

TOWN OF BOYKINS

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Town Office Hours

M- T- T – F: 9am – 5pm
Closed Wednesdays
Closed Feb. 15th

Town Clerk – Victoria Edwards

Police – George Brozzo
757-556-2709

Important Dates

Feb. 4th—Captain Bob’s 10-2pm

Feb. 9th – Special Election

Feb. 9th – Town Council Meeting
7pm

Feb. 12th—Office Closed

March 1st – Personal Property
and Real Estate Taxes Due.
Payments made after March 1
will incur a Penalty. Please make
checks/money orders payable to
Town of Boykins.



BOYKINS BITS AND BITES

SPECIAL ELECTION FEB. 9TH

VICTORIA EDWARDS

A special election to fill the mayoral seat will be held February 9th at the firehouse. Current Vice Mayor, Jackie Robertson, is the only candidate to file with the Southampton Registrar’s Office before the December 11th deadline. If elected, another special election will be held to fill the vacant council seat.

TOWN WEBSITE

VICTORIA EDWARDS

I am pleased to announce that our town website is live. The web address is townofboykinsva.com. You can find forms, meeting minutes and agendas, announcements, and community information including copies of our newsletters on the new site. You can even subscribe (located at the bottom of the web page) to receive email notifications when we update/add anything to the site. We will be modifying things as we receive feedback so feel free to contact us with any suggestions.

THANK YOU

SGT. GEORGE BROZZO

At our last Town Council meeting Cpl. Robby Brown announced he would be resigning as our part-time Police Officer. He has accepted a full-time position with the Franklin City Police Department and, unfortunately, he is not allowed to maintain the part-time position here. He has done a great job in the year that he has been here, and I wish him all the best as he pursues his career goals with a larger agency. He will be here until the end of January, so if you see him wish him luck and tell him Thank You!!!

VML ESSAY CONTEST

The Virginia Municipal League (VML) invites all eligible* Virginia 7th Graders to join its “If I Were Mayor” essay contest. You must follow VML’s rules and guidelines. Visit www.vml.org/education/essay-contest for more information. The town office has a copy of the guidelines available for any Boykins 7th grader interested. The deadline is February 22.

*You must live in or go to school in a VML member community. The Towns of Boykins, Branchville, and Newsoms are members.

Reminder: Trash Pick-up will be Tuesday, Feb. 16th, not Monday, Feb. 15th.

CAPTAIN BOB'S LUNCHES

We will continue having **Captain Bob's** lunches on Main Street at the Highlight **every other Thursday**. The next scheduled date is February 4, 2021.

A portion of the Proceeds from Captain Bob's lunches goes towards the town. It has funded the new website and will help with making online payments possible soon.

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.

THE BLUE LINE:

SGT. GEORGE BROZZO

Did you know as of January 1st, 2021 it is now illegal in Virginia to even hold a cell phone, or any other handheld personal communication device while driving a motor vehicle. This includes making a phone call not just texting. You may only do so if you are stopped or parked, or to report an emergency. This is a primary offense so you can be stopped by the police just for that alone. The first penalty is a \$125 fine and then any subsequent offenses will be a \$250 fine. It only takes a second to be distracted while driving; this is a good law and the life you save may be your own.

Seeking Donations

As the Town Sgt for Boykins Police Department and representing the Town of Boykins and Southampton County, I am asking for your donations. I will be participating for the 3rd year in this 3-day, 250-mile bicycle ride from Chesapeake, Virginia to Washington DC. "I RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED". All monies raised are done solely by nonpaid

volunteers and goes to the families and survivors of Police Officers across the country including the Commonwealth of Virginia who have died in the line of duty. I must raise \$1500 just to participate with most of the money going to these great charities: C.O.P.S, Spirit of Blue, and the Officer Down Memorial

page. You all helped me raise over \$3200 (twice my goal) last year, and we (LEU), as a whole, raised over 1 million dollars. So once again I am asking for your generosity to help us reach my goal as well as the overall goal of LEU. I will do the hard work and it is my honor to do so. If you would, please go to my personal link (highlighted below) and donate in my name to these great charities. You can also contact me in person if you would like to donate directly to me. Contact me at the Town of Boykins Offices or by calling me, Sgt. Brozzo at 757-556-2709. Donation deadlines are March 31. No Donation is too small.

www.memberplanet.com/campaign/leunited/va2021/georgebrozzo

Security Checks

The Boykins Police Department offers residential and business security checks at no cost to you while you are out of town. If you would like us to do that, we just ask that you fill out our request form and give us some pertinent information. You may get these request forms at the Police Department, Town Office, or the new Town Website at: townofboykinsva.com.

COUNCIL NEWS: TOWN SHOP

VICE MAYOR JACKIE ROBERTSON /VE

Things are going well with the new town shop. A contract has been signed with Revelle Builders. They are out of Murfreesboro, NC and were the ones to build the original shop, located on Graham Street. Work will begin soon.

Blue Bin Pick-upFeb: 12th, 26th,March: 12th, 26thApril: 9th, 23rd**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.

Boykins Masonic Lodge 287

is having a **Brunswick stew** fundraiser **Feb. 27th**. If you are interested in purchasing some delicious stew, contact Ronnie Griffin or any Boykins Mason.

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

BLUE BIN CALENDAR

VICTORIA EDWARDS

We apologize for not including the 2021 recycling schedule with your quarterly garbage bills. You should receive one with this newsletter. If not, let the Town Office know and we will get one to you. If you are new to the town and need a blue recycling bin, call the town office. We will pick them up from the county for you.

COVID-19

JACKIE ROBERTSON /VE

The town office has been and will continue to be closed to the public due to Covid-19 for at least but not limited to two weeks. During this time, you may conduct business through the mail slot. We ask that you be patient with us. We follow all necessary precautions to keep you and our staff safe. Chairs, doorknobs, and the mail slot are wiped with Clorox disinfectant wipes after each visit (while the town clerk is on site). The office is frequently fogged with an EPA approved sanitizing mist. Social distancing is adhered to and masks are encouraged. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience during this time.

TRASH PICK-UP FEE

VICTORIA EDWARDS

The Town Trash fee is mandatory for all town residents. If you are new to the Town of Boykins, please visit or call the town office so that we may keep our records updated. If your account is outstanding, we will be moving forward with collection efforts March 1st. You may pay quarterly at \$27 or annually at \$100. You supply your own garbage can.

As a reminder, yard debris such as leaves, and pine straw must be in bags. Limbs and yard debris are picked up Tuesday. Large household items are also picked up Tuesday if unable to pick-up Monday. All items must be at the curb/roadside by 8am.