



**VINTON OUTDOORS**

**2016 CALENDAR**

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Dear Citizen:

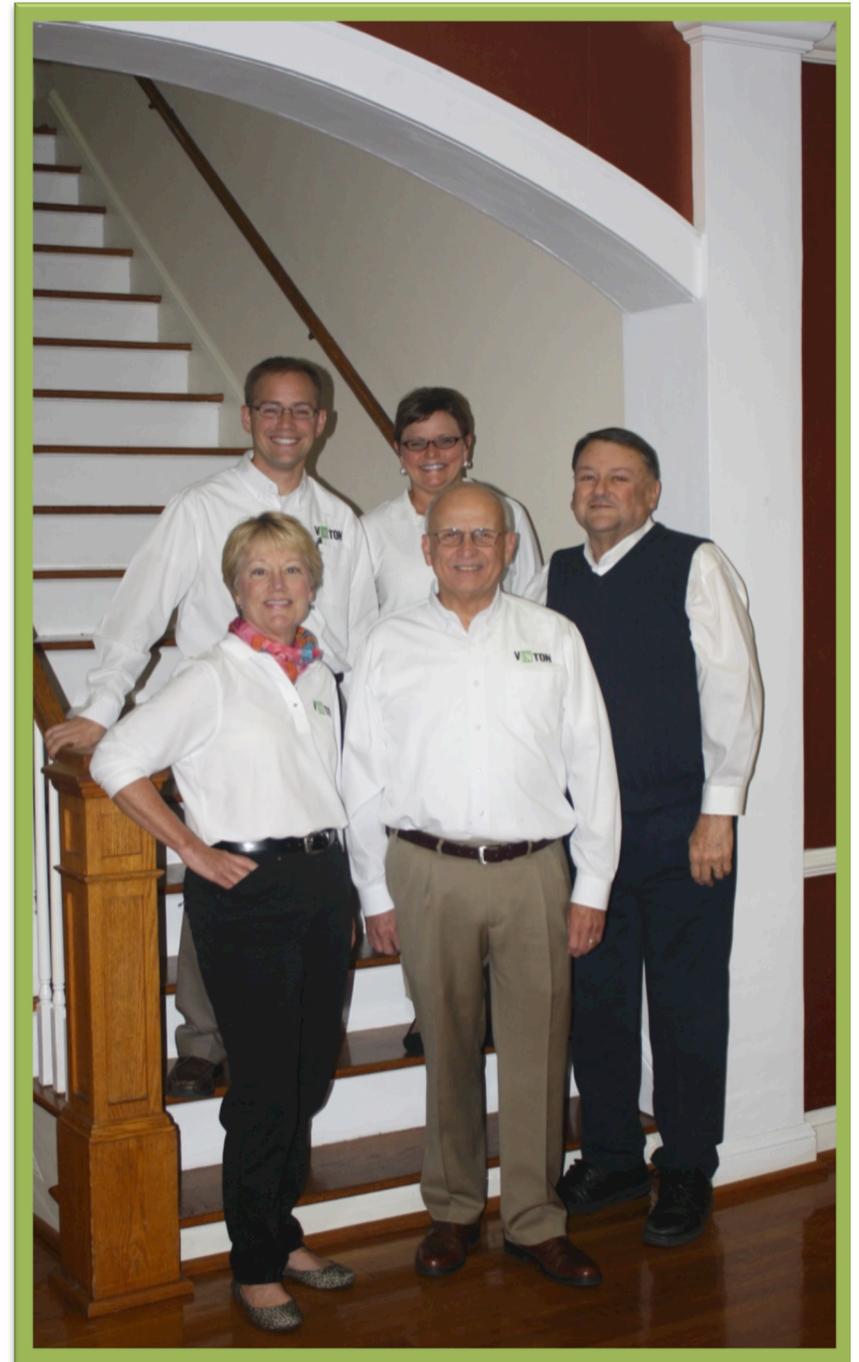
We all enjoy the great outdoors, and we invite you to experience the numerous outdoor opportunities in Vinton:

