



Town of Boone
Quarterly Reports
October, November &
December 2015

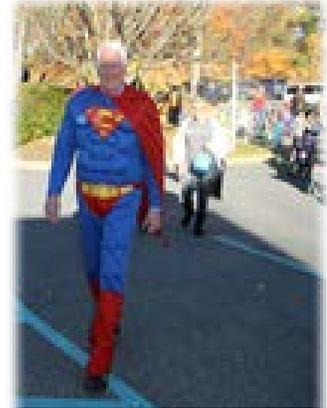


Cultural Resources Department Quarterly Report 4th Quarter: October – December 2015

Thank you for your continued support of the Cultural Resources Department. The following are some of the highlights for the fourth quarter of 2015:

Programs and Events

- Held the 15th Annual Downtown Boone BOO! with record attendance. CR staff was excited to partner with the PW department to include “Fun in the Park” as part of the 2015 celebration. Special guest “SuperMayor” was in attendance.



- Partnered with the Daniel Boone Chapter of the DAR for the rededication of the historic mural in the DT Post Office.
- Staff provided entertainment at the Boone Heritage Festival on October 11.
- Started a new program “Tea and Talk” with Guest Speaker, Dr. Neva Specht.
- Hosted monthly gallery receptions as part of First Friday activities with exhibits by:

David Holt
High Country Watermedia Society
Theresa Cerda
Mountain Alliance photography



- Offered holiday hours at the Jones House to provide restrooms, information, and refreshments.
- Partnered with ASUSES to host the annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the JH.
- Partnered with Split-Rail Records to host “Christmahanakwanzika” a singer-songwriter showcase.
- Had record participation at the annual Christmas parade. Many thanks to TOB staff as well as Watauga County and ASU for their continued support.
- Held music lessons each Thursday through Dec. 10. Concluded the Fall 2015 session with an end-of-year recital at the Jones House.
- Held weekly Jam sessions every Thursday evening at the Jones House.



- Hosted the following guitar workshops:
 - Reggie Harris October 25
 - Sheila Kay Adams December 5
- Held SOLD OUT concert with the Harris Brothers on October 25



- Held the following concerts as part of the JH Indoor Concert Series:
 - Dale Jett November 13
 - Crooked Road Ramblers November 23
 - Sheila Kay Adams December 5
- Staff continues to meet regularly with the DBDA, Cultural Resource Board, HPC and other Town and community groups.



Upcoming Events and Activities

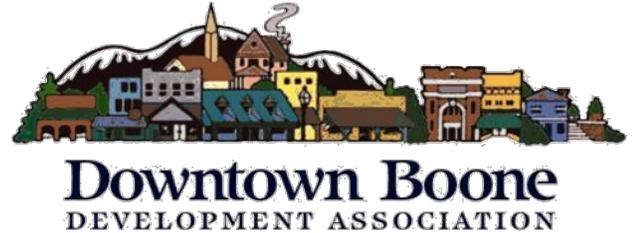
- Winter/Spring Indoor Concert Series
 - Feb. 7, 3 p.m.- Joe Newberry and Mike Compton
 - Feb 26, 7 p.m. - Surefire
 - March 13, 7 p.m. - Mr. Sun
 - April 3, 7 p.m. - Tracy Schwarz and Ginny Hawker (4pm show)
 - April 20, 7 p.m. - Dan Gellert
- First Friday Gallery Receptions, Exhibits and events.
- Spring semester of music lessons begin on February 4th.
- Gallery exhibits including a display of historic postcards by the Watauga County Historical Society and photography by artist Adam Coulter.



DBDA 4th Quarter Summary:

Organization:

- The DBDA board elected the executive board for 2016. Colton Lenz, president, Tucker Deal, vice president, Nealy Andrews, treasurer, and Jamie Goodman, secretary.
- The executive board began working with downtown coordinator on the 2016-2017 Main. St. work plan.



Promotion:

- Continued working with local graphic designers on a downtown brochure.
- Board voted and approved funding and a design for an advertisement in the 2016 High Country Host Vacation Planner.
- Supported gameday activities with the rental of portable restrooms in downtown and promoted events and business specials during football weekends on the downtown Boone website.
- Supported Small Business Saturday through Chamber and DBDA promotion initiatives.
- The DBDA partnered with local Christmas tree grower to provide wholesale wreaths for business owners in the MSD during the Christmas season.

Design:

- The DBDA received a Façade Incentive Grant application in December.

Upcoming 1st Quarter Activities:

- Winter Budget Retreat – February 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jones House
- Two First Fridays: February 5th and March 4th.
- NC Main St Conference March 16th-18th in Goldsboro, NC
- 2016-2017 proposed budget.
- Easter EGGstravaganza on Saturday, March 19th





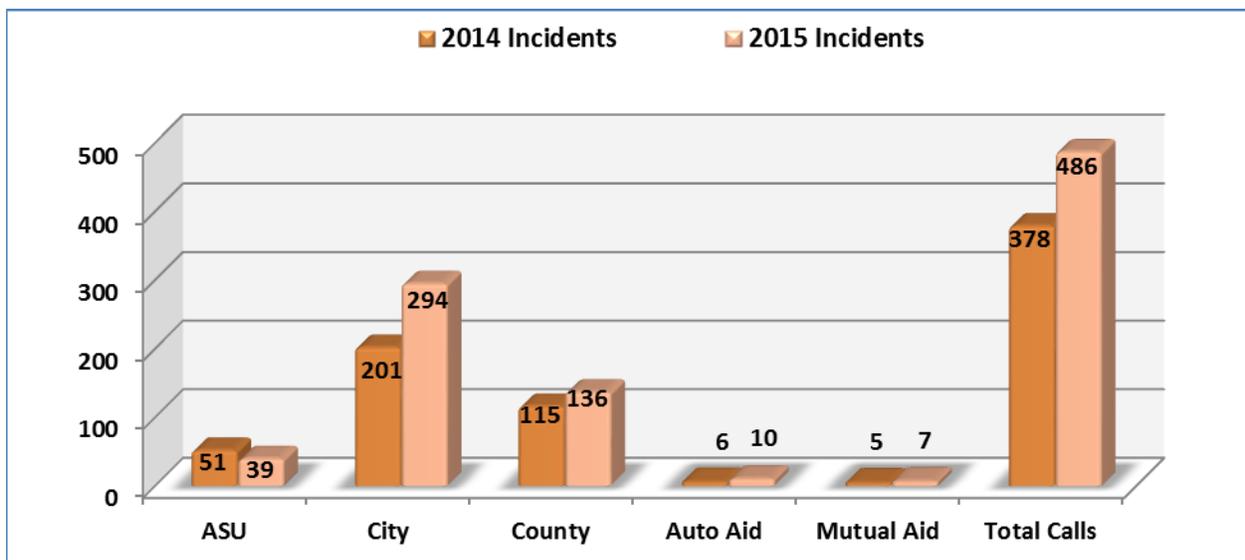
QUARTERLY REPORT

TO: Mayor & Council Members
FROM: James D. Isaacs, Fire Chief
DATE: January 20, 2016
SUBJECT: 4th Quarter 2015 (Oct, Nov, Dec)

