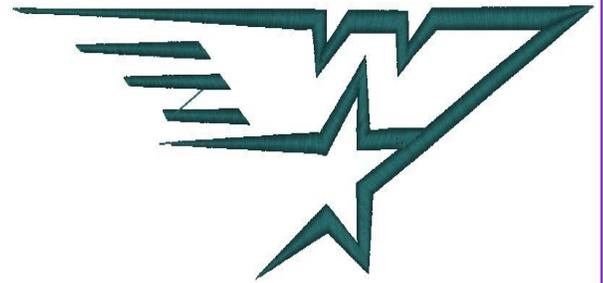


# Page 4 Winfield Newsletter



## Winfield Municipal Election - June 11, 2013

### CITY OF WINFIELD CHARTER AMENDMENT

#### Revise Section 6 – Election Date

The Officers in said Town (city) shall be elected on the first Tuesday of November with the first such election occurring the first Tuesday of November, 2016.

The above election date shall always correspond with the Putnam County General Election conducted in November every other year.

The next Town (city) election conducted after this Charter Amendment shall be conducted on the first Tuesday of November, 2016; and then will be held every two years thereafter on the above date.

The Officers elected on June 11, 2013 shall hold office until December 31, 2016 (after the next scheduled election of November, 2016).

The Town (city) Council shall have the authority to coordinate this Election so that the Town (city) ballot may be included with the County ballot, and have the authority to adopt the county rules and provisions for elections. ♪

### *What Does this Charter Amendment Mean For City Residents?*

The City Council approved this Charter Amendment to be placed on the Ballot, and if approved, when you vote in the upcoming 2016 presidential election, you will also be able to vote for Mayor, City Council and Recorder for the City of Winfield at the same time, all at the Winfield Courthouse. All City elections thereafter will be held at the Courthouse in November. This will not only be convenient for the voter, but it will also save the City time and money. The City would no longer have to pay for election training for both City and election workers and pay the elections workers salaries for early voting and election day. The only cost to the city would be for the printing of our ballots; which would be a substantial savings. *By Mayor Randy Barrett*

### Early Voting period is from May 29—June 8, 2013

For your convenience, get out early and vote at City Hall on Mon. thru-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m and on Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Winfield Spring Clean-up May 18 & 19

Our annual spring clean up event will be held on May 18th and 19th for city residents from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Again this year, Mayor Barrett arranged for R & J Recycling to supply two dumpsters for unwanted scrap metal that could be recycled. In addition to the scrap metal dumpsters and in coordination with the REAP Program, we will be accepting old tires (no rims) that will be recycled. The scrap metal dumpsters will take all metals, uncracked batteries, empty radiators, motors, aluminum wheels, etc. The trash dumpsters **cannot accept: appliances with Freon, asbestos, hazardous waste, chemicals, paint (only acceptable if the paint is dried out in the can) or propane tanks.** ♪



### NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

We are very pleased to announce that the city has just purchased the property on the east side of the Police Station at 19 Second Street. Our plan is to build a new Municipal Building that will incorporate City Hall and the Police Station under one roof. We intend to convert/renovate the current Police Station into a Community Center, which has been planned for a long time now. On the large green space on the side of the west side of the proposed Community Center, we plan to construct a small park along the river which will include a picnic shelter (which will be built for us by Eagle Scouts as a project) and some playground equipment. We have had some residents to inquire as to why we do not put the Municipal Building out on Route 817; and the answer is that in 2011, the City adopted a Comprehensive Plan that has zoned all of the property on Route 817 as C2, high density business commercial, and it is our desire to encourage new business growth along Route 817. Check our engineer's preliminary design plans on our website. If any resident would like to make a suggestion of what they would like to see in the park, please call City Hall or email Mayor Barrett at [mayor@cityofwinfield.net](mailto:mayor@cityofwinfield.net).

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Project**

For the past 15 years the city has been dealing with the problem of ammonia readings in our wastewater lagoons exceeding the limits required by the WV DEP. In 2009, upon recommendation of our sanitary sewer engineers, we undertook the project of removing the accumulation of sludge in the lagoons and upgrading force mains and our pump stations. Now three years later, we are still unfortunately getting ammonia readings that are above the required WV DEP limits. After much discussion and thought, the Mayor and Sanitary Board made the decision to go through the process of hiring a new sanitary engineer to help us correct this problem. Therefore, last December the Sanitary Board received bids and selected Chapman Technical Group as our new engineering firm for wastewater. They assessed our situation and have advised us that since the lagoon system is outdated technology and that we are now at capacity, their best recommendation is to build a new sewer plant with the latest technology. The new technology will eliminate the hold lagoons and enable us to handle future development in the city. Since we have had multiple violations from the WV DEP, we cannot ignore this problem any longer and it must be remedied to avoid potential fines of the DEP.