- Walking downtown to shop under the glow of the new streetlights
- Visiting the new library, checking out a book and savoring a fresh cup of coffee and a bagel on the mezzanine
- Playing sports or cheering on your favorite team on many nearby ballfields
- Enjoying events on the lawn of the Vinton War Memorial
- Taking a stroll, riding your bike or walking your dog on the Wolf Creek Greenway or the Gladetown Trail
- Enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by local chefs and buying fresh produce at the Farmers' Market
- Launching your canoe or kayak for a relaxing float or fishing at the Tinker Creek 3rd Street Boat Ramp
- Visiting the beautiful scenic overlooks along the Blue Ridge Parkway and hiking the many trails at the Explore Park
- Participating in the Vinton Dogwood and Christmas Parades
- Volunteering for Clean Valley Day or the Fall Waterways Cleanup Events
- Getting in some early holiday shopping at the Downtown Vinton Fall Festival
- Trick-or-Treating in Downtown Vinton
- Admiring the antique cars at the cruise-ins and car shows around town

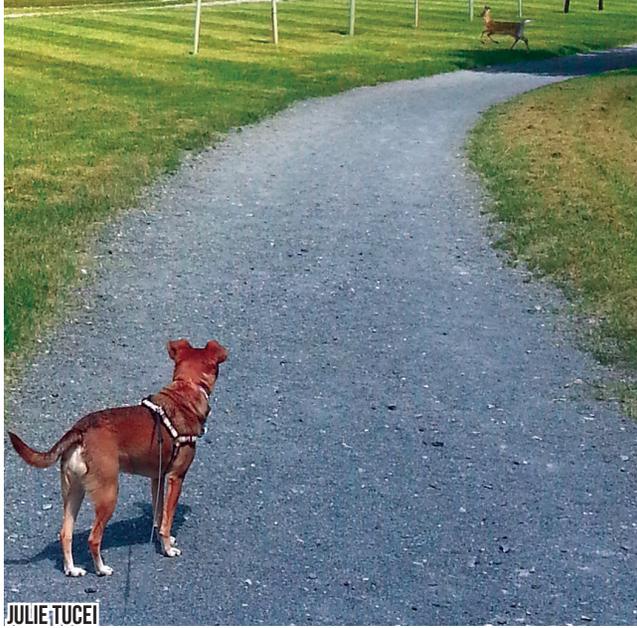
We invite you and your friends and family to get outdoors in 2016 and take advantage of all there is to do **IN VINTON!**

Warmest Regards,  
*Vinton Town Council*

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# EAT SHOP PLAY LIVE VINTON



JULIE TUCEI



BARRY BROOKS



JENNA GILL



SHERRI WINKLER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  New Year's Day Town Offices Closed	2
Each time you see  this blue bin, recyclables will also be collected on your normal refuse day. 3	4 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	5 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	6	7 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	8	9
10	11 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	12 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	13	14 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	15	16
17 	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Town Offices Closed	19 Mon. & Tues. Refuse & Recycle Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB  Water bills due	20 Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	21 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	22	23
24	25 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	26 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	27	28 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	29	30
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Apply Fertilizer Sparingly and As-Needed



Always Protect Disturbed Soil Areas with Silt Fencing



Never Mow Grass Into the Street!



Stormwater—Keep it Clean!

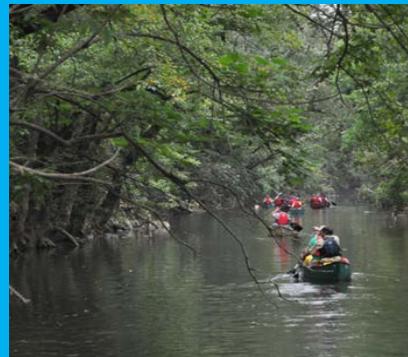
**ONLY RAIN**



**OUR STORM DRAINS!**



Dogs Can't Flush—Please Scoop the Poop!



Tinker Creek Canoe Launch—  
Protect our Waterways!

**CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE TOXIC TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

Cigarette butts are poisonous to children, pets and wildlife. They are the #1 item found on beaches and roadsides, and a major litter item at parks.

**Cigarette butts are NOT biodegradable**

- Lead** once used in paint
- Arsenic** once used in rat poison
- Nicotine** formerly used as insecticide

Cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals into the environment including lead, arsenic and nicotine – the same toxic chemicals found in secondhand smoke.

Cigarette Butts are Litter, too!