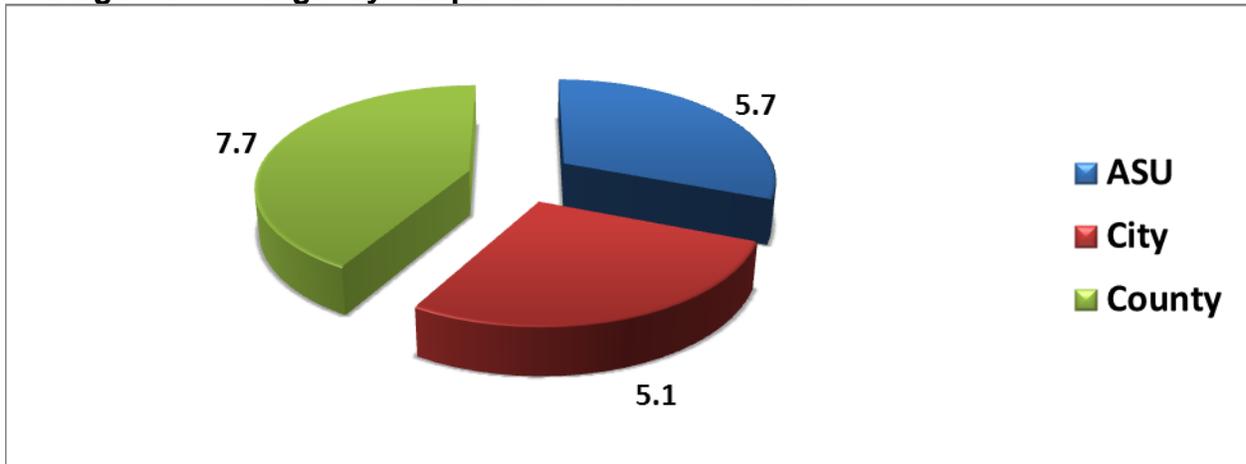
INCIDENT INFORMATION

During the fourth quarter of 2015, Boone Fire Department responded to 378 incidents. The average response time for non-emergency incidents was 6.67minutes and 6.03 minutes for emergency situations.

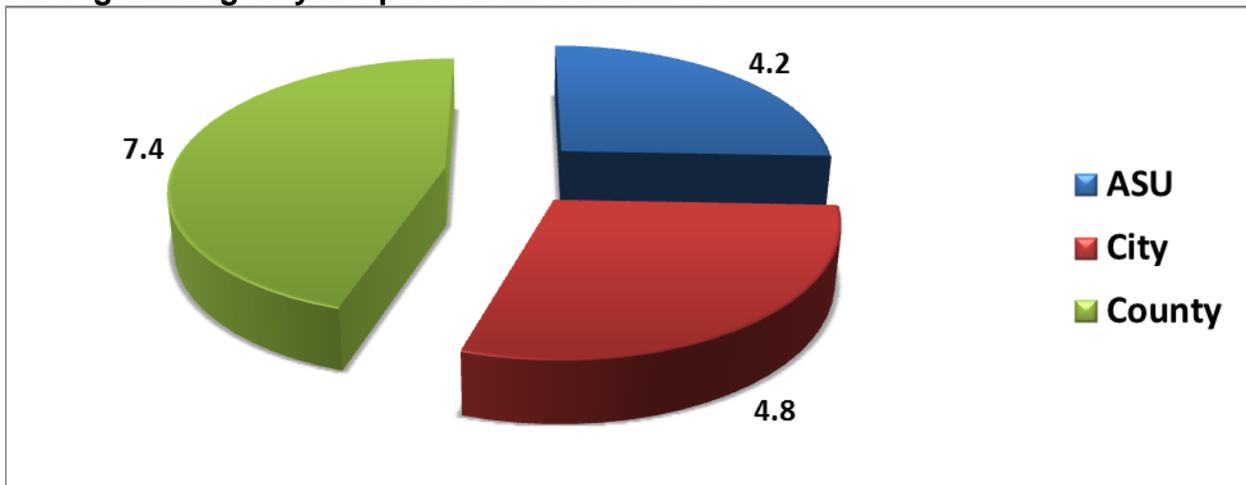
Number of Incidents by Jurisdiction



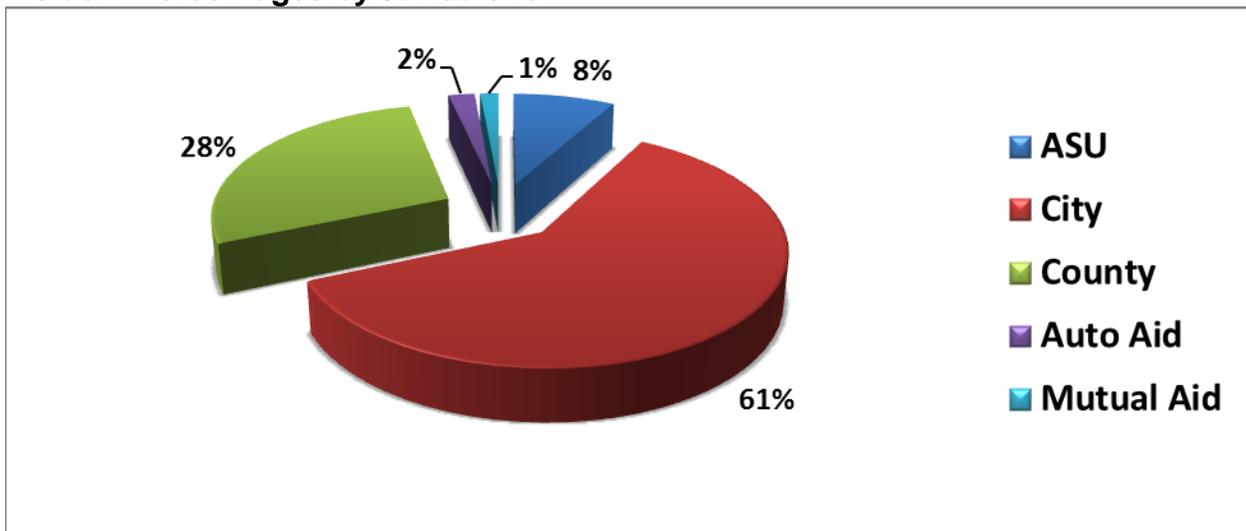
Average Non-Emergency Response Times In Minutes



