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Keeping Everyone Safe As School Days Begin

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School days are upon us once again, which means school bus and school zone safety should be foremost in our minds while driving. Here is some material to help us achieve an incident-free school year in the area of Weaverville Elementary School and Weaverville Primary School located on South Main St.

It is a criminal offense to speed! Here are some fines you would have to pay if caught speeding:

- Up to 10 MPH over speed limit is \$15 fine plus \$121 court cost = \$136
- 11-15 MPH over speed limit is \$30 fine plus \$121 court cost = \$150
- 16 MPH over speed limit is \$50 fine plus \$121 court cost = \$171

If you are traveling with a child, you are required to follow the state's child passenger safety laws.

- Children under 8 and less than 80 pounds must ride in a weight-appropriate child safety seat that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards at the time of purchase.
- If the vehicle is equipped with a passenger side airbag, the restraint must be secured in the back seat.
- All occupants traveling in a motor vehicle must use an age-appropriate restraint system, safety seat, or seat belt, no matter where they sit in the vehicle.
- Failure to properly restrain children will result in a citation that will carry 2 points on your drivers license



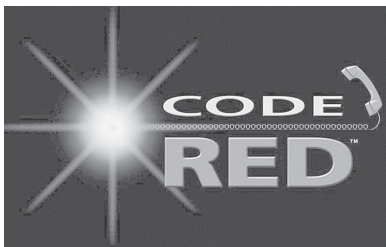
along with fines and court costs.

On undivided roads (those without medians or barriers) when approaching a school bus that has stopped in the road, stop! No matter which direction you are approaching the bus from, you must stop until one or more of the following things have occurred.

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CodeRED Keeps Town Residents Informed

The Town of Weaverville has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc., of Ormond Beach, Florida,



for its "CodeRED" high speed telephone emergency notification services.

The CodeRED system gives town officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas or the entire town and the North Buncombe Fire District at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

Michael JaVan Morgan, Weaverville Town Manager, cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone database supporting them. "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called!" The Co-

deRED system not only offers faster calling rates and improved message delivery, it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly to the system's telephone database. Morgan emphasized that this is an extremely important feature.

To ensure no one is omitted, Morgan urges all individuals and businesses

within the Town limits and the North Buncombe Fire District to log onto the Town of Weaverville's website, www.weavervillenc.org, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Residential and Business Data Collection" page. Those without Internet access may call Weaverville Public Works at (828) 645-0606, Monday through Friday, (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) to give their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers (optional).

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No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included, Morgan said. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals, who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.

Morgan explained that the system is



a geographical based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which phone numbers will receive emergency notification

calls in any given situation.

The system works fine for cell phones too, but a street address is needed. People who have recently moved but kept the same listed or unlisted phone number also need to change their address in the database.

Morgan stated, “CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for doing so. The information will only be used for emergency notification purposes.” Questions should be directed to the Weaverville Town Hall, 828-645-7116.

Weaverville Town Council Actions

At the July 20, 2009 meeting of the Weaverville Town Council, the Council took the following actions:

1. Approved the recommendations to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners the appointments of Ann Franklin, Zane Cole and Jim Eaker to the Weaverville Planning and Zoning Board.
2. Approved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 36 of the Weaverville Code of Ordinances to revise uses in the C-1, C-2 Districts.
3. Approved a Resolution Stating the Intent of the Town of Weaverville for the Annexation of the Aiken Road, Stoney Brook, Blueberry Hill and Highlander Woodland Hills Area. A Public Informational meeting will be held on 9/14/2009 at the Weaverville Town Hall and a Public Hearing will be held on 9/29/2009 at the Weaverville Town Hall. Both meetings will be at 6:00 p.m.
4. Approved a Resolution to help prevent Identity Theft from Weaverville Water customers.
5. Approved a \$10,000.00 Warranty Bond Amount for the Meadows of Flat Creek.
6. Discussion of Old Weaverville Fire Facility and acceptance of a \$350,000 bid allowing for the start of the upset bid process.

Town Offering Lake Louise Community Center Rental

The Town of Weaverville is once again renting the Lake Louise Community Center. Individuals or groups may reserve the facility up to two months in advance.

The facility is not intended to be used as a regular meeting place or base of operation by any non Town affiliated individual or group.

The cost of the facility is \$75.00

minimum for a four hour block of time for Weaverville residents. The resident booking the event must be present during the event.

A cost of \$150 minimum is charged for a four hour block of time for non Weaverville residents.

The facility may be only rented one time per day and all events must be completed by 10:30 p.m.

School Days

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- The bus resumes motion.
- The bus driver signals you to proceed.
- The visual signal used by the bus is turned off.

Children will be children and they may sometimes dart from around cars or buses into the roadway, so pay close attention when approaching a slowing or stopped school bus. Also remember, passing a

stopped school bus is a misdemeanor criminal offense and carries a substantial fine and five (5) points on your driving record.



Through all our collective efforts, we can achieve an accident-free school year in Weaverville, further helping us to make Weaverville a great place to work and live!

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Town Manager/Focus Editor

Michael JaVan Morgan

2009 Property Taxes

The 2009 property tax bills will be mailed to taxpayers sometime in late August or early September. Remember, taxes are due from September 1st, 2009, until January 5th, 2010, without penalty. Your bill will state that taxes are due by September 1st, but you do have until January 5th to pay them.

If you have sold your property and receive a bill, please contact our office immediately with the new owner information so that we can get the bill to the current owner. If you receive a bill, but have an escrow account to pay your taxes, please contact your mortgage company or bank, because this would mean that they did not request your bill for payment.