**Protect our Water Quality!**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Business License Renewals due Ceramics 9 am @ SC	2 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	3	4 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	5	6
7	8 Ceramics 9 am @ SC Tire Recycle Pickup 	9 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Tire Recycle Pickup	10  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	12  <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13
14   <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15  <b>President's Day</b> <b>Town Offices Closed</b>	16 Mon. & Tues. Refuse & Recycle Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	17 Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	18 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	19	20
21	22  <i>Washington's Birthday</i> Ceramics 9 am @ SC	23 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	24	25 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	26	27
28 	29 Ceramics 9 am @ SC					



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB Business License Payments due	2	3  Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	4	5
6	7 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	8 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	9	10 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	11	12
13  Daylight Savings Time begins • Change smoke detector batteries	14 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	15 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC VHS meeting, 2 pm @ VWM Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	16 Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	17 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC  St. Patrick's Day	18  Water Bills due	19
20  Palm Sunday First Day of Spring	21 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	22 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Senior Services Expo, 10 am @ VWM	23	24 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	25  Good Friday	26
27  Easter	28 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	29 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	30	31 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		



# VINTON LIBRARY

CUTTING-EDGE AUDIO / VISUAL EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER ACCESS, 3D PRINTER, CRICUT MACHINE, COFFEE SHOP, CLASSROOMS, FIREPLACE, PRESENTATION SCREENS, OUTDOOR AMENITIES

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  April Fool's Day	2
3	4 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	5 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	6	7 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	8	9 Clean Valley Day
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<b>NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK</b>						
	Ceramics 9 am @ SC	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		
17	18 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	19 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB VHS meeting, 2 pm @ VWM	20	21 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	22  Earth Day April 22	23
24 	25	26	27  Vinton Dogwood Festival	28	29	30  Vinton Dogwood Festival & Parade
<b>VINTON DOGWOOD FESTIVAL APRIL 27-MAY 1</b>						
	Ceramics 9 am @ SC	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	Dogwood Festival Carnival begins	Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		



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NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK						
Dogwood Festival ends	 VA State Income Taxes Ceramics 9 am @ SC	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB		Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	 Vinton Relay for Life, 6 pm @ WBHS	
 Mothers Day	Ceramics 9 am @ SC	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC		Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		VHS Storytelling & Heritage Festival, 10 am
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NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK · EMS WEEK · POLICE WEEK						
	Ceramics 9 am @ SC Tire Recycle Pickup	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB Tire Recycle Pickup	Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC  Water bills due	Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		Vinton Wine & Food Festival, 1 pm @ VWM
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Ceramics 9 am @ SC	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC		Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		
29	30	31				
	 Memorial Day Town Offices Closed	 Personal Property Taxes Mon. & Tues. Refuse Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC				



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month</b>            Contact: Regional Center for Animal Care &amp; Protection, (540) 344-4922; www.rcacp.org; mail@rcacp.org</p> <p>Clara</p>			1	2 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	3	4
5 	6  Real Estate Taxes Ceramics 9 am @ SC 	7 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	8	9 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	10	11  Arts & Crafts Show and Music 10 am @ FM Mingle at the Market, 7 pm @ FM
12	13 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	14 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	15 Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	16 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	17	18
19  <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</b>	20  First Day of Summer Ceramics 9 am @ SC	21 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	22	23 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	24	25  Shake, Bake & Sprout 11 am @ FM
26	27 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	28 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	29	30 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		



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3 	4  Independence Day Celebration 6 pm, VWM <b>Town Offices Closed</b>	5 Mon. & Tues. Refuse & Recycle Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	6	7 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	8	9 Arts & Crafts Show and Music 10 am @ FM Mingle at the Market 7 pm @ FM 
10	11 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	12 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	13	14 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	15	16 Shake, Bake & Sprout 11 am @ FM
17 	18  Water bills due Ceramics 9 am @ SC	19 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	20 Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	21 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	22	23
24	25 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	26 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	27	28 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	29	30
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# NATIONAL NIGHT

A good night to get  
to know your neighbors.

DAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

DONATED BY SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS



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	1 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	2 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC National Night Out	3	4 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	5	6
7	8 Tire Recycle Pickup Ceramics 9 am @ SC	9 Tire Recycle Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	10	11 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	12	13 Arts & Crafts Show and Music 10 am @ FM Mingle at the Market 7 pm @ FM
14 	15 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	16 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	17 Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	18 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	19	20  Shake, Bake & Sprout 11 am @ FM
21	22 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	23 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	24	25 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	26	27
28 	29 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	30 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	31	<b>National Night Out</b> is "America's Night Out Against Crime." Police-community partnerships let criminals know that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime. The Vinton Police Department celebrates National Night Out on the first Tuesday of August. The event is attended by neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, elected officials, administrative staff from local government, business owners and citizens IN Vinton.		



TINKER CREEK CANOE LAUNCH, 801 3RD ST., VINTON

PHOTO: BARRY BROOKS

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<p><b>September is National Preparedness Month: Prepare for and respond to emergencies. Be Informed. Make A Plan. Build A Kit. Get Involved. More at <a href="http://www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a></b></p>				1	2	3
				Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		
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	Labor Day Town Offices Closed	Mon. & Tues. refuse Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB		Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		 Arts & Crafts Show and Music 10 am @ FM Mingle at the Market 7 pm @ FM
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	 Water bills due Ceramics 9 am @ SC	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB VHS potluck, 12 pm	Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC <i>First Day of Autumn</i>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Ceramics 9 am @ SC	Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC		Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC		



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	 <p><b>October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month</b>            Contact: Regional Center for Animal Care &amp; Protection            (540) 344-4922; <a href="http://www.rcacp.org">www.rcacp.org</a>; <a href="mailto:mail@rcacp.org">mail@rcacp.org</a></p>						1	
2	 Rosh Hashanah Ceramics 9 am @ SC	3 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	4	5	6	7  Vinton Fall Festival & 5K Run/ Walk @ FM	8	
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	 Halloween Downtown Trick-or-Treating							



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6  Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	8 Election Day	9	10 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC Thurs & Fri Refuse & Recycle Pickup	11  Veterans Day Town Offices Closed	12
13	14 Tire Recycle Pickup Ceramics 9 am @ SC	15 Tire Recycle Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC VHS mtg., 2 pm, VWM Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	16 Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	17 Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC State of the Town Meeting, 8 am @ VWM	18 Water bills due	19
20 	21 Regular Mon. Refuse & Recycle Pickup Ceramics 9 am @ SC	22 Tues & Wed. Refuse & Recycle Pickup Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	23 Thurs. & Fri. Refuse & Recycle Pickup	24  Thanksgiving Day Town Offices Closed	25 Town Offices Closed	26 Small Business Saturday
27	28 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	29 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC	30	<b>November is Adopt a Senior Dog or Cat Month</b> Contact: Regional Center for Animal Care & Protection (540) 344-4922; <a href="http://www.rcacp.org">www.rcacp.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:mail@rcacp.org">mail@rcacp.org</a>		
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18 	19 Ceramics 9 am @ SC	20 Line Dancing 9:15 am & Tai Chi 10:30 am @ SC Town Council Mtg. 7 pm @ VMB	21  First Day of Winter Potluck Lunch 12 pm @ SC	22 Thurs. & Fri. Refuse & Recycle Pickup Tai Chi & Canasta, 10 am @ SC	23 Town Offices Closed	24  Hanukkah begins
25  Christmas Day	26  Kwanzaa Town Offices Closed	27 Mon. and Tues. Refuse Pickup	28	29	30	31  new year's eve <b>GALA</b> 8 pm @ VWM

## ADMINISTRATION/COUNCIL

Administration manages the day-to-day operations for the Town and consists of the Town Manager, Executive Assistant/Town Clerk, Assistant Town Manager/Director of Economic Development and Human Resources Director.

Town Council holds regular public meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All meeting notices and agendas are available at [www.vintonva.gov](http://www.vintonva.gov), or you may contact the Town Manager's office at 540-983-0607 for additional information.

## TREASURER

The treasurer's office has three primary functions and responsibilities: collecting and tracking revenue, safeguarding revenue and distributing revenue.

### WATER AND SEWER

The Treasurer's Office processes and maintains all utility billing. Utility bills are mailed on the first of every odd month for residential customers, and each month for commercial customers. Payments are due by the 18th and may be made in the Treasurer's Office or thru the drive-up window from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at 311 S. Poliard Street or on the Town website.