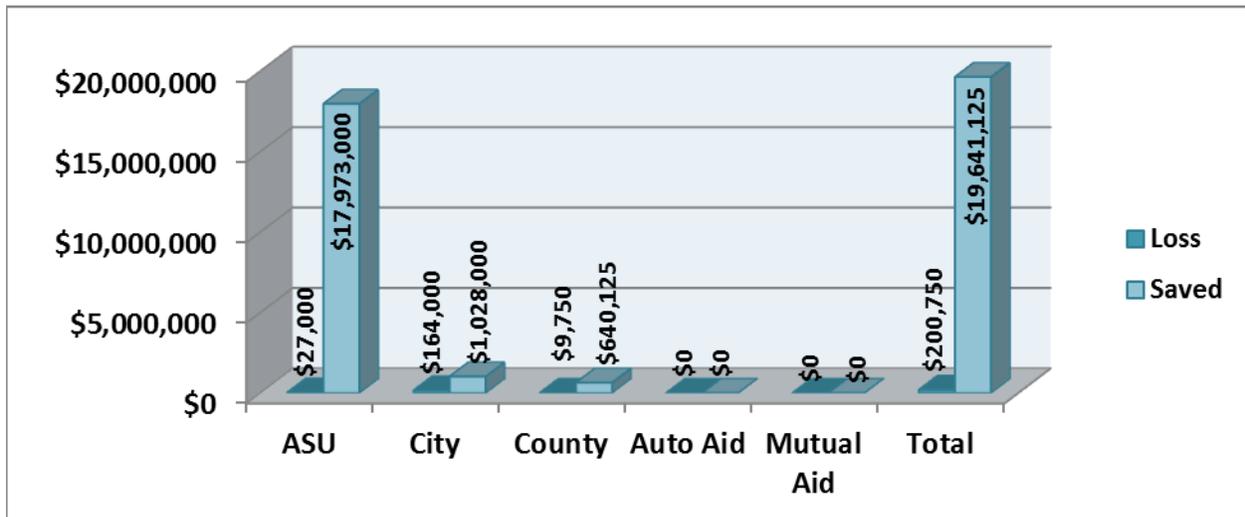
Average Emergency Response Times In Minutes



Incident Percentages by Jurisdiction



FIRE DAMAGE LOSS VS SAVED: PERCENTAGE OF VALUE SAVED 98.99%



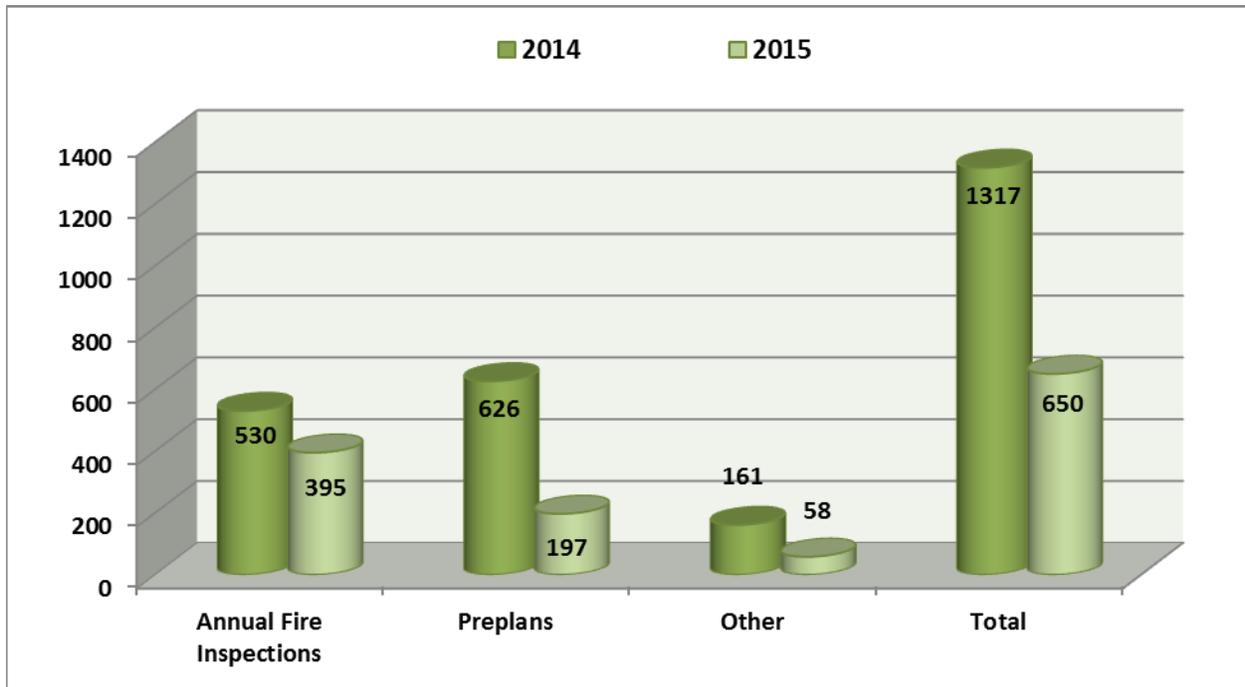
PERSONNEL

At the present time the Boone Fire Department is running a roster of 26 career firefighters and 13 volunteers for a total of 39 members. A total of 4973.53 training hours were completed during this quarter.

Departmental Roster Name	Total 39 Radio #	Name	Radio #
Brown, Kent	2127	Ley, Dennis	2136
Bryant, Grayson	2161	Lyerly, Chris	2148
Burleson, Jacob	2151	Marsh, Ronald	2150
Clark, Matthew	2175	Marsh, Taylor	2153
Daniels, Jereme	2147	Maxey, Patrick	2155
Dean, Jeffrey	2176	McLean, Walter	2143
Dutton, Dustin	2140	Miller, Jared	2174
Edmisten, John	2173	Miller, Michael	2152
Flieg, Amy	2157	Propst, Lonnie	2125
Garland, Shane	2129	Reed, Matt	2164
Harris, Ashley	2154	Smith, Greg	2170
Hassler, Kyle	2165	Snider, Mike	2177
Hassler, Reginald	2142	Spencer, Travis	2126
Hicks, Michael	2159	Teague, Mike	2122
Hicks, Mike	2158	Wade, Andrew	2171
Ingwersen, Daniel	2166	Walker, Robert	2162
Isaacs, James	2121	Welborn, Caleb	2178
Kerley, Jay	2137	Wilson, Aaron	2135
Krause, Matthew	2167	Worley, Bradley	2163
Lentz, Adam	2156		

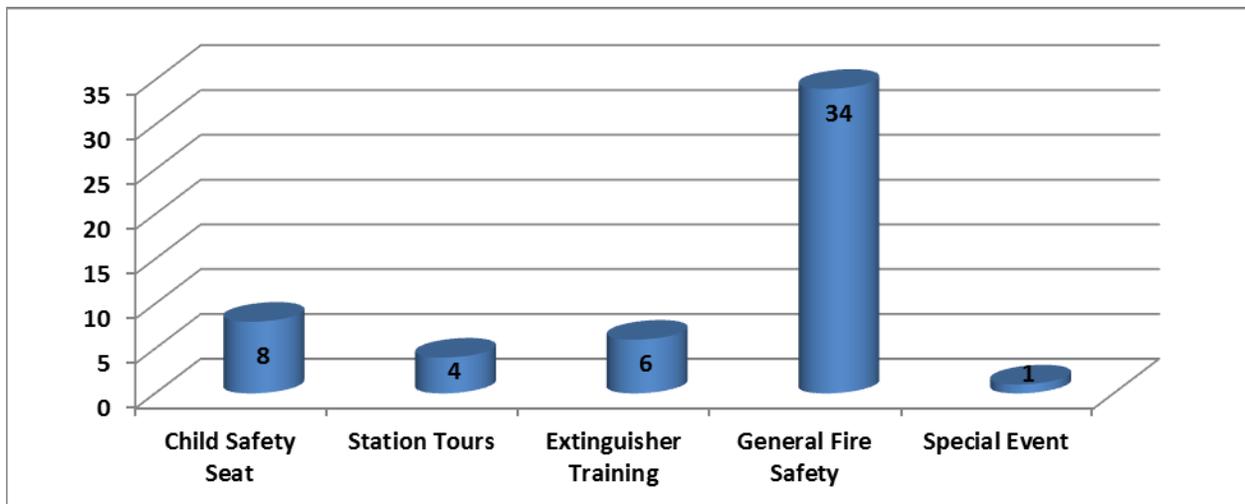
DEPARTMENTAL INSPECTIONS

Departmental inspections for the fourth quarter.



