

What's NEWS in Star City?

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Next CIG Meeting-Monday July 11, 7 PM
- Next Council meeting-Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 PM
- **ELECTION DAY**-June 14 at City Hall
- Playground Build Week-June 15-19
- Town Hall Meeting-June 23 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Council Meetings are held
EVERY
OTHER
TUESDAY
at 7pm.

All residents are encouraged to attend!

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Mon Community Build Playground

Building Dreams: The Monongalia County Community Build Playground began within the Star City Vision 2020 Project and has grown with the support of several businesses, individuals, and community organizations. The playground will be located on Frontier Avenue near the rail trail and Riverfront Park.

Leathers & Associates, the designer of the playground, is a family-owned business and the leader in the field of community built playgrounds with 30 years of experience and an excellent record of providing safe, well-designed playgrounds that are accessible to all children. Meetings were held to allow area children to

provide their input on what they'd like to see in the playground. These ideas were incorporated into the final plans.

How A Community Builds A Playground:

The Mon County Community Build Playground matches community initiative with the resources of corporate sponsors, local contractors and vendors, and neighborhood businesses. The goal is to raise \$150,000.00 to cover the cost of the build and to establish an endowment for maintenance. To make a donation, please contact Betsy Beall at 304-290-7907.



Play structure similar to what will be built in our playground!

BUILD WEEK:

June 15-19, 2005

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to complete the build. To volunteer, please contact the United Way at 296-7525 to sign up!

Town Hall Meeting

The Star City Vision Steering Committee is planning a series of town hall meetings to allow the committee to present the results of the surveys to the citizens of Star City and to allow interested citizens the opportunity to provide further feed-

back on the future of Star City. The citizens will be able to split into groups to discuss options for the future of Star City. The first meeting will be held **June 23, 2005 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** at the Knights

of Columbus building on Bitonti Street.

They had a GREAT response on the surveys and are hoping that the meeting will also generate a good response. Please come out and give them your ideas and input!

Public Works

Public Works Director Carl Davis says that residents of the town can be assured that now that "Spring Has Sprung", the public works department can get to some of the jobs that the winter months prohibit. Employees have already been out, sweeping the streets and making sure that potholes and street repairs are done in a timely manner.

REMINDER: Leaving or placing grass clippings/leaves in the street is strictly prohibited!

KIDS AT PLAY! Especially in our alleys. Please keep your speed to 15 mph or less to protect our little ones!

Sanitation

REMINDER: Please do not make bags heavier than 30 pounds per bag. You are permitted **THREE** 30 gallon bags per week. Additional garbage incurs a .50 per bag fee.

Grass clippings will be picked up as long as they are bagged/boxed and are not more than 30 pounds.

Please call the office if you have a large item needing picked up. There will be an extra charge.

Following a holiday, the garbage will be picked up on the next weekday (ex: If Monday is a holiday, garbage pickup will be Tuesday, etc)

Rail Trail

Has everyone seen the new Restrooms by the Rail Trail? Our city employees did an excellent job of construction on this much needed facility. The restrooms are open every day from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Also completed last summer was the curving walkway connecting the trail to Riverfront Park. Again, our city employees did an excellent job on this challenging project.

REMINDER: Please be considerate of others: Keep your dog on a leash and clean up after it.



Police Blotter

Now that the warm weather has arrived, please watch your speed while driving around town. We don't want you to get a ticket!

Lt. C.P. Hosey will be available for car seat installations/inspections by appointment. Please call the office to schedule. Keep your kids and grandkids safe!

Our bicycle officer will soon be

patrolling the Rail Trail. He is there to make the trail a pleasant and safe place for everyone. Give him a wave when he passes by!

Chief Forbes is looking to begin a Neighborhood Watch Program. If you are inter-

ested in participating, please call the Business Office to be added to the mailing list!

*Watch your speed on
roads and alleys!*

Our town has a 90% seatbelt usage rate. Keep up the good work! Officers frequently hold Click It or Ticket checkpoints to track usage. Keep yourself safe and **CLICK IT!**

Coming Soon...River Landing

The former Ames Plaza property has a new name and will soon have a new business!

River Landing Plaza is the new name given to the property by TERA Group, the new owner. As soon as the building that housed Foodland is demolished, work will

begin to construct a Golden Corral Restaurant. Similar in style to Ponderosa, the Golden Corral will be open for lunch and dinner. It should be a nice addition to Star City.

Also slated for construction is a new building to house CVS. The current location is quite small, so a free-

standing structure should provide us with a much greater shopping opportunity. Both plan to be open no later than October 2005!

We're very glad to welcome both Golden Corral and new and improved CVS to our pretty little town!

Star City Past and Present

As you probably know, the Town of Star City has its roots in the glass industry. The town was incorporated on May 6, 1907 and the name "Star City" was suggested by Louis Kaufield, manager of the Star Glass Company which was located in the area.

This history is reflected by the glass museum now gracing the lobby of city hall. Through the efforts of Councilman Merwin Davis and committee members, glass has been collected representing West Virginia manufacturers as well as other glass companies around the United States. Most of the glass was donated by the companies or by



private individuals. Also on loan to the collection are a personal piece belonging to Mr. Davis and a large

display from BEF Collectibles. Currently, fifteen known manufacturers are represented, as well as several pieces of unknown origin. All of the pieces in the collection are quite beautiful.

Prior to January of this year, the glass was on display on the second floor, however council decided that more people could enjoy it if it were in the lobby. Moving all of the glass and the display cases took about a week, but then it really came together and looks excellent!

If you haven't seen it, please feel free to stop in and take a look. And if you have any glass related information, we'd love to talk to you about it!

Special Projects

The Town of Star City is involved in a number of special projects at this time.

The largest current project is the continuation of the "Streetscape Plan" which will construct sidewalks and a bike path on Leeway Street, Frontier Avenue, and University Avenue. These will add to the sidewalks already begun on Frontier and University. This project is being engineered by the E.

L. Robinson Company of Charleston, WV. Behind the scenes work is being completed and construction will begin soon.

The other big project is the B.I.G. Grant. No, that isn't a joke or a pun. It's actually a Boating Infrastructure Grant. This grant is for the improvement and

enhancement of the docking facility currently located at Riverfront Park. Since Star City is a "port city" on the Monongahela, our ultimate goal is to have a dock from which both large and small water craft can benefit.

*Special Projects are
coordinated by
Dr. Bill Coffindaffer*

Sea Scouts and Star City

The Town of Star City is proud to be associated with the SSS Arcturus, 2005 National Flagship, Ship 46, Star City, WV

The Sea Scouts are a division of the Boy Scouts of America. This "ship" has 18 members, both male and female. They are the first land-locked ship to ever be named National Flagship, a great honor for them.

Sea Scouts learn boating skills, outdoor, social and service experiences, and knowledge of maritime heritage.

Their boat, a 36-foot-long 1966 Chris Craft Cavalier, has its home port here in Star City.



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Guests are STARS!*

Volunteer Opportunities

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. **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!

**June 14-
ELECTION
DAY
Come out and
VOTE!**

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.