### ANIMAL LICENSES

According to the Code of Virginia, all dogs must be vaccinated for rabies by the time they are 4 months old and licensed in the locality in which they live.

Effective January 1, 2015, no more than four dogs or cats, in any combination thereof (this number not including dogs or cats under four months of age) may be licensed at any one address within the Town. If more than two dogs or cats are kept as permitted herein, such additional dogs or cats must be spayed or neutered. Effective July 1, 2007, veterinarians are required to notify the treasurer when a dog is given a rabies vaccination. If the dog owner has not purchased a license within 90 days of the rabies inoculation, the treasurer is required to send them an application and a bill for the license (Code of Virginia, Section 3.1-796.87:1). Animal licenses for dogs and cats expire on December 31st of each year, and new licenses go on sale December 1st. To obtain a new license, you must present the treasurer's office with

Public Works also handles utility service problems such as low water pressure, sewer backups, leaks on public property, requests for utility taps and other service-related items.

### REFUSE COLLECTION

- All refuse to be collected must be placed at the pick-up location by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day. Residents who are unable to carry refuse to the pick-up location may call Public Works for special arrangements.

- Household refuse is manually picked up at both curbs and alleys and is collected in a load packer. Refuse that cannot be collected in the load packer (brush, tree limbs, furniture, appliances) is considered bulk. Bulk refuse is only picked up at curbs, not in alleys. A special truck is used for bulk pick-up. Place bulk items away from poles, overhead lines, cars and other obstacles.

- Disposal of freezers, refrigerators and other similar containers pose a safety hazard. When placing such items out for pick-up, residents must comply with the requirements of Town Code Section 46-2.

- When the amount of bulk refuse requires five full-size pickup truck loads, a \$50 fee is charged. Additionally, \$15 is added for each load in excess of five. A hang tag notification will be given to residents who are being charged a fee. Fees must be paid in the treasurer's office in advance of bulk pick-up. Residents can avoid fees by placing bulk out in smaller quantities over a two or three-week period. Citizens may also take up to a three-quarter ton pickup-size load of brush and bulk materials to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA), located at 1020 Hollins Rd. Residents are authorized up to 12 trips per year. See "Residential Disposal Policy" on the Town Website for details.

- Tree trunks and limbs must not exceed 2 ft. in diameter or 6 ft. long. They should be placed at the curb for pick-up. Do not mix lumber or other prohibited material with brush.

- Grass clippings and leaves must be bagged in heavy grade plastic bags. The bags should be placed at the curb separate from brush refuse.

- A special **Fall Leaf Collection** is scheduled annually during November and December. During this period only, leaves will be collected in loose piles.

The leaves must be raked to the front edge of the property. Loose leaves should not be placed in the street or gutter where they will restrict the flow of storm runoff or block stormwater inlets.

The schedule for Fall Leaf Collection will be advertised

- **Plastic bottles** - Milk jugs, water containers and clear or opaque beverage containers.

- **Newspaper** - including inserts - must be clean and dry. NOTE: Magazines and phone books are not collected. Glass is not accepted at curbside pick-up.

- **Lake Drive Plaza Recycling Drop Off** - The following recyclables can also be deposited into the containers in the parking lot of Lake Drive Plaza: **HDPE (#2)** and **PETE (#1)** such as milk jugs, water containers and clear or opaque beverage containers, mixed paper and mixed aluminum cans.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

Planning and Zoning is committed to proactive, community-based planning and code enforcement founded on public participation, and also to promoting the health, safety and prosperity of all present and future residents through effective planning of development and re-development in our community.

The department's primary responsibilities include evaluating, updating and enforcing the Town of Vinton's zoning and nuisance ordinances, which govern its planning and zoning activities. The department issues zoning and sign permits for all new businesses, and also reviews and approves all documents related to subdivisions and development of lands and land use activities within the Town.

This department also issues over-the-counter permits (plumbing, mechanical, electrical service upgrade, re-roofing, small garages and storage buildings, minor additions, small pools and similar permits) for work within the Town that does not require the review and approval of the building official. Structures requiring a permit include, but are not limited to: storage buildings, garages, retaining walls, decks, patios, porches, carports, and in-ground and above-ground swimming pools that are 24" or more in depth.