FIRE PREVENTION

The Boone Fire Department Prevention Bureau conducted 53 fire and life safety education programs.



HUMAN RESOURCES 4th QUARTER REPORT 2015

The Town of Boone would like to welcome the following new employees:

Kevin Hardy—Communications & Records Supervisor

Andrew Absher—School Resource Officer

David Proffitt-Telecommunicator

Andrea Wstwood-Telecommunicator

Congratulations to the following employees on their promotion:

Matt Clark—Fire Captain

Alan Tester-Equipment Operator

The following employees resigned their positions:

Ryan Shepherd—Police Officer

Amy Snider—Telecommunicator

Bradley Swift—Master Police Officer

Personnel Policy was approved by Council in October and has been reviewed by all Town employees.

An Awards Luncheon was held on October 22nd at McKethan Brothers Barbeque in honor of 9 employees who had from five to twenty years of service with the Town. Thank you to the following employees for their hard work and dedication:

Jack Harmon-22 years, **Christy Turner**-15 years, **Kenney Howell**-10 Years, **Tony Greer**-10years

Michael Trivette-10 years, **Bill Bailey**-5 years, **Jason Lokies**-5 years, **Sheldon Coffey**-5 years

The Annual Employee Christmas Luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 2nd, at the Boone United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Approximately 140 employees, retirees and Council members attended. A total of 512 pounds of canned goods were collected to donate to the needy in the area.

On December 16th all Department Heads were given an Employee Compensation Summary to be distributed to each of their employees.

On December 22nd, employees received a memo from the Town Manager explaining a new benefit. It stated that all staff will be able to take their birthday off beginning January 1st, 2016.

Safety & Risk Management Division Fourth Quarter Report:

For the fourth quarter there were 3 worker's compensation claim filed. Two were lost work day cases and one involved restricted job duties.

A Water and Waste Water employee received a contusion to his knee when he was struck by the air compressor (restricted work days). A Police Officer broke his ankle while chasing a suspect (Lost work day). A Waste Water Treatment Plant employee strained his back while opening a trap door (Lost work day)

For the year 2015 the Town had eleven worker's compensation claims filed. Of the eleven, four were recordable and there were three lost workday cases (35 lost days).

Our injury rates for the year are:

Incident Rate	=	2.20
Frequency Rate	=	1.65
Severity Rate	=	19.23

Rates are figured using the following:

Incident Rate	=	(recordable cases X 200,000) divided by (work hours for the year)
Frequency Rate	=	(lost work day cases X 200,000) divided by (work hours for the year)
Severity Rate	=	(lost work days X 200,000) divided by (work hours for the Year)

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

During this quarter, a total of seven special event permits were issued, with three on the Greenway Trail and four in town.

Town of Boone

Planning &
Inspections
Department

Fourth Quarter
Report
2015

Fourth Quarter, 2015 (October, November, December)

Zoning Amendments

20150685 Tommy Hampton

Tommy Hampton filed a General Use Zoning Map Amendment Petition to rezone properties at 240 and 265 Turbo Drive from B2 Neighborhood Business to RA Residential Agriculture. This request was approved.

20150700 Walker, Devinere, Wright

Hunter Coffey filed a Conditional District Zoning Map Amendment Petition for property owned by Jazz Baby Holdings, LLC to rezone 280 Queen Street from O/I Office Institutional to B1 Central Business with a site specific development plan for Use 11.19 Professional Office. This request was approved with conditions.

20150028 Planned Development

Request to modify the Unified Development Ordinance to create a Planned Development (PD) zoning map amendment process. A PD zoning district creates a sui generis (unique) district not limited to the authorized uses and the development standards of a specific zoning district. This request was approved.

20150767 B-1 Central Business Building Material Change

Request to modify the Unified Development is a temporary measure to ensure appropriate materials for the B-1 Central Business District are utilized while the final recommendations for design standards within the district are completed. This request was approved.

Board of Adjustment

20150714 Modern Toyota & Subaru

Melinda Nguyen, on behalf of Modern Real Estate Investors, LLC, (185 Modern Drive) requested a Variance to UDO Article 26, Subsection 26.12.01, (C) to erect a sign that exceeds the maximum allowed square footage/number of signs allowed for attached signs in the B-3 zoning district for a Shopping Center. This request was withdrawn.

20150715 Modern Toyota & Subaru

Melinda Nguyen, on behalf of Modern Real Estate Investors, LLC, (225 Modern Drive) requested a Variance to UDO Article 26, Subsection 26.12.01, (C) to erect a sign that exceeds the maximum allowed square footage/number of signs allowed for attached signs in the B-3 zoning district for a Shopping Center. This request was withdrawn.

20150716 Modern Toyota & Subaru

Melinda Nguyen, on behalf of Modern Real Estate Investors, LLC, (225 Modern Drive) requested a Variance to UDO Article 26, Subsection 26.12.01, (C) to erect a sign that exceeds the maximum allowed square footage for freestanding signs in the B-3 zoning district for a Shopping Center. This request was approved.

20150717 Modern Toyota & Subaru

Melinda Nguyen, on behalf of Modern Real Estate Investors, LLC, (225 Modern Drive) requested a Variance to UDO Article 26, Subsection 26.12.01, (C) to erect a sign that exceeds the maximum allowed

square footage/number of signs allowed for attached signs in the B-3 zoning district for a Shopping Center. This request was approved.

20150719 Alray Tire

Harold Cole, owner of 124 Realty Row (Alray Tire, Watauga County PIN 2910258181000), requested a Variance from Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Subsection 16.06.01(C)(3) to increase the height of an existing retaining wall in the building setback. This request was approved.

20150686 Mountain View Speedway

Watauga Citizens For Local Control and the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League filed an appeal to a Staff Interpretation regarding the use classification of the Mountain View Speedway situated on property located at 677/737 Roby Greene Road (Watauga County PIN 2921-44-8688-000). At the December meeting, the Board found the applicant to have standing to file the appeal. The hearing was continued and will be considered at a special meeting on January 28, 2016.

20150790 Staples

Sign Systems, Inc., on behalf of Staples the Office Superstore East, Inc., (1275 Blowing Rock Rd.) is requesting a Variance to UDO Subsection 26.09.02(B) & (G) to erect a sign that exceeds the maximum allowed square footage permitted for attached signs in the B-3 zoning district for a Shopping Center. The Board was unable to hear this case during this quarter. This case will be heard at a special meeting on January 28, 2016.

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20150793 Animal Emergency Vet Clinic

David Linzey is requesting two Variances to the UDO for properties located at 1600 & 1710 NC HWY 105 as well as the vacant intervening parcels identified as Watauga County PINs: 2900-83-7350-000, 2900-83-8357-000, and 2900-83-9229-000 for the Animal Emergency Clinic Site Expansion. The first Variance request is to UDO Subsection 14.08.04(A) which limits a project to one driveway access along a main thoroughfare. The applicant is requesting to be allowed 2 driveways. The second Variance request is to UDO Subsection 20.04.03(B) to allow temporary disturbance in the stream buffer for more than 10% of the total length. The Board was unable to hear this case during this quarter. This case will be heard at the regular meeting in February, 2016.