If you will require a payment plan, please contact this office as soon as you receive your bill. **Payment plans will not be available after bills are delinquent.** Call 828-645-7116, ext. 222, to set up a payment plan if needed.

Thank you in advance for paying your taxes in a timely manner.

Tactics For Women To Fend Off Attacker

Too often women are targets for would-be predators. You and your loved ones can avoid the threat of assault by learning how to take care of yourself – and, if need be, defend yourself against an attacker. Remember these strategies:

Don't run blindly. You have a split second to decide whether to flight or flee. Don't run unless there's safety nearby - a crowd of people or someone who can help you. Otherwise, chances are good the pursuer will catch up to you and run and you'll lose your advantage.

Attract attention. An attacker may tell you to remain quiet or he'll hurt you. But a scream or a honk on your horn will make it more difficult for him to do what he wants without getting caught. Honking your horn or shouting "Fire!"

is sure to draw unwanted attention and likely to make your enemy flee.

Fight with your whole body. Use your elbows, knees and head in addition to your hands and feet. Don't punch – use your hands to grab, twist, and inflict pain on your attacker. Instead of kicking at his groin, which may cause you to lose balance, use your knees, or your hands to attack this sensitive area.

Attack the right areas. Target the attacker's eyes, throat, and groins. These are the points where you can do the most damage and disable your opponent regardless of your size or physical strength.

For more information, please contact the Weaverville Police Department at 645-5700.

Lightning Safety

Lightning kills an average of 62 people per year, according to the National Weather Service. Thunderstorms can strike year round, so it pays to know how to protect yourself and your family from injury and death from lightning. Here's what to keep in mind:

- Proximity. When you see lightning, start counting until you hear the thunder. Calculate the distance to the site of the lightning strike at 5 seconds per mile. The farther away from lightning, the safer you are.

- Shelter. A large enclosed building is the safest refuge. Stay away from windows and metal appliances. Lightning can flow through metal and jump to the nearest person. If driving, stay in your car and keep the windows closed.

- Safety outside. If you can't get to shelter, stay low, but don't lie on the ground. Avoid tall trees. Discard anything metal that you may be carrying. If in a group of people, don't huddle together. If you feel your skin tingle, or your hair standing on end (signs of an impending lightning strike), crouch as low as you can without touching the ground anymore than you have to.

- Emergency care. Call for medical assistance as quickly as possible if someone is struck by lightning. If the victim is unconscious, apply CPR; he or she may appear to be dead, but CPR can revive the person if applied immediately.

Here's what to keep in a well stocked First Aid kit: Adhesive bandages (at least 25, different sizes and shapes), antibiotic ointment, antiseptic wipes, aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, sterile gauze pads (different sizes), non-latex gloves, scissors, oral thermometer, burn ointment, eyewash solution, tweezers, safety pins, ice pack/heating pack, First Aid instruction booklet. For more information, please contact the Weaverville Fire Department at 645-3500.

Award Winning Author To Appear

Friends of the Weaverville Library and Dry Ridge Museum, in conjunction with the "Road Scholars" program of the North Carolina Humanities Council, proudly presents award winning author and performer, Dr. Betty Smith, showcasing Jane Hicks Genery, a prolific writer of ballads, songs, stories and riddles of the Southern Mountains.

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Time: 7 p.m. Place: Community Room (enter through museum on lower level of Weaverville Library). No charge with refreshments following program.



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Weaverville Bus Schedule

Monday thru Saturday

Transit Center	UNCA (Out)	Merrimon Ave. @ Food Lion (Out)	Weaverville Hwy. @ New Stock (Out)	Weaverville Hwy @ Main Street (Out)	Roses Shopping Center	Sono Press (Arrive)	Sono Press (Leave)	Weaverville Hwy. @ Main Street (In)	Weaverville Hwy. @ New Stock (In)	Merrimon Ave. @ Food Lion (In)	UNCA (In)	Asheville Transit Center
6:15 AM	6:22	6:30	6:35	6:45	6:50	6:55	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:20	7:30	7:45
11:45 AM	11:52	12:00	12:05	12:15	12:20	12:25	12:25	12:30	12:35	12:40	12:50	1:00
1:15 PM	1:22	1:30	1:35	1:45	1:50	1:55	1:55	2:00	2:05	2:10	2:20	2:30
2:45 PM	2:52	3:00	3:05	3:15	3:20	3:25	3:25	3:30	3:35	3:40	3:50	4:00
6:30 PM	----	6:42	6:49	6:52	6:54	6:56	7:05	7:08	7:13	7:20	7:30	7:45

ROUTE TRAVELED

From Transit Center to Asheland Avenue to Patton Avenue, turn right on Patton and proceed to turn left onto Broadway Avenue and continues to Merrimon Ave. Proceed North on Merrimon turning left onto WT Weaver Blvd. to UNCA and MAHEC. Proceeds back to Merrimon Avenue (US 25) continuing north into the Town of Woodfin and the Town of Weaverville (street name changes to North Main St). Turns left onto Weaver Blvd. (US 25/70) and then right onto Monticello Rd. and continue back to Merrimon Ave., then returning to the Transit Center by way of the same route.

**For more information
about Weaverville, check
out the Town's website at
www.weaverville.org**

Meeting Dates & Locations

Town Council
3rd Monday of each month
7:00 PM Municipal Building

Board of Adjustments
As needed, Municipal Building.
Advertised in the Asheville Citizen-Times

Planning & Zoning Board
First Tuesday of each month as needed
5:30 PM, Municipal Building

Tree Board
Fourth Monday of each month,
7:30 PM, Municipal Building