

TOWN OF BOYKINS

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Town Office Hours

M- T- T – F: 9am – 5pm
Closed Wednesdays

Closed Feb. 20th

Town Clerk – Victoria Edwards

Police – George Brozzo
757-556-2709

All inquiries for youth baseball should call Victoria.

Important Dates

Feb. 11th—Spring Baseball Sign ups, 12-2pm @ ball field.

Feb. 14th – Town Council Meeting, 7pm

Feb. 20th—Office Closed

Feb. 21st – Parks & Rec Meeting, 6:30pm



BOYKINS BITS AND BITES

NEW TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE

VICTORIA EDWARDS

Public Works will ALWAYS pick up trash on Monday regardless of whether there is a holiday EXCEPT on Christmas Day, December 25th which falls on Monday this year. Everyone should have received a trash schedule with the January annual and quarterly billing. If you did not receive one, please contact the town office for a copy.

BOYKINS YOUTH BASEBALL

VICTORIA EDWARDS

Southampton Sussex Pony League has accepted Boykins into the league under a one-year probationary period. Boykins is allowed to have a t-ball team and a coach pitch team. A sign-ups drive will take place February 11th from 12pm to 2pm at the ball field. You can also sign-up at the town office. Forms are available on the town website under the Community tab. The registration fee is \$50, which covers the jersey and hat.

Fees will not be accepted until the first practice is scheduled.

T-ball is for ages 4 through 6.

Coach Pitch is for ages 7 through 8 years old.

Experienced 6 year old's will be permitted to join Coach Pitch if necessary to fill the roster.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Victoria at the town office.

ARPA PROJECTS

VICTORIA EDWARDS

On November 19, 2022 the Town of Boykins conducted a Community Clean-up Day. Amnesty was granted to anyone with outstanding trash pick-up accounts. 12 individuals volunteered to help. We had 5 properties sign up for cleanup assistance. Two of those properties had been cited by the Town Sergeant for Town Code Property Cleanliness Violations. We took 6 trailer loads, and 80-90 bags of trash away. We also performed roadside litter pickup along Main Street (route 35).

Town Council held a special meeting December 27th at 6:30pm at the town office to discuss and vote on purchasing equipment/machinery for Public Works Department. Council approved the purchase of a Genie Lift using American Rescue Plan Act funds. Without the ARPA funds, Boykins would not have been able to make the \$30,707.00 purchase. Before the purchase, Public Works used a lift from Koppers in Newsoms when theirs was available.

Hero Banners

Boykins Main Street Initiative has hero banner forms at the Town Office. Please contact Linda Beatty if you have any questions.

NEED a BROOM?

The Lion's Club brooms are available to purchase for \$12 - \$20. Contact Linda Beatty or any Lion's Club Member to purchase.

Blue Bin Pick-up

Feb: 10th, 24th,
March: 10th, 24th
April: 7th, 21st

2023 COUNCIL GOALS

VICTORIA EDWARDS

Our Council are a united front this term when it comes to Code Enforcement. They are adopting a little to zero tolerance policy for violators of Town Code, especially **50.35 Cleanliness of Premises, Weeds, Foreign Growth Abatement and Prevention of Blight of Property Required** among other codes that promote cleanliness such as Code Chapter 93. A small excerpt of the Code 50.35 reads as:

(A) *It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited on any public thoroughfare, lot, or premises in the town, or permit to be deposited upon his premises or any premises contiguous thereto any animal carcass, garbage, rubbish, tree trimmings, litter, bulky wastes from garden or trade, or any other unsightly, injurious or offensive waste of any kind. In addition, it shall be unlawful for any person to place or leave for over ten (10) days any items not designed or intended for exterior use on any open porch, deck, steps or any exterior part of the structure or on the lawn; said items include, but are not limited to, upholstered furniture, appliances, tires and machinery.*

You can find the full code on the town website or at the town office.

2023 LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITED: ROAD TO HOPE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

SGT. GEORGE BROZZO

I am in the last two months of my 2023 Law Enforcement United -Road to Hope Fundraising Campaign. Great charities to honor fallen police officers and remember their survivors. It also raises monies for a charity called Spirit of Blue which helps small agencies like Boykins PD with equipment they would otherwise not be able to afford, such as body armor. I am halfway to my goal, so I'm asking you to please donate. No donation is too small. You can come donate directly to me, or I can give you a form to mail in or you can go to my personal link and donate there with a credit card. I will be riding bicycle 250 miles over three days to honor the Men and Women of Law Enforcement (across the US and even here in VA) who paid the ultimate sacrifice. You donate I'll do all the work. For those who have already donated Thank You!! This is a not-for-profit charity, and all participants are volunteers and your donation can be tax deductible.