20150792 Animal Emergency Vet Clinic

David Linzey is requesting a Special Use Permit for properties located at 1600 & 1710 NC HWY 105 as well as the vacant intervening parcels identified as Watauga County PINs: 2900-83-7350-000, 2900-83-8357-000, and 2900-83-9229-000 for the Animal Emergency Clinic Site Expansion. The applicant is requesting to construct a new building between 1600 & 1710 NC HWY 105 for Use 11.02 Veterinary Office/Hospital with Outdoor Kennels and to be allowed to use the buildings at 1600 and 1710 NC HWY 105 for any of the following uses: 11.01 Kennel, 11.02 Veterinary Office/Hospital with Outdoor Kennels, 11.03 Veterinary Office/Hospital without Outdoor Kennels, 11.04 Financial Institution $\leq 5,000$ ft², 11.12 Personal Service Establishment open to the public during 10 pm and 6 am, 11.13 Other Personal Service Establishments; 11.14 Retail Store up to 5,000 ft², 11.18 Business or Professional Office open to the public during 10 pm and 6 am, 11.19 Other Business or Professional Office, 11.21 Medical Office

Category 2, 11.22 Medical Office Category 3, 11.23 Medical Office Category 4, 11.26 Open Air Market, 11.27 Vehicle Sales and Service, 11.28 Equipment Sales and Service, 11.29 Moped Sales and Service, 11.30 Boat or Marine Craft Sales and Service, 11.34 Seasonal Retail Activities and Amusements, 12.10 Recreation Facility Category 1, 14.01 Microbrewery, 14.02 Brewpub, 14.03 Brewery/Distillery, 14.06 Winery. The Board was unable to hear this case during this quarter. This case will be heard at the regular meeting in February, 2016.

Community Appearance Commission

Revisions To Downtown Appearance Standards

The Commission held a joint meeting and workshop with the Town Council to receive feedback and ideas for the proposed Downtown Appearance Standards. It was a consensus at the workshop that a survey be prepared and sent out to obtain feedback on the look of downtown.

Appalachian Suites - MF Project

Jason Gaston, P.E. requested approval of freestanding garages and carports per UDO Section 15.10.03b2. The proposed project is located at 130 Green Street. The request was approved as the Commission deemed the carports were architecturally compatible with the principle structure.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission made recommendations on two (2) text amendments and two (2) map amendments, listed under Zoning Amendments above.

Affordable Housing Task Force

Affordable Housing Website

The Affordable Housing Task Force met and went over their work on the Website. They recommended that the Town Manager ask the IT Department if work can be done on the Website to make it ready for the public to use.

Historic Preservation Commission

Incorporation of Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation into UDO

The Western Office of the NCSHPO and the Town Attorney determined that the incorporation of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards was not needed in order to make a Local Landmark Designation.

Local Landmark Designation for the Post Office

The Local Landmark Designation for the Downtown Boone Post Office was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission and will be voted on by Town Council at their January meeting.

NCDOT Ginseng Marker unveiling ceremony

The Ginseng Marker Unveiling Ceremony was held on November 6, 2015 on the corner of W. King Street and Water Street at 5:30 PM. Many citizens and dignitaries were in attendance including Mr. Kenneth Wilcox who spoke about his families involvement in the Ginseng trade.

Historic Resources Survey

The Downtown Boone survey area was split into five (5) zones. The fifth zone will be completed soon and a report should be to the Commission in the spring.

Boone Cemetery

Chairman Plaag drafted cemetery by-laws and rules and regulations for the Boone Cemetery as well as draft recommendations from the HPC and stakeholders from the November 18, 2015 Cemetery Stakeholders Meeting. Changes were recommended and will be discussed again in January.

Power House

Chairman Plaag spoke with Ed Miller from New River Light and Power and he will meet with him soon. Chairman Plaag stated that the structure itself was on state property, the dam was in the river, and the anchoring on the sides of the dam was on private property.

Boone Flood Marker and Linney House & Office

The HPC decided to pursue obtaining a NCDOT marker for the 1940 Flood to possibly be placed at the Jimmy Smith Park on Rivers Street. The HPC also decided to pursue local landmark designation of the Linney House and Office.

Tree Board

The Tree Board did not meet this quarter.

Enforcement

Illegal Signs

Staff patrolled the Town of Boone Corporate Limits and ETJ this past quarter to locate illegal signs. The Sign Administrator located twelve (12) illegal signs that were displayed. The violation(s) were corrected.

Minimum Housing

There were no minimum housing complaints received this quarter.

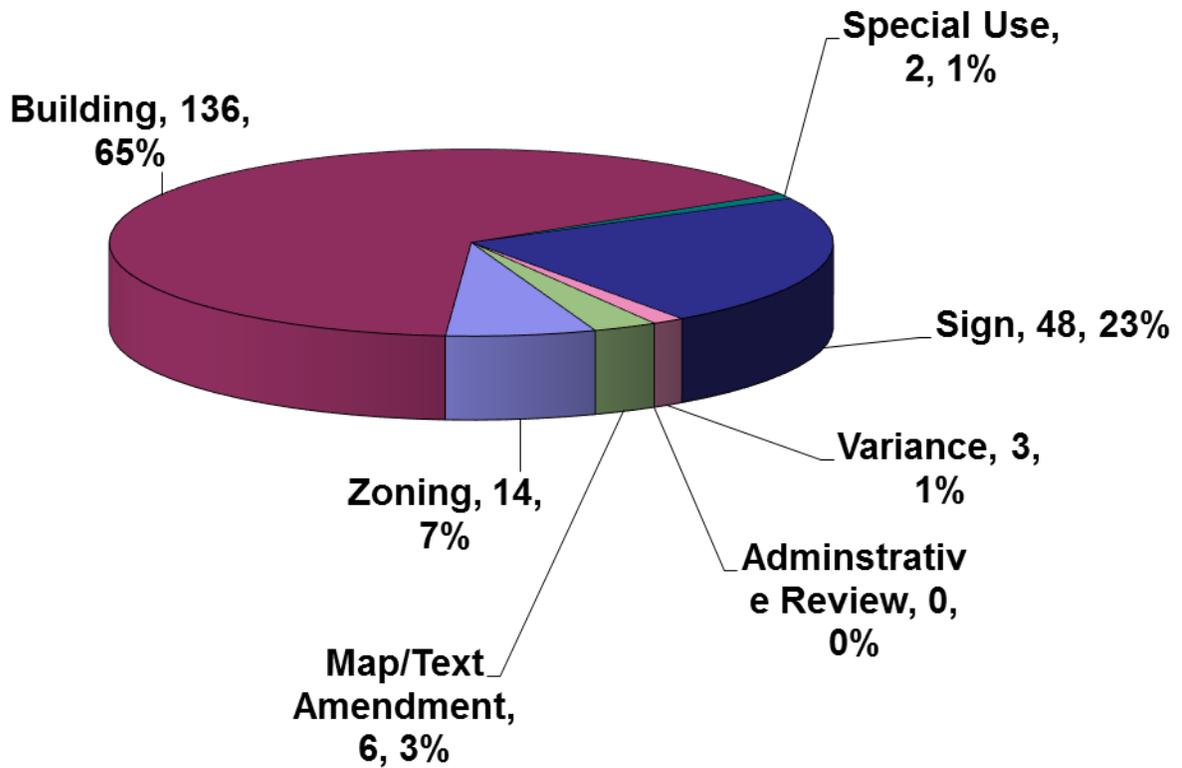
Condemnations and Derelict Buildings

There were no condemnations issued this quarter. There were no complaints of derelict buildings received this quarter..

