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FEATURE STORY

Recycling Program Change



The City of Winchester's current recycling vendor will no longer accept plastics and aluminum as of July 15, and will cease to accept paper and cardboard by the end of 2019 due to the lack of demand for recycled materials in international markets. Because of this, the City will be unable to sustain a free recycling program.

The City's Refuse & Recycling team researched alternatives, surveyed the public about those alternatives, and presented their findings to City Council on June 25. Alternative options are (1) the City will continue to collect co-mingled recyclables and haul them to facilities in Manassas and Maryland, with a fee applied to all residents to help cover the costs, or (2) the City will collect the materials curbside along with trash and items will be taken to the landfill with no additional cost to residents. The majority of residents who responded to the survey chose Option 1.

Watch the latest episode of publiCITY for more information about the issue. For updates about the program change, visit www.winchesterva.gov/latest-news.

 [youtube.com/CityofWinchesterVA](https://www.youtube.com/CityofWinchesterVA)

NEWS BITES

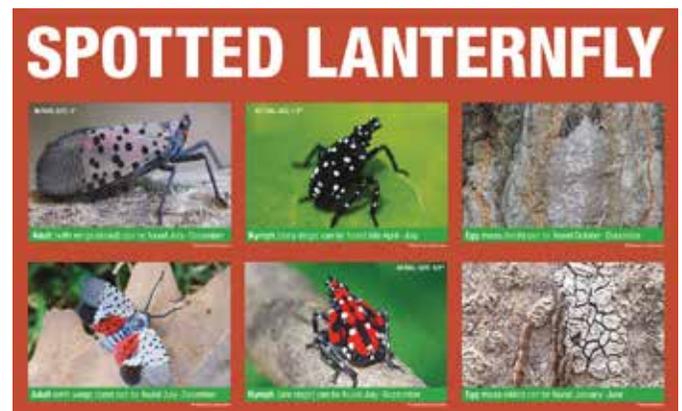
City of Winchester launches Citibot

The City of Winchester has launched Citibot, an interactive, civic engagement and customer service text-based program. Using text messaging, Citibot can help residents report a city issue and search online for answers to their questions about City government services, programs and events. Just text "hello" to the Winchester Citibot at 540-701-3311 and start a conversation, ask a question or request a service (City 311) and Citibot will respond and keep you informed.

 www.winchesterva.gov/citibot



HAVE YOU SEEN ME?



The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive species that was discovered in our area in 2018. The City is actively trying to combat the destructive pest that threatens crops, timber, and other goods. For more information, visit www.winchesterva.gov and search "Spotted Lanternfly."



Michael Neese

Refuse & Recycling Coordinator

While we adapt to the changes in the international recycling markets and the City's recycling program, there are a few ways residents can reduce waste:

- Make a meal plan to reduce carryout and food waste
- Use reusable containers and water bottles
- Begin composting
- Stop buying single-use items
- Cancel unnecessary mail
- Use *reusable* rather than *plastic* bags
- Learn to *repair* rather than *discard*
- Invest in *reusable* rather than *disposable* items

Remember - "Reduce" and "Reuse" are just as important as "Recycle."

Michael Neese

Water Meter Replacement & Sidewalk Improvement Project



Water Meters

1,028 replaced
July 1, 2018-June 21, 2019



Water Mains

5,548 linear feet replaced
July 1, 2018-June 21, 2019



Sidewalks

15,407 linear feet replaced
July 1, 2018-June 21, 2019

NEW! Automatic payments are here

Set up your account to automatically pay your bill in full on the due date! Visit www.winchesterva.gov/utilities for more information and a link to the Paymentus portal.

N. CAMERON STREET DRAINAGE

The City of Winchester and Shenandoah Gas will be making several necessary improvements to N. Cameron Street between Piccadilly and Clark Streets beginning this summer. The primary goal of this project is to alleviate the flooding issues that occur regularly in this area during prolonged periods of wet weather or intense rainfall. While the first phase of the project will not completely solve all the surface flooding, it will replace the existing stormwater and sanitary sewer pipes with larger pipes. These larger pipes will prevent the sanitary sewer main in Cameron Street from getting overwhelmed and surcharging during prolonged periods of wet weather (like in 2018). Future phases of work consisting of constructing stormwater detention ponds and additional underground stormwater piping north and east of this Cameron Street section will be required to solve all of the surface water flooding problems in the area.

In addition to the sanitary sewer and stormwater system improvements that will occur during Phase I of the project, we will replace the existing water main in Cameron Street that is old and in poor condition. Shenandoah Gas will also take this opportunity to replace their natural gas pipe in Cameron Street, possibly beginning as soon as July 8, 2019. The work on the gas line will start at Piccadilly Street and will progress northward along the west side of Cameron Street. During this initial gas line work, one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on Cameron Street, but on-street parking will be restricted where the work is occurring.

Work is slated to begin around the last week of July or first week of August. An exact start date will be announced at least a week before work begins. Due to the significant amount of work that will be completed, traffic on Cameron Street will be affected. When the contractor begins work, traffic on Cameron Street between Piccadilly and Clark will be restricted to one lane of northbound traffic only. Southbound traffic (U.S. 11 and 522) will be detoured down Braddock Street through this corridor. Once all of the underground pipe work is completed, the street will be repaved and restriped.

The total cost of Phase I is approximately \$2 million, and the contractor has a deadline to complete all the work within six months.

Questions? Contact:



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CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Kent Street/Woodstock Lane Improvements

South Kent Street has been repaved and reopened to traffic. Restriping will be completed at a later date. On Woodstock Lane, repairs will occur by the end of the summer.

North End Sidewalks

Sidewalk repairs/replacements began in the North End in June on Kinzel Drive. As of the end of June, approximately three miles of sidewalk repairs have been completed. The program is being paid for with a Community Development Block Grant by Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



www.winchesterva.gov/current-city-projects

