

The ECHO Newsletter

FALL 2023



Town Council Meetings

Held at 5:30pm at Town Hall

- October 10th
- November 14th

Town Holidays

- Nov 10th - Veteran's Day
- Nov 23rd & 24th - Thanksgiving

Save the Date: Seven Devils Christmas Celebration

Lite the Nite

December 8th, 2023



Upcoming Property Taxes

Property Taxes are due September 1st, 2023. Property taxes must be received by Town Hall or postmarked on/ before – January 5, 2024.

Interest will be added beginning January 6th.



Meet the Candidates Forum

Thursday, October 26th—5:30pm at Town Hall

Wayne Bonomo, Bob Bridges & Larry Fontaine have filed as candidates for Town Council with the Board of Elections. This forum will give citizens the chance to learn about their background, as well as have questions answered or topics discussed. *Citizens should submit questions or topics by October 20th to the Town Clerk office or email townclerk@sevendevidsnc.gov*

Spooky Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 30th

5:00—7:00 pm at The Park at Seven Devils



Come enjoy some fun and safe Trunk or Treating Monday, October 30th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Kids 16 and under are welcome! The Park at Seven Devils located at 157 Seven Devils Rd.

Volunteers Needed to Decorate Trunks & Give Out Candy!

Visit Seven Devils Town Hall or email parksandrec@sevendevidsnc.gov for more information about how to volunteer for this event. Register to volunteer by October 23rd by 5:00pm.

Fall into Good Fire Prevention Habits

Fall is the perfect time to build a fire in your fireplace and for routine maintenance to keep you and your home safe. Prior to making your first fire of the season in your fire place be sure to prepare your chimney & smoke/ carbon monoxide detectors.

Here are some helpful pointers to follow...

Chimneys:

- Visually check chimney for structural damage
- Check for debris that may have fallen in chimney
- Clean your chimney or have someone clean your chimney to make sure it is clear of obstructions
- When in doubt about your chimney contact a licensed professional.

Smoke/ Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

- Be sure you have an adequate amount of smoke & carbon monoxide detectors for your home
- Test Smoke Alarm: This should be done monthly.
- Change Detector Batteries with day light savings changes. Next Daylight Savings change is Nov 5th.

Upcoming Municipal Elections

Tuesday, November 7th—Election Day

Seven Devils will have 3 Town Council seats open for election. Per the Town's charter, the 2 candidates with the most votes (1st & 2nd) will each serve a 4 year term, the candidate with the next highest votes (3rd) will serve a 2 year term.

**Avery County voters will cast ballots at
Banner Elk Town Hall**

**Watauga County voters will cast ballots at
Seven Devils Town Hall**

For further questions or sample ballots contact:

Avery County Board of Elections—828-733-8282
Watauga County Board of Elections—828-265-8061



Holiday Food Drive



November 25—December 11

Seven Devils will be accepting non perishable food donations and monetary donations to benefit local food bank, Feeding Avery Families. Make all checks out to "Feeding Avery Families"

Monetary Donations:

Drop off at Town Hall during regular Business Hours
8:30am-5pm Monday-Friday **OR**
Mail to Town Hall at 157 Seven Devils Rd.

Want to Serve on a Town Board or Committee? Applications Open Now!

The Town has several Boards & Committees that will have expiring terms at the end of the calendar year. The citizens who serve provide a vital function as they have the opportunity to learn, understand, and provide guidance with direction for recommendations to the Town Council. If you would like more information or want to submit an application email the Town Clerk at townclerk@sevendevisnc.gov. Applications are available at Town Hall. Deadline to submit an application—October 30th @ 5pm

NCCash.com—Are You Owed \$\$\$ in the Unclaimed Property Fund?

As of 2022, there is over 1 billion in the unclaimed property fund. Unclaimed property consists of bank accounts, utility deposits, insurance policy proceeds & safe deposit contents and more. Funds become unclaimed when a company loses contact with a customer, due to address change or other reasons. By law, these funds are turned over to the NC State Treasurer's office and waiting to be claimed. Visit www.NCCash.com to check if you are owed money.

Town Contacts: Staff Has New Emails

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