Miscellaneous Violations or Complaints

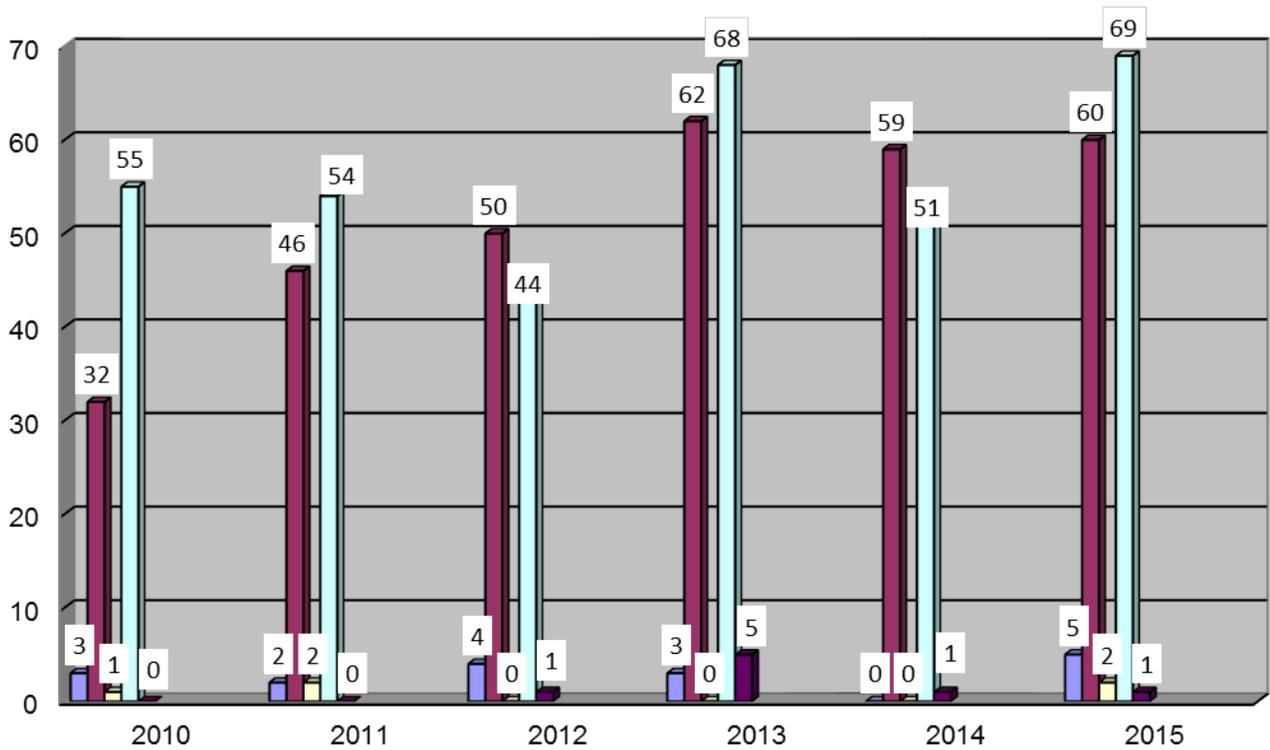
Twelve (12) complaints/violations were received, eight (8) were resolved, two (2) were unfounded and two (2) are still under investigation Four (4) complaints for working without permits; two (2) occupancy complaints were received; six (6) miscellaneous complaints were received.

Planning & Inspections Department
Number of Permit Applications Received
For 4th Quarter, 2015



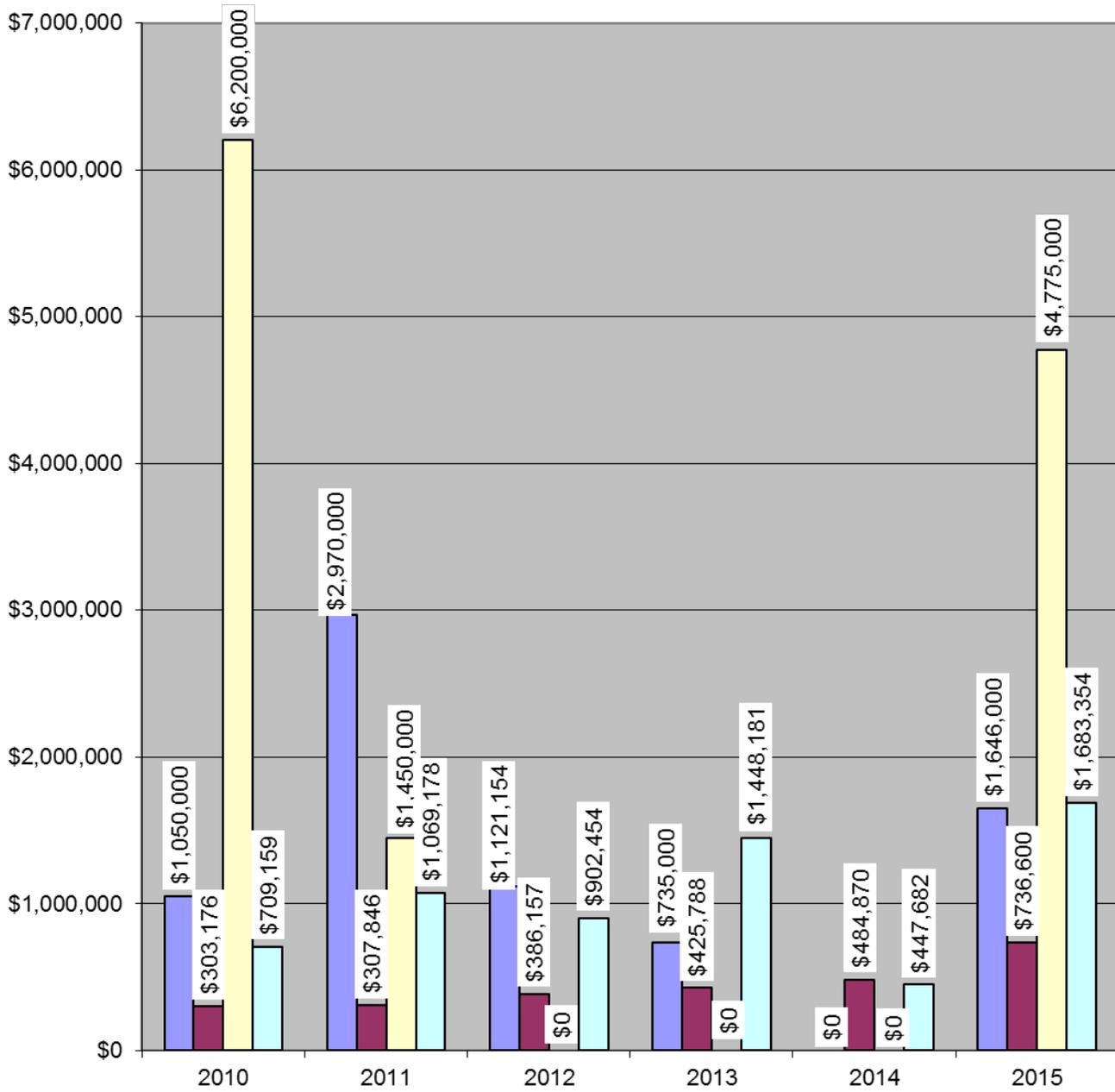
Zoning	Building	Special Use
Sign	Variance	Administrative Review
Map/Text Amendment		