Over-the-counter permits for plumbing, mechanical and electrical work in East Roanoke County can also be issued. In addition to cash or checks, credit/debit cards can now be accepted for payment of over-the-counter permits.

Planning and Zoning processes petitions for variances and special exceptions to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals, as well as petitions for rezoning and special uses to be heard by the Planning Commission and Town Council.

a current rabies certification for each animal. The certification must indicate if the animal is neutered or spayed.

#### **Fees are as follows:**

- 1 year license - \$10
- 1 year license (Spayed/Neutered) - \$5
- 3 year License - \*\$27
- 3 year License (Spayed/Neutered) - \*\$13.50

\*Three-year licenses may only be purchased if the license period does not exceed the period in which the rabies inoculation is effective.

#### **PERSONAL PROPERTY/VEHICLE LICENSE FEE**

New Town residents must register their vehicles at the treasurer's office within 60 days in order to pay their taxes in conformity to the local ordinance. Existing Town residents who purchase or trade vehicles during the year must also register their vehicles within 60 days.

#### **REAL ESTATE**

The Roanoke County Real Estate Assessment office annually performs assessments on properties within the Town. Values are effective as of January 1st of each year. The Town real estate tax rate is established during the budget process. It is due in two equal installments, on June 5th and December 5th, respectively.

#### **BUSINESS LICENSES**

Businesses operating within the corporate limits of Vinton must obtain a business license by March 1st of each year.

If you have a question about your license requirements or costs, call the treasurer's office. Business/Personal property is assessed by the County of Roanoke Commissioner of Revenue. Questions should be directed to 540-772-2046.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of streets, sidewalks, grounds, stormwater system, street signs and traffic signals, as well as event support, water and sewer services in Vinton and East Roanoke County, and collection of refuse, recyclables, bulk and brush. Refuse collection services include free weekly curbside collection and bi-monthly recycling.

on RVTV Access Channel 3 and the Town website.

• **Tires** – The RVRA will accept up to four tires a year from Town residents at no charge (additional tires will incur a charge of \$2 each). Commercial or dealer tires are not collected.

• **Adopt-A-Truck Program** – Vinton residents may call Public Works to schedule the parking of a dump truck (at no charge) for loading refuse. The truck is dropped off at approximately 3 p.m. and picked up the next morning by 8 a.m. Non-acceptable waste items listed below and brush cannot be placed in the truck.

#### **PROHIBITED WASTE ITEMS**

These items will not be collected:

• **Hazardous waste**, as defined in section 10.1-1400 of the Code of Virginia. The RVRA publishes a brochure providing guidance on the proper disposal of household waste. Residents can also take household hazardous waste to the RVRA. For more information, please check the RVRA website ([www.rvra.net/hhw.htm](http://www.rvra.net/hhw.htm)) or call 540-857-5050.

• **Tree stumps or root balls, dead animals, automobile or motorcycle parts, machinery and waste material from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition, including but not limited to: lumber, concrete, asphalt, fencing, roofing materials, plaster, gypsum board, piping and all other similar items.**

Contractors who perform work on a property shall be responsible for removing the waste and legally disposing of it. Residents may also dispose of these items at the RVRA.

#### **RECYCLING COLLECTION**

Recyclables are collected every other week and must be placed at the curb or alley by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day. Each household is issued one recycling container at no charge that is assigned to their residence but remains Town property.

Containers are replaced at no charge if deteriorated through normal wear and tear. Residents who move will be responsible for the container assigned to their residence and should leave it for the next resident. If the container is not left for the next resident, a fee may be charged or a lien may be placed against the property.

The following is a list of recyclable items the Town collects:

• **Aluminum and steel/tin cans** - Labels removed and rinsed (can be bagged together).

#### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Stormwater management is the process of controlling the runoff that comes primarily from impervious surfaces like parking lots, driveways and rooftops. Stormwater flows directly from streets and gutters into our streams and river, often with no treatment.

This means stormwater can transport pollutants such as motor oil, household cleaners, yard fertilizers, litter, pet wastes, soaps, grass clippings, sediment and other materials that may negatively impact the quality of drinking water and aquatic life in creeks and the Roanoke River. Clean stormwater runoff is essential to the overall environmental health of our creeks, streams, lakes, rivers and oceans.