**New City Worker**

Please join us in welcoming Richie Ferguson as the newest employee of our Sanitation/Public Works department. Richie started with the city in February as a replacement for Jason Blankenship who moved back to his home town of Beckley. Richie is experienced in construction work, and brings additional skills that will be an asset to the city maintenance crew. He has also served as a member of the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years. ☺

**Door to Door Salesmen**

This is the time of year that salesmen go door to door. The City does require a Panhandler License for salesmen. If a salesmen comes to your door (not scouts or local youth sports, etc) ask to see their license card. If they do not have a card, they have not been given a license to sell in the City and you should contact City Hall or the Police Dept.

**Street Repairs in Woodbend Cove & Countryview**

In January, Mayor Barrett informed the City Council that the streets in Woodbend Cove were in need of repair and suggested that while McClanahan Construction was in town working on the sidewalk project, we requested that they bid the project since they have done such a good job on the sidewalk project. Council agreed and McClanahan began repair work in March which consisted of removal of broken concrete slabs and replacement of base material. Approximately 1,760 feet of concrete street was replaced and one new concrete drop inlet 8' deep was constructed to accommodate existing storm water lines. Also, since Mayor Barrett received numerous complaints that when turning into Countryview Estates from Rocky Step, there was such a dip in the road that cars were scraping the undercarriage when they turned in or out of the subdivision. The Mayor spoke with the Division of Highways and requested they repair the area and they refused. Therefore, the Mayor suggested to Council that the city go ahead and have McClanahan correct this problem also while they were working in town. These much needed repairs and improvements to our streets are an asset to the city and residents have expressed their great appreciation for the work done. Plans are also in the works for paving Garfield and Valley streets, which is also greatly needed.

**Winfield Streetscape Project**

As a continuation of our Sidewalk Project, the city has applied for Phase V, Winfield Streetscape Project which would be a Transportation Enhancement Grant for \$ 500,000. This phase would extend the sidewalk from the west side of the Middle School to Garfield Street, and would include both sides of Route 817. In front of the Courthouse, the sidewalk would be brick pavers 8 feet wide with an area for seating with roadside tables and chairs, decorative street lamps, trees and trash receptacles. The retaining wall across the front of the Courthouse would be refaced with brick veneer or stone and be low enough for sitting on the wall itself. This project will help revitalize our old town area, encourage business growth, a sense of community and increase property values. ☺

**New U.S. Flags for poles on Route 817**

Johnny Hodges, Public Works Director suggested to City Council that the city purchase new flags for the poles on Route 817 and also a larger quantity, since we did not have enough to put on poles all the way through town. Council agreed and the flags have been purchased and will be put up for the Memorial Day holiday. The new flags are part of our beautification effort for the city. ☺



**Sidewalk Project**

Phase II/III of our sidewalk project is nearly complete. The planting of grass and repaving of damaged areas should be complete by the end of May. The City had remaining grant funds left over in the amount of \$ 93,000. The Mayor and the Building Commission decided it was in the city's best interest, since we had remaining funds, to continue the sidewalk from the Middle School to Gunter's Logoworks. The City had to contribute \$107,000 of city funds to complete this project. If the city had not contributed the additional funds, the grant process would have taken approximately two years to get the additional monies needed to complete the project. The Building Commission and City Council both agreed that it was in city's best interest to finish the project now, rather than wait two years for grant money.





## Police News

### Winfield PD Bicycle Registration - June 1, 2013

The Winfield Police Department will sponsor a Bicycle Registration and Children's Bicycle Safety Program on June 1, 2013. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and will run through 12:00 noon at the Winfield Police station located at Garfield and Second Street. Police will conduct a safety check for the rider consisting of a helmet and bicycle fit, and an ABC quick check for proper air pressure in the tires, functioning brakes, and proper tension on the chain.

Participants will receive a safety lecture on rules of the road and then ride their bikes through the bicycle rodeo course which is designed to make sure that each child knows how to operate his or her bike correctly. The stations are: mounting and dismounting the bicycle, changing direction and turning in circles, steering through tight spaces, weaving, having the ability to stop quickly, turning around, riding the bicycle very slowly while maintaining balance, and learning to maneuver tight turns.



Chief of Police, John Perrine says, "The Bicycle Safety Program is open to any resident of Winfield and all children who attend school in the Winfield School District. The first 200 participants will receive a 2013-2014 Winfield Bicycle Safety license plate and registration card. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Don't Forget To Bring Your Helmet!"

