the E.L. Robinson Company and are available for review at City Hall. Following final approval by the West Virginia Dept. of Highways, construction is slated for this fall.

PICNIC AREA—A beautiful picnic area adjacent to "Tugboat Depot" is

being developed by the Morgantown Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis members visited the site on July 6 to refine plans which were formulated along with the plans for "Tugboat Depot". This picnic area will include all the facilities required to provide a functional family facility with

a fun atmosphere. This will be a great addition to the playground, Riverfront Park, and the Rail Trail!

Two other projects under consideration are a memorial plaza in a garden setting and a state of the art landscaped miniature golf course. Stay tuned for updates on these and more projects!

Special Projects are coordinated by Dr. Bill Coffindaffer

Star City Recycles!

Recycling is important for our environment and to keep existing landfills from filling up. Star City has a program in place to help with this effort.

Recyclable items are picked up on the **FIRST REGULAR PICKUP DAY** of each month. They might be running behind, but they will pick it up.

The following are items that can be picked up: **aluminum cans, steel cans, milk jugs, cardboard, newspapers, glass (not including windows or car glass)**. Please separate each category into its own bag.

Recycle bags are available from the business office or by calling the sanitation department at 599-2818.

There are also recycling bins located at Riverfront Park near the city garage.

The city garage also recycles **used motor oil**. Call 599-2818 to make sure someone is there to accept it from you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or stop by the office!



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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. See article and contact information on the front page of this newsletter. THANKS TO A GREAT COMMUNITY!



Volunteers Needed!!!



Maybe you've asked yourself "I wonder what I could do for the Town of Star City?" Well, here are some ideas:

1. **Adopt-A-Street**-based on the popular Adopt-A-Highway program, participants "adopt" a street or section of street and pledge to keep it free of debris and trash.
2. **Star City Beautification**-this committee is looking for ways to enhance everyone's perception of the town. One of their main objectives is the Memorial Tree Program. For a donation, a tree will be planted in memory of a loved one. Members of the tree board coordinate tree location and suitability.
3. **Common Interest Group**-meeting once a month, this group is responsible for the "Vision" of Star City's future. Different committees to suit different abilities.
4. **Neighborhood Watch**-Assist the police department by letting them know about suspicious activity in your area.
5. **Glass Festival**- Many folks have asked "When will the Glass Festival come back?" If you have an area of expertise that you feel could help revive the Festival, please let us know! If enough people are interested, our Festival could come back!

WISH LIST

(all original photos or documents will be returned unharmed)

-Photographs of former mayors of the town to add to the "Wall of Mayors"

-Photographs of former chiefs of police for our "Wall of Police Chiefs"

-Any old photos of historical Star City or those relating to the history of the town.

-Any memorabilia or memories of the town you choose to share.

-Any historical information you may have or know of personally.

Please contact Kim at the business office to discuss the History of Star City Project.