The mission of stormwater management is to integrate water quality and quantity control in compliance with the Town's stormwater discharge permit. This permit is issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The VSMP MS4 permit can be viewed on the Town website under the Planning and Zoning Department section.

In response to the Clean Water Act's requirements, the Town of Vinton has developed a comprehensive and proactive stormwater management program, in cooperation with the adjoining Roanoke Valley governments.

Three high-priority water quality impairments have been selected: bacteria, sediment, and nutrients. The Town has been assigned a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for these impairments. The Town's plan includes a strong emphasis on K-12 education, and adult and professional training in cooperation with the Clean Valley Council.

For more information, please call 540-983-0601.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Town Council and staff of the Economic Development Department are highly invested in community success. We know that each business helps enrich the community by creating jobs and generating revenue that serves the greater good of all Vinton residents.

We offer a number of programs and incentives to help you establish and grow your business, including business development, existing business support, public-private partnerships and incentives for projects.

For more information, please call 540-983-0607.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department serves the corporate limits of Vinton, as well as eastern Roanoke County. It also provides back-up emergency service to other locations in Roanoke, Bedford and Botetourt Counties. The station is manned by career firefighters/emergency medical technicians and paramedics 24 hours per day 365 days per year and is supplemented by volunteers. The department is funded by Town Council, as well as citizen and corporate donations. If you are interested in serving the Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter or in another capacity, please contact the Fire Chief for more information: 540-983-0629.

## FIRST-AID CREW

The First-Aid Crew provides 24 hour emergency medical care and rescue services with modern, state-of-the-art equipment. The crew consists of a dedicated staff of volunteers and career paramedics/firefighters. Various classes are offered to the public, such as CPR, first-aid and safety, all taught by qualified, registered instructors. The Vinton First-Aid Crew is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the citizens of Vinton and eastern Roanoke County. It is supported by Vinton Town Council, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and tax-deductible donations. Call 540-983-0641.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Vinton Police Department employs 23 sworn officers and two civilian employees who are professional and dedicated men and women serving the citizens of the Town of Vinton and the surrounding community. Divisions in the department include Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Professional Standards, Animal Control and Administration. The Vinton Police Department is available at all times to enforce laws and provide community services, and we encourage the public to contact us in time of need. If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1 and the communications center can notify the appropriate responders.

The department's goal is to ensure the safety of citizens, whether living or working here or traveling through our community. The department has developed partnerships with the community through neighborhood watch programs, business contacts, participation in community

events and representing the town and the department at other various functions.

The Citizens Police Academy is one way we interact with our citizens as they participate in classroom and hands-on instruction in various functions of the police department. The academy is taught by members of the Police Department and others who have vast knowledge of the subject matter and it gives an inside view of the department and police methodology. The police department also maintains communication and provides numerous community services to the public through the department website. This has proven to be a valuable resource for the public and can be found at [www.vintonpolice.com](http://www.vintonpolice.com).

The department is also an accredited law enforcement agency, complying with 190 professional standards set forth by the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and the executive board of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The Department is assessed every 4 years. On October 23, 2014, the Department received its fourth accreditation award, in full compliance with all commission standards.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Programs includes special events, Senior Program, the Vinton Farmers' Market, "High Ground" Vinton-Roanoke County Veterans Monument, annual Fourth of July celebration, annual Downtown Vinton Trick-or-Treating, public relations, assisting with annual events and special event applications.

**The Senior Program**, which meets at **The Charles R. Hill Senior Center**, 820 E. Washington Ave., offers a variety of activities for adults 55 and older, including ceramics classes, day and extended trips, canasta, crafts, Tai Chi, line dancing and covered dish Luncheons. For more information, please call 540-983-0643 or visit the town website. The senior center is also available for private gatherings of up to 230 people. To make a reservation, please call 540-983-0613 or email [mblayman@vintonva.gov](mailto:mblayman@vintonva.gov).

**The Vinton Farmers' Market**, located at 204 W. Lee Ave., is a great place to purchase produce, crafts, plants, baked goods and more. The market is open seven days a week, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (subject to change). Debit is offered by some vendors. The market also hosts many special events throughout the year. The 2016 events are as follows:

**Shake, Bake & Sprout Children's events** – June 25, July 16, August 20, 11 a.m.-1 pm.

**Arts & Crafts Shows and Music** – June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Check the town website [www.vintonva.gov](http://www.vintonva.gov) and facebook pages [www.facebook.com/vintonva](http://www.facebook.com/vintonva) or [www.facebook.com/InVinton](http://www.facebook.com/InVinton) for event updates. Also visit [www.vintonchamber.com](http://www.vintonchamber.com) and [www.vintondogwoodfestival.org](http://www.vintondogwoodfestival.org) for local event information.

