

# Focus On Weaverville

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## Christmas Candlelight Stroll

The Weaverville Business Association invites you to enjoy the sights and sounds of a small-town Christmas in downtown Weaverville during the 6th Annual Christmas Candlelight Stroll, December 11, 2009, from 6 until 9 p.m.



The festivities actually begin a little before 6 p.m. when Santa

comes riding into town on a horse-pulled sleigh (his reindeer need to rest up for their big day). He'll be at M7 Realty, available for pictures and to hear everyone's Christmas wishes.

Strolling along Main Street, visitors will find merchants open late and local groups church choirs, school groups, and the Asheville Barbershop Quarter will be caroling throughout the evening. The night will also feature entertainment, inside and outside our local businesses, from members of the Montford Park Players, Mars Hill College musicians, students and teachers from Joyful Noise Music and Arts Center, the North Buncombe Middle School Band, and the Middle School and High School String Bands.

Also happening that evening, new Weaverville Mayor Al Root will do the honors at the official tree lighting ceremony (at the clock), and horse and buggy history tours will be available

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## Weaverville's Commitment To Helping Citizens Recycle

The Town of Weaverville provides recycling service to the citizens of the Town. Currently within the Town

of Weaverville, approximately 79% of our residents recycle. The following is a list of things to do to help with our recycling activities.



### How Do I Prepare My Recyclables?

- Remove & discard all caps
- Rinse all bottles and cans
- Flatten plastic jugs and bottles
- Break down and flatten all corrugated cardboard and secure beneath the

blue bags.

- Empty aerosol cans, remove lids
- Set your Blue Bags at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on your trash day.

### Questions & Answers

#### When are recyclables collected?

Recyclables are collected every week on your trash day by Curbside Management, Inc. Recyclables are collected on some holidays; please check collection dates with the Town of Weaverville. Please set your blue bags at the curb by 8:00 a.m. of your collection day.

#### Where can I purchase "Blue Bags"?

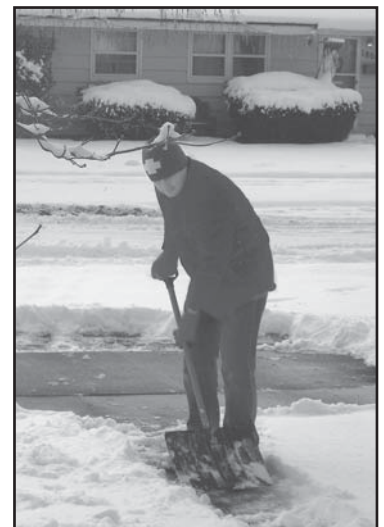
Blue Bags may be purchased from most grocery stores in the area.

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## Avoiding Cold Weather Dangers

During the winter months, keeping toasty warm is more than just a matter of comfort when you're outdoors; it can be a matter of life or death. Watch out for these two hazards of freezing weather:

**Frostbite.** Freezing of body tissues can cause permanent loss of feeling and movement in affected areas and may require amputation of the affected limb. A less serious condition, frostnip, can usually be reversed by rubbing the affected areas to warm them, but don't do that for frostbite victims. Their limbs need to be heated quickly with blankets and warm (not hot) water, preferably in a hospital. Frostbite usually affects the



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## Be Safe When You Decide To Give

The impulse to give to those who are less fortunate is a wonderful expression of human caring and generosity.

But before you donate, review these tips from the Internet Crime Center of the FBI:

Do not respond to unsolicited (SPAM) email. Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited email.

Be cautious of email claiming to contain pictures in attached files, as the files may contain viruses.

Open attachments only from known senders.

Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as officials soliciting via email for donations.

To ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes, make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf.

Validate the legitimacy of the orga-

nization by directly accessing the recognized charity or aid organization's website.

Attempt to verify the legitimacy of the nonprofit status of the organization by using various Internet-based resources, which also may assist in confirming the actual existence of the organization.

Do not provide personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions; providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

You can also check out the Better Business Bureau, Wise Giving Alliance for information on national charities (<http://us.bbb.org>).



## Bad Weather Trash Pick Up

During these winter months, the Town of Weaverville may need to cancel trash pick up due to bad road conditions and for the safety of our workers.

If this is the case, the following schedule will apply:

Tuesday pick up will be on Thursday. Wednesday pick up will be on Friday. If the weather is still bad on the rescheduled day, we will pick up the trash the following week.

## Stroll

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throughout the night for those wanting to rest their weary feet. Hot chocolate and raffle tickets for gift certificates and gifts from some of our local businesses will also be on sale at Rodney's Auto. All proceeds go to the North Buncombe Samaritan Ministries to help those in need this holiday season, as well as throughout the year.

So please make plans to join us on Main Street on December 11, and let us wish you the happiest of holidays and a very Merry Christmas.

## Cold Weather

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nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Symptoms include white or grayish-yellow skin, numbness, and a firm, waxy feeling when touching the affected skin.

**Hypothermia.** Loss of body heat due to prolonged exposure to the cold can impair movement and rational thinking.

Someone with severe hypothermia may appear unconscious or even dead, but CPR can keep the victim alive until medical aid arrives. If you must move the victim, handle him or her gently.

If medical attention isn't immediately available, warm the center of the body first (chest, neck, and groin) with an electric blanket if available. Symp-

toms of hypothermia include extreme shivering and exhaustion, confusion, slurred speech, memory loss, and extreme drowsiness.



tomized areas. You can lose up to 40 percent of your body heat if you don't adequately cover your head, face, hands, and feet.

- Stay dry. If you get wet, dry off or change clothes immediately. Keep moving. You'll keep warmer if you're walking or staying active.