WWW.MEMBERPLANET.COM/CAMPAIGN/LEUNITED/VA2023/GEORGE BROZZO

Coard Foundation

has new donation boxes located at various locations around Town, including at the Town Office, for blessing box donations. Canned goods and hygiene items needed.

EMERGENCY – DIAL 911

Southampton County Sheriff
(757) 653-2100

Southampton Memorial
Hospital
(757) 569-6100

Southampton Health Dept
(757) 653-3040

Southampton Utilities
(757) 653-3015

GIFTS OF APPRECIATION

MAYOR ROBERTSON /VE

Thank you to those citizens that went out of your way to give gifts to our staff, especially our Public Works employee, Michael Harris, in December. They work hard for the town and it is nice to see their efforts appreciated by the citizens of Boykins.

EMS SUBSCRIPTION PLANS

RENEE LASSITER

To the citizen's of the Town of Boykins, Branchville and Newsoms, We are excited to offer the EMS Subscription Plan. This subscription program is designed to help you cover out-of-pocket expenses, such as insurance co-pays and insurance deductions when you need emergency ambulance transportation. Your health insurance plan, Medicare/Medicaid or any other insurance you may have will be charged for the services provided. If there is a balance left, by you being enrolled in this subscription plan, the plan will cover the rest no matter how many times you may need emergency transport during the plan year. This is for emergency services provided on scene and ground transport only.

The cost of this exciting subscription plan is \$59 a year and runs from January 1st thru December 31st and will have to be renewed each year. The \$59.00 annual fee covers everybody who lives at your address as long as they are listed on the application. A single subscriber may enroll for \$39 annually.

To subscribe to this EMS Subscription Plan follow the steps below:

- Complete the EMS Subscription Application entirely (see insert). Applications can be picked up at the Town of Boykins office or downloaded on Boykins Fire & Rescue Facebook page or Town of Boykins website.
- Return completed application along with the check or money order made payable to Boykins Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. and mail to P.O. Box 347 Boykins, Va 23827 or you may drop off in person at 18127 N. Railroad Ave. Boykins, VA 23827.

This plan is offered to all citizens within the service area of Boykins, Branchville and Newsoms along with any outlying areas where service is currently being provided by Boykins Volunteer Fire & Rescue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (757) 654-6660.

FIRE SAFETY

BVFD

Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February. To help prevent a fire: Never use an extension cord with a space heater and plug in only one heating appliance in an outlet; Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from a heat source like a wood stove, space heaters, or fire place; And clean your dryer vents regularly.

RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURES

VICTORIA EDWARDS

CSX Transportation has recently announced a track maintenance project set to begin on February 6th, 2023. This will be a 3-week project that will begin on 2/6/23 and end on/around 2/24/23. It will impact the Town of Boykins and surrounding areas. Please keep in mind these dates are merely the best approximation CSX can provide at this time and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances once work begins. Crossings will be closed anywhere from 3-5 days due to the type of maintenance they are set to receive. However, CSX has stated they will do their best to lower the closing time to 24 hours for the one way in/out crossings. Main Street Boykins railway crossing is slotted to be closed February 22nd. You can find a listing of all railway crossings on the town website, town and Boykins Police Department facebook pages, and at the town office.

THE BLUE LINE:

SGT. GEORGE BROZZO

So being able to patrol every street in this town and some of the other roads around it, I see something that should anger all of us. Littering!! There is not one street in this town that isn't affected by it. Some worse than others. This is unacceptable considering the town has green trash receptacles on many poles throughout the town, and we provide recycling bins as well from the county. We need to understand that it not only makes our town look bad, but it is illegal. And I know a lot of it comes from others passing through, but we must police ourselves (military term).

This is something to be aware of:

§18.2-324 Throwing or depositing certain substances upon a highway (such as nails, bottles, cans etc) class one misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine no less than \$500 up to \$2500.

§33.2-802 Dumping trash (otherwise known as Illegal dumping) any trash, refuse garbage, yard clippings, tires etc, etc. Same fines and jail as listed above.

Please help us keep Boykins looking good and take pride in your town and even your own property.