**"High Ground" Vinton – Roanoke County Veterans Monument**, 814 E. Washington Ave. – An outstanding monument dedicated to recognizing veterans past and present, and honoring those who have made and continue to make personal sacrifices for our freedom. Open for all to visit 365 days a year. [www.vrcveteransmonument.org](http://www.vrcveteransmonument.org)

**Wolf Creek Greenway Trail** – Located on the east side of town between Hardy Road and Washington Avenue, this trail is great for walking and cycling.

**Gladetown Loop Trail** – Located near the Craig Avenue Recreation Center is perfect for walking.

**MA Banks Park**, 211 Craig Ave., is a small park with a basketball court and picnic shelter.

**Craig Avenue Recreation Center**, 900 Chestnut Rd., features a lounge, auditorium, kitchen, weight room, and game room, each available as separate rentals or in combination. Call 540-857-5035.

**Vinton War Memorial Park**, 814 E. Washington Ave., offers a playground and picnic table.

## VINTON WAR MEMORIAL

The Vinton War Memorial, one of the town's crown jewels, offers Vintonites and residents of Virginia's Blue Ridge a state-of-the art, multi-use space to host a variety of special events. Its rolling lawns, colonnade, hardwood floors, custom chandeliers, mahogany accents and grand staircase transport guests into an elegant atmosphere of timeless beauty and grace. For more information, visit [www.vintonwarmemorial.com](http://www.vintonwarmemorial.com) or call 540-983-0645.

## VINTON BRANCH LIBRARY

The **new** Vinton Branch Library, 300 S. Pollard St., opened in November 2015, offering cutting-edge technology • Ample parking • Coffee shop/cafe • Drive-through book pick-up and return • Rooftop patio and big screen • Small business center • Meeting, conference and study rooms • Public computers • Teens' and children's areas  
For hours and additional details, call 540-857-5043 or visit [www.yourlibrary.us](http://www.yourlibrary.us).



**Important Town of Vinton Numbers:**

**Police/Fire/EMS EMERGENCIES: 911**

**Vinton Area Code: 540**

**Vinton Zip Code: 24179**

**Police/Fire/EMS Non-Emergency Numbers**

Animal Control	562-3265
EMS	983-0641
Fire Department	983-0629
Police Department Administration	983-0617
Police Department Dispatch	562-3265
Economic Development	343-1508
Human Resources	983-0604
Planning & Zoning/Code Enforcement	983-0605
Building Permits	983-0605
Town Manager & Town Clerk	983-0607
Treasurer	983-0608
Local Tax Information	983-0608
Water & Sewer Billing	983-0608
Water & Sewer New Accounts	983-0608

Public Works	983-0646
Street Maintenance	983-0646
Refuse & Recycle Collection	983-0646
Water & Sewer Quality	983-0646
<b>Water &amp; Sewer After-hours Emergencies</b>	<b>562-3265</b>

Farmers' Market	983-0613
Senior Center	983-0643
Special Events	983-0613

War Memorial	983-0645
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Town of Vinton General Information	983-0601
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**Handy Local Numbers:**

Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce	343-1364
Craig Avenue Recreation Center	857-5035
Roanoke County/Vinton Health Department	857-7800
Roanoke County/Vinton Environmental Health	204-9764
Roanoke County/Vinton Branch Library	857-5043
Vinton Post Office	345-1495
Vinton Historical Society Museum	342-8634
Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection	344-4922

**Other Information & Referral Numbers:**

Community Services Info. and Referral	211
Virginia Traffic & Travel Information	511
Miss Utility Location and Protection Service	811
Roanoke County General Info.	772-2006
Roanoke County Parks & Rec. Tourism Office	387-6078
24 Hour Parks and Rec. Activity Line	387-6455
Roanoke County Circuit Court	387-6205
Roanoke Valley Resource Authority	857-5050

