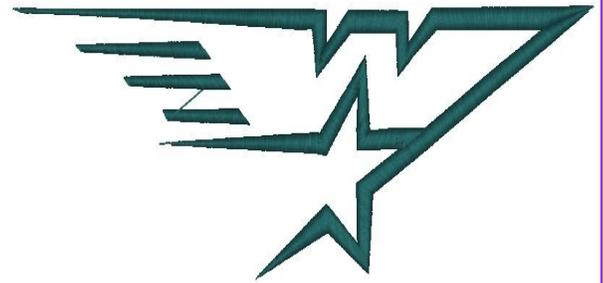


City of Winfield Newsletter



NEW CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

As most of you probably know, the City moved into our new Municipal Building at 3426 Winfield Road, across Route 817 from McDonald's on the 1st of March. The building is a relatively new building (approximately 2 years old) and equipped with cameras, WiFi and the latest technology. City Council approved upgrades to the former daycare building to accommodate municipal government needs such as City Council chambers, a holding cell for the Police Department and a locker room for the Officers. This new facility will greatly improve the efficiency of your city government, having the Police Department and City Hall under one roof. With the purchase of an additional 45' strip of land on the east side of the building, we will pave for additional parking, once the bid process is complete. Once that is finished, you may enter the City Council chambers and the Police Department on the east side near the rear of the building. This new facility is a beautiful building, and something everyone in the City can be proud of. It has been in the plans for years, and now it's finally a reality!



OPEN HOUSE — NEW MUNICIPAL BLDG.

We would like to extend an invitation to all citizens of Winfield to come and check out our new municipal building for themselves at our open house on Friday, May 16th from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. The City will furnish refreshments and the Mayor and staff will be present to answer questions and greet visitors. We hope you will take time to stop by and see this beautiful facility for yourself.

NEW CITY PARK FOR WINFIELD

Since the Police Department is now in the new municipal building, our building at 21 Second Street that housed our Police Department will now be converted into a Community/Senior Citizens Center. The City was also able to acquire the adjacent property at 19 Second Street and demo the existing house. All of this property will now be used for a City Park, with shelters, playground equipment and a boat ramp. Mayor Barrett has been working with the Department of Natural Resources, and has received a letter pledging funds to pay for the boat ramp and widen Garfield Street to accommodate the traffic. There are also several other grants available to help the City pay for the park. We have a Winfield City Park design plan available for your review at City Hall in the lobby and a link on our website cityofwinfield.net. The Mayor expects the work to take about 18 months to complete.

NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Sanitary Board has been working diligently with their new engineer, Greg Belcher of Chapman Technical on getting a new wastewater treatment plant for Winfield. As we reported in our newsletter last May, for the past 15 years the city has been trying to find a remedy for the high ammonia readings in our lagoons without much success. Due to the ammonia readings being above the required limits of the WV DEP, we have operated under a "Consent Order" from WV DEP and have received a "Notice of Violation" for the past three months. The City has no other option but to pursue a new wastewater plant or be forced to pay excessive fines from WV DEP. We were advised by our engineer that our lagoon system is very near capacity and outdated technology, and that we need a new wastewater system. Therefore, the Sanitary Board voted to have Chapman Technical begin the loan process by presenting the Preliminary Engineering Report to the Infrastructure Council, which they did on March 25th. On April 2, we received a confirmation letter from the WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council stating that they approved the preliminary design for a Clean Water SRF Loan at an interest rate of 1% for a loan of \$ 7,480,000. ↻

ANNEXATION

From Mayor Barrett: "This is an article written by a colleague of mine". Charleston Gazette **Saturday, March 29, 2014**

Businesses misguided over annexations

By Mayor Dave Johnson

WESTOVER - Like Mayor Barrett and our friends in Winfield, Westover, the second largest city in Monongalia County, continues its work toward annexation of our unwilling and uncooperative community center and retail business district, the Morgantown Mall. The Mall's owner, Glimcher Realty Trust, continues to aggressively deny the obvious - that it is part of our community, and that it has a fair duty to help, like every other Westover business, to meet the challenges that we face together.