### School Resource Officer Highlights

The following are the year-to-date totals for our School Resource Office, Mike Kordusky at Winfield High School:

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Reported acts of violence     | 12  |
| Drug related incidents        | 8   |
| Alcohol related incidents     | 3   |
| Tobacco related incidents     | 12  |
| K-9 Drug Searches             | 19  |
| SRO Use of Force              | 0   |
| SRO Court Appearances         | 1   |
| Number of lock downs          | 7   |
| Number of evacuations         | 5   |
| Times a crisis plan activated | 11  |
| One on one student contacts   | 242 |
| Total youth served            | 945 |
| Total classes taught          | 19  |
| Total youths taught in class  | 503 |

### B & O Tax Revenues

The following list shows the B & O Tax revenues collected over the past five years:

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| 2008 | \$ 179,160 |
| 2009 | 260,293    |
| 2010 | 323,086    |
| 2011 | 252,300    |
| 2012 | 322,786    |

When the business & occupations tax ordinance was adopted, the City council designated that B & O funds would be earmarked for infrastructure projects. These funds have been crucial by providing the city the necessary monies to maintain our streets and infrastructure. ↪



### New Park Benches behind City Hall

One of the City Council members made the suggestion that he would like to see some park benches installed behind City Hall on the river bank. We are pleased to report that Council approved the idea and the benches were received this week and should be installed by the end of the month. There will be two six foot benches installed on the riverbank with a trash receptacle between them. We hope that residents will come and enjoy the view of the river, relax, eat their lunch or just "hang out" by our beautiful river! ↪



### City Receives a Good Audit Report !

In mid January, the WV State Auditor's office had their Auditor at City Hall performing an extensive audit (for fiscal year ending 6/30/12) of all city operations for 6 weeks. Since we have received federal loans for our sidewalk and storm water projects, the Auditor also had to perform a Federal Audit. We are very pleased to report that on our State Audit we received an "Unqualified Opinion" which is the highest favorable grade a city can receive. Also, our Federal Audit had no findings, which means there were no mistakes or impropriety in our books. The City also has now complied with the new GASB 54 (General Accounting Standards Board) regulations which require a much more detailed financial statement, and the Auditor was very pleased to see the great effort that was put forth in order to comply with the new regulations. He stated that Winfield was one of the first cities that he knew of that had complied with the new regulations. ↪



### Congratulations Winfield Middle School Archery Team!

Winfield Middle School's 7th and 8th grade archery team has qualified for the Archery-in-the-Schools National Tournament and will travel to Louisville, Kentucky on May 9 & 10 to compete. There will be 10,000 archers from all over the nation; so this is quite an honor! This is the first year that Winfield Middle School has offered archery, and both the 7th and 8th grade teams qualified for the tournament by competing in the preliminary qualifying tournament. The 6th grade team placed eighth, the 7th & 8th grade team placed seventh overall in the state. We would like to congratulate these teams on their first year's success. Thank you for making Winfield proud and representing us in Louisville!



**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**GENERAL ELECTION**  
**Town of Winfield, West Virginia**  
**June 11, 2013**

To vote for a candidate mark an "X" in the square opposite to and at the left of the name.  
 In order to cast a WRITE-IN vote, you may write the name and office of the candidate in any location on the front side of this ballot.

---

**FOR MAYOR**  
(Vote For ONE)

RANDY BARRETT

DICK WHITNEY

---

**FOR RECORDER**  
(Vote For ONE)

JACKIE HUNTER

---

**FOR COUNCIL**  
(Vote For Not More Than FIVE)

CHARLES W. ESHENAU

HILTON INGRAHAM

JOE RUMBAUGH

PHILLIP WILMOTH

CHARLES H. KEEFER

KEVIN KARNES

JOHN R. MARSHALL

RON STONE

DANA L. CAMPBELL

FRANK BANNISTER

STEVE HANNA

PAT WOODRUM

RYAN C. POWERS

---

**REVISION OF CITY OF WINFIELD CHARTER**

Shall the City of Winfield Charter be revised as a whole by representations of the people as follows:

Revise Section 6 – Election Date

The Officers in said Town (city) shall be elected on the first Tuesday of November with the first such election occurring the first Tuesday of November, 2016.

The above election date shall always correspond with the Putnam County General Election conducted in November every other year.

The next Town (city) election conducted after this Charter Amendment shall be conducted on the first Tuesday of November, 2016; and then will be held every two years thereafter on the above date.

The Officers elected on June 11, 2013 shall hold office until the next scheduled election on November, 2016.

The Town (city) Council shall have the authority to coordinate this Election so that the Town (city) ballot may be included with the County ballot, and have the authority to adopt the county rules and provisions for elections.

FOR REVISION OF CITY CHARTER

AGAINST REVISION OF CITY CHARTER