Planning & Inspections Department Six Year Comparison of Number of Building Permits Issued in the 4th Quarter

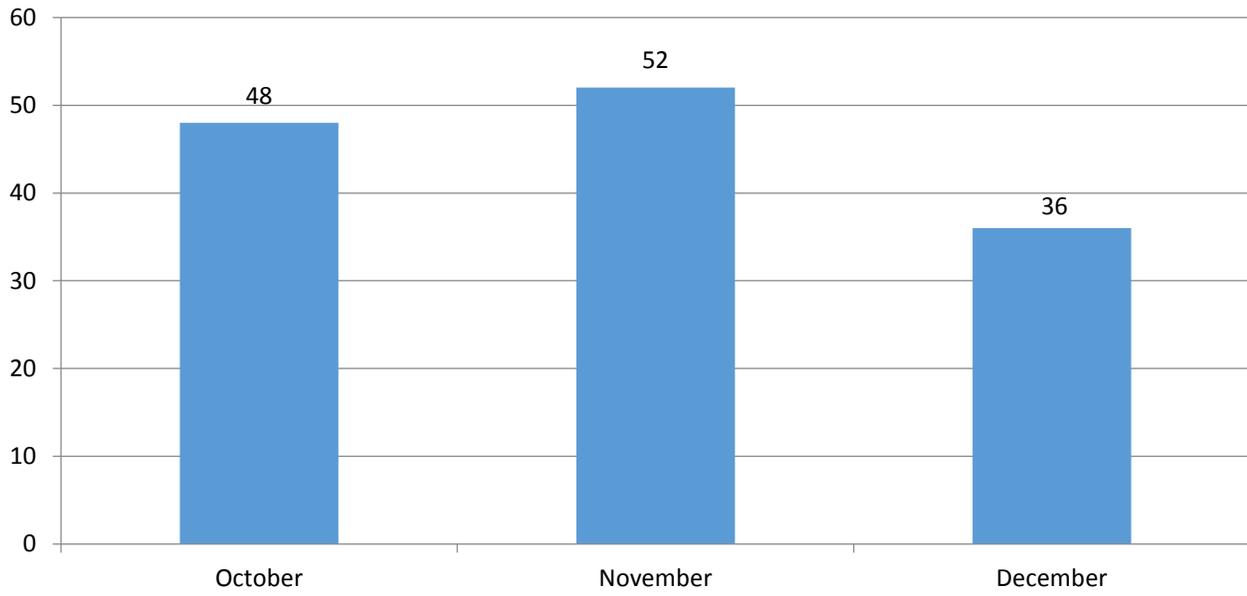


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**Planning & Inspections Department
Six Year Dollar Amount Comparison of Building Permits Issued in
the 4th Quarter**



4th Quarter # of Building Permit Applications

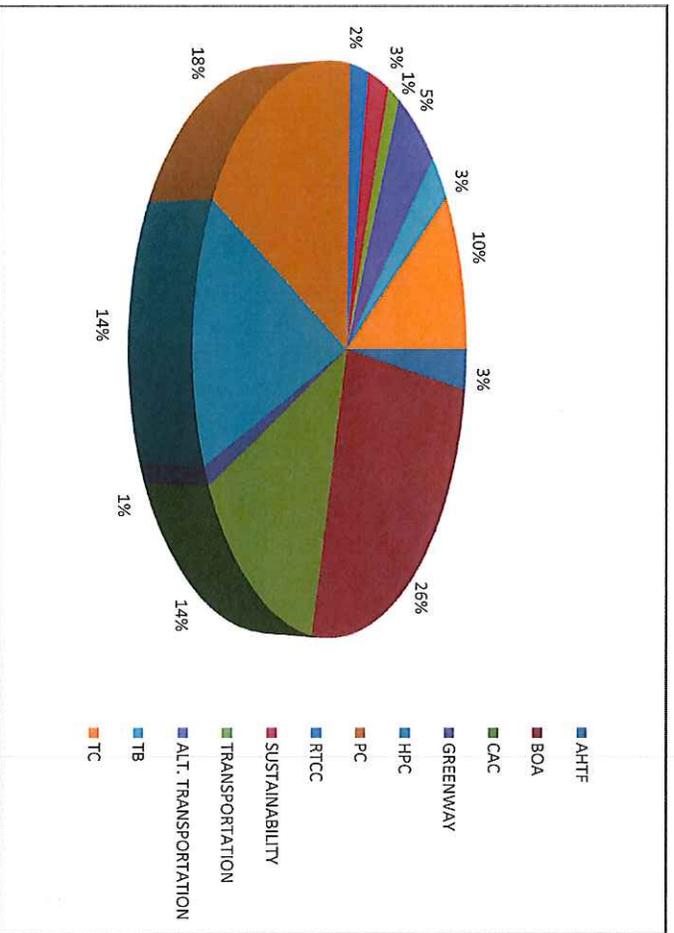


Town of Boone 4th Quarter 2015 Planning and Inspections Report

Permit Type	4th Quarter 2015 Amount	4th Quarter 2014 Amount
New Single-Family Building Permits	1	0
New Multi-Family Building Permits	0	0
New Commercial Building Permits	0	2
Other Building Permits (Commercial)	69	50
Other Building Permits (Residential)	66	64
New Single-Family Zoning Permits	1	0
New Multi-Family Zoning Permits	1	2
New Commercial Zoning Permits	0	0
Other Zoning Permits	12	19
Sign Permits	48	18
Special Use Permits	2	2
Variance Applications	3	4
Administrative Review Applications	0	2
Subdivision Applications	3	2
Annexation Petitions	0	0
Rezoning Petitions	6	3
Total	212	168
Construction Value	\$3,663,944	\$4,327,429

Top Ten Priorities		
Rank	Task	Assigned
1	Medical District Overlay	Feb-14
2	E-1 & E-2 Uses	Feb-14
3	Downtown Zoning	Feb-14
4	Technical Specifications Manual	Feb-14
5	Develop Mid-Town Overlay	Feb-14
6	Revise Article 26 "Signs"	Feb-14
7	Revise Article 25 "Appearance"	Feb-14
8	Fee Schedule Update	Feb-14
9	Process Improvement	Feb-14
10	Board Training Program	Feb-14

Board/Commission Reports (October 2015- December 2015)			
	Mins.	Scheduled	Held
AHTF	420	3	1
BOA	4320	3	2
CAC	2280	4	4
GREENWAY	180	1	1
HPC	2220	4	4
PC	2880	3	3
RTCC	360	2	2
SUSTAINABILITY	420	0	0
TRANSPORTATION	240	1	1
ALT. TRANSPORTATION	900	2	2
TB	480	1	1
TC	1620	3	3
Totals	16320	27	24



Memo



To: Mayor Rennie Brantz and Town Council
From: Dana Crawford, Chief of Police
CC: John Ward, Town Manager
Date: 2/1/2016
Re: Quarterly Report October –December 2015

Attached, you will find the Quarterly Report that reflects statistics for the last quarter. This reporting period as compared to the same period in 2014 shows decreases in many areas, including sexual assaults, robberies, arson, fraud and motor vehicle thefts. Alcohol is still the common factor in a majority of the assault cases and the sexual assaults.