Always take these common-sense precautions when going outdoors in cold weather:

- Dress in layers. Clothing should be warm, loose, and dry, made of cotton or wool. Your top layer should be waterproof. Cover your critical

### Town of Weaverville

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## Be careful when buying toys

When you buy a toy, you should consider the child's age, skill level and interests. You should always look for toys that have quality design and construction.

Make sure you can understand the instructions when you buy a toy, too. And always make sure you immediately throw away any plastic wrapping that came on toys – as they can become deadly playthings for children. Also make sure you read the “recommended” labels that come on toys, for instance, “not recommended for children under 3.”

When you buy a new toy for children under the age of 8, the toys should be free of sharp metal and glass edges. (Note: Older toys may break, thereby exposing sharp edges, so parents and guardians should check toys in the home for maintenance or disposal.)

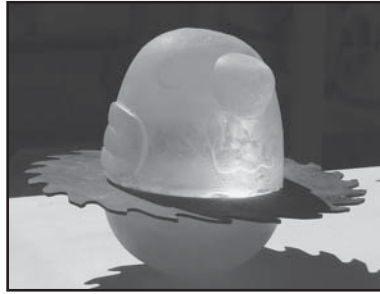
Laws ban small parts in new toys, but you should be vigilant in checking for yourself anyway. Make sure any infant toys you purchase are large enough so they cannot enter and become lodged in an infant's throat.

Any toy that makes a loud noise should be checked to make sure the sound will not cause any hearing damage. And cords and strings can be very dangerous in toys for infants or very young children.

Any projectile toy can be turned into a weapon and can injure eyes and other body parts.

If you are buying an electric toy, make sure that it is properly constructed and wired. Toy usage should be monitored because misuse can lead to shock or burns.

– From the Consumer Product Safety Commission Website.



## Simple Crime Prevention Tips

Here are a few ways you can better protect yourself by using some simple crime prevention techniques.

Secure doors and windows on your house while away and at night. Keep valuables and Christmas presents out of plain sight from windows and doors.

- Lock the doors on your vehicle and place valuables out of sight or remove them from your vehicle.
- Do not allow strangers into your house no matter what they are saying or selling.
- Beware of phone and computer scams that seem to flourish this time of year. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Call the police if you see or hear anything suspicious.

Even though Weaverville has a low crime rate, we need to stay alert. The Police Department counts on you to help. This is all part of community policing.

Through a combined effort between the community and the police, we can keep Weaverville a wonderful environment in which to live, work and play.

**Weaverville Town Hall will be closed December 24 and 25 and January 1, 2010.**

## Recycling

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### What if my recyclables weren't picked up?

Call Curbside Management immediately at 252-2532. Be sure to give them your name, address and phone number

### What if my recycling question has not been answered?

Please refer to the list of phone numbers provided at the end of this article or visit Curbside Management's website at [www.curbie.com](http://www.curbie.com).

### What is Recyclable?

Mixed Paper – Newspapers and inserts, catalogs, Christmas cards, con-

struction paper, egg cartons (paper), envelopes (including those with plastic windows, frozen food boxes (white inside), glossy paper, junk mail, magazine, manila envelopes, office paper, paper-back books, phone books, PostIt-Notes, shredded paper (place in paper bag with the top rolled down), chipboard (cereal boxes, brown paper bags, paper towel rolls, soda or beer cartons.

### What is NOT Recyclable?

Baby diapers, carbon copy paper, dog food bags, hardcover books, aluminum foil pie plates, dishes or cookware, plastic bags, plastic wrap, yogurt or margarine tubs, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide bottles, broken window or mirror glass, black food trays, nursery plant

containers, paper towels, spiral bound notebooks, wax paper, juice or milk boxes, light bulbs, deli trays, styrofoam drinking glasses.

### Place in Blue Bags

- Metal Cans & Aerosol Cans – Aluminum, steel, tin, aerosol (empty)
- All Plastic Bottles & Jugs (Tip: mouth must be smaller than base)
- Glass Bottles & Jars - Clear, brown, green
- Corrugated Cardboard

### Important Phone Numbers:

Curbside Management, Inc. 252-2532  
Buncombe County  
Transfer Station 251-4997  
Buncombe County Landfill 645-5311



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## Holiday Lights: How To Economize And Be Safe

Who doesn't love the sight of holiday lights twinkling all about? But no one loves a big electricity bill or using something that can be dangerous. So here are a few things to consider before you put up those holiday display lights.

Do you still use those old traditional sets of colored bulbs? If you do, you should be aware that some of those older strings can use up to 10 watts per bulb. You might want to purchase some new lights. Strings of modern miniature lights use about 70 percent less electricity – and the bulbs last longer. If it just doesn't seem like Christmas without your big traditional lights, then you will want to switch over to using 5-watt bulbs, which will save you about 30 percent on your bill as opposed to the 10-watt bulbs.

If you want super efficiency when it comes to your holiday lights, buy some LED holiday bulbs. These bulbs are safe

to touch, won't burn your hands and they're shockproof and shatterproof. Best of all, LED bulbs present no fire hazard, the bulbs last a long time and they can cut your energy costs by 85 percent.

Here are some lighting safety tips:

Don't overload your electrical circuits. Older homes generally carry a maximum of 1800 Watts. Newer homes generally can handle 2400 watts.

All outdoor cords, plugs and sockets must be weatherproof. Keep your electrical connections off the ground. Make

sure your wiring is clear of drainpipes and railings, too.

Check light sets for frayed wiring, damaged sockets or cracked insulation before you decorate. If you find any of these problems, replace the entire set.

Make sure you buy the kind of light sets you need, indoor sets for indoors and outdoor sets for outdoors.

Make sure that all light sets you purchase have the Underwriters label, which ensures that they meet safety requirements.

– From [www.consumerenergy.org](http://www.consumerenergy.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