In both Monongalia and Putman counties, businesses proposed to be annexed into their host municipality have the same short-sighted response: We refuse because there's nothing for me or my business to gain by annexation. In *The Happy City*, author Charles Montgomery shows that a city serves two important purposes: A city is both an engine of wealth and a system shaped to improve human well-being. The businesses located in our urban areas but outside municipal boundaries exploit the engine of wealth made possible by the city - including population density, business synergy, planning, marketing, supporting infrastructure and public safety - while ignoring the corresponding and fair responsibility to help improve the well-being of their neighbors, employees and customers. A city should be fair in the way it apportions benefits and costs, lead us to health rather than sickness, and must promote openness and mutual support that we will need to tackle the great challenges ahead.

After a long, cabin-fever winter, perhaps we are more ready to acknowledge a stark truth: Many of our cities and towns are unable to provide supportive and healthy communities and infrastructure that would allow all of our citizens a chance for a happier and healthier life. This shortcoming is not for want of effort or desire to do better. The people of Westover, like citizens in municipalities all over our state, have far more needs than local governments are

able to meet with our limited powers to raise revenue. These limits are becoming even more detrimental to our mission to serve our citizens. Federal and state aid that was previously available to support our people and infrastructure is disappearing and not likely to return in the foreseeable future.

The challenges are for our communities to meet, or fail to meet, together. Can we provide affordable, healthy and socially positive alternatives to an isolated and unhealthy life so easy to suffer with today's technology? Can our community facilities help attract good employers with new jobs? Can we promote and provide healthy living alternatives for all of our citizens, particularly our hard-working families with little extra income to spend on these important purposes? We can, but it will take hard work, vision, dedication and money. Three out of four won't get it - without additional funding from local sources, local conditions will not improve. Unfortunately, the Morgantown Mall and the businesses adjacent to Winfield are not the only businesses avoiding this fair duty. Developments and manufacturing facilities throughout our state, both old and new, locate in our urban areas just outside of municipal boundaries and refuse to participate fully in the cost of local government.

Let's characterize these choices as misguided instead of cynical and self-serving, and ask again that these community leaders and business owners accept the indispensable and fair role that they must play in our work to make a better life for all of our citizens.

Dave Johnson is Mayor of Westover.

WINFIELD ANNEXATION

Ever since the late 1990's, Winfield has been trying to annex along Route 817 in order for the city to be able to grow. The population has increased dramatically to 2,331, and there is a very limited amount of land within city limits for families to build. The city advertised, held public hearings and a committee of volunteer citizens worked on the city's 20-year Comprehensive Plan in 2010, and one of their main goals for the city was annexation. In order for the city to continue to grow and be a viable 21st century community with available lands for housing and business, we need to annex additional property into the city for development. ☺

WINFIELD SPRING CLEAN-UP !!!

Spring Clean-up for City residents has been scheduled for the following dates:

May 17th 9 a.m. — 6 p.m. & May 18th 1:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.



The City has arranged for Waste Management to place 6 dumpsters On the lot in front of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for your unwanted items. Again this year, we will have two dumpsters from R J Recycling for your unwanted scrap metal. We can accept anything metal; grills, swing sets, old windows, etc. **No refrigerators, freezers, propane tanks or anything containing Freon can be accepted. Also, we will not be accepting tires this year.** There will be

no charge for City residents; however, **you must bring a copy of your sewer bill showing your physical address for proof of residency** and present it to the Police Officer on duty. This clean-up is for city residents only - no commercial or contractor's trash will be accepted!!

We cannot accept: trees, limbs or brush, radioactive or asbestos material, batteries, paint (unless dried up in the can), white goods containing Freon, propane tanks, volatile, corrosive, flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, bio-hazardous, regulated medical waste or toxic substance or material defined by or listed under federal, state or local laws or regulations.

CITY WIDE YARD SALE

The yearly yard sale for Winfield will be held Saturday, May 3.



SALE OF PROPERTY IN FRONT OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Last November, the City was approached by a real estate broker regarding purchasing the property in front of the wastewater treatment plant and adjacent to Subway for an interested retail business. The City Council voted to sell the property at Public Auction on March 13, 2014. The buyer was Keith Corporation, a real estate broker for Advance Auto Parts. They have 120 days to finalize the purchase, and if all goes well, we will have an Advance Auto Parts next to Subway. Our city is growing for sure!!

Moving Forward Into the 21st Century... With a new Municipal Facility that Looks great and has room For the future Growth of City...



PICTURES OF FORMER WINFIELD MAYORS

If anyone has any pictures of former Mayors of Winfield, we would appreciate you bringing them to City Hall so we can scan them. We are trying to put up a "picture wall" of all of the past Mayors of Winfield in our new Municipal Building. We want to preserve Winfield history and honor all those who served!