Boone Police Department Narcotics Unit assisted the US Postal Service with the seizure of 3 pounds of hash oil that was delivered to the post office. Narcotics officers also seized or assisted in cases where over 5 pounds of Chrystal Methamphetamine, 8 pounds of Cocaine, 18 pounds of Marijuana and 21 grams of Heroin was seized. Ten individuals were indicted on federal drug related offenses in which the investigation originated in Boone.

The Criminal Investigations Unit was assigned twenty nine cases from October through December. During this time Boone Police have made two arrests of individuals that attempted to solicit sex from what they believed to be a 14-year-old girl via the internet. There have been a total of 7 arrests of this sort for the year with multiple associated charges.

During this quarter the CIU investigated two more deaths where the cause of death is believed to be drug overdose. Over the last two quarters we have investigated six deaths that appear to have been caused by drug toxicity. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted

Boone Police Department Quarterly Report October - December 2015

Offense/Activity	Oct-Dec 1	Oct-Dec 1	%	YTD 14	YTD 15	%
Murder	0	0	-----	0	1	100%
Rape	4	2	-50%	13	9	-31%
Robbery	0	0	-----	7	1	-86%
Aggravated Assault	5	4	-20%	19	19	-----
Misdemeanor Assault	25	44	76%	108	125	16%
Burglary-Residential	9	8	-11%	32	38	19%
Burglary-Business	2	1	-50%	7	7	-----
Arson	0	0	-----	4	1	-75%
Fraud	18	18	-----	70	63	-10%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	4	-20%	18	14	-22%
Motor Vehicle B & E	19	7	-63%	42	48	14%
Vandalism	40	38	-5%	144	172	19%
Noise Complaints	110	118	7%	588	524	-11%
Property Damage Vehicle Crashes	274	292	7%	952	1037	9%
Personal Injury Vehicle Crashes	33	44	33%	112	156	39%
Alcohol / Drug Related Crashes	12	13	8%	35	44	26%
Calls for Service	2542	2657	5%	10185	10572	4%
Alarms Activated	266	189	-29%	1026	935	-9%

DWI Arrests	41	38	-7%	184	148	-20%
DWI (Provisional)	5	9	80%	23	26	13%
Noise Citations	3	19	533%	79	64	-19%
Overweight Truck Citations	0	0	----	0	0	-----
Patrol Div. Drug Charges	117	86	-26%	429	439	2%

Training Hours	956	1116	17%	5307	6520	23%



QUARTERLY REPORT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2015

STREET DIVISION-

- 284 man hours of asphalt patching using 26 tons of asphalt
- 56 man hours of asphalt resurfacing using 56 tons of asphalt
- 40 man hours assisting other departments
- 1341 man hours of miscellaneous duties
- 62 man hours of sidewalk construction
- 102 man hours of snow removal using 4 tons of salt
- 148 man hours of storm drain construction
- 927 man hours of storm drain maintenance and repair

TRAFFIC DIVISION-

- 531 man hours replacing and installing various signs
- 107 man hours special event street closures (Boone Boo, Christmas Parade)
- 173 man hours of street marking
- 510 man hours repairing and installing various streetlights

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE –

- 340 man hours of residential brush pick up
- 170 man hours of residential junk pick up
- 50 man hours of street sweeping downtown area 3 days a week
- 154 man hours of miscellaneous clean up
- 313 man hours of trash pickup 7 days a week downtown and other problems areas as needed
- 31 man hours of weed eating
- 486 man hours of residential leaf pick up
- 89 man hours of tree and right of way maintenance
- 7.5 man hours of sidewalk cleaning
- 121 man hours of storm drain maintenance
- 9 man hours of vehicle and equipment washing
- 54 man hours of equipment maintenance
- 2 man hours of assisting with concrete crew
- 7 man hours mowing curbing

PUBLIC FACILITIES –

- 240 man hours of concrete forming and preparation
- 374 man hours of pouring and finishing concrete
- 196 man hours painting
- 31 man hours of equipment maintenance
- 511 man hours miscellaneous building maintenance
- 235 man hours of carpentry projects
- 110 man hours assisting other departments
- 41 man hours for masonry repairs
- 40 man hours plumbing repair
- 218 man hours of electrical installation and repairs
- 4 man hours building and finishing cabinets and shelves
- 2 man hours of HVAC maintenance
- Assisted with network and security installation

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

- Planned, supervised and participated in the maintenance of grounds, parks, comfort stations and other town properties including Daniel Boone Gardens, Greenway Trail System, Cemetery, Jones House, Junaluska Park, North Street Park, Jaycees Park, Rivers Park, Daniel Boone Monument, Strawberry Hill Arboretum, Clawson/Burnley, Jimmy Smith Park and 50 beautification areas including highway medians and entrance ways.
- Assisted with Flowerbed Program
- Planned, supervised and participated in the Town's forestry program which includes keeping an annual work plan, tree planting, pruning and brush removal, management of forestry budget, and maintaining Tree City USA requirements
- Assisted in the planning, supervision and maintenance of seasonal decorations
- Maintained work records, prepared bills and ordered stock
- Administrative 30 hrs
- Seasonal Decorations 303 hrs
- Maintenance of:
 - Flowerbeds 138 hrs
 - Equipment 16 hrs
 - Trees/Shurbs 47 hrs
 - Comfort stations 322 hrs
 - Assisting other Div. 89 hrs
 - Mowing/Weeding 196 hrs
 - Pesticide and FERT. 20 hrs

FLEET MAINTENANCE –

- Serviced & maintain all Town vehicles as needed
- Replaced brakes, and components on service trucks and cars
- Replaced and repaired tires on Town vehicles
- Repaired electrical problems on Town vehicles
- Replaced U-joints, hydrate hoses, wheel bearings, batteries, radiators, lights, power steering pumps, door lock actuators, drivelines, brake lines, brake calipers, steering

components, fuel pumps, belts, thermostats, radiators, alternators, air valves, brake chambers, brake air lines, mirrors

- Installed light bar, ladder rack, and trailer hitch on new vehicle
- Sand blasted & painted 1 Do-all
- Inspected all Town vehicles as needed
- Repaired exhaust systems
- Repaired engine cooling systems
- Got Snow removal equipment ready for winter season
- Undercoated Town trucks

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT-

Two (2) new reports pertaining to litter and debris accumulation, vehicle violations as well as noxious growth were handled by phone and /or written notice. One of the complaints reported was closed with corrective action met and the other is being monitored.

ADOPT-A-FLOWERBED PROGRAM-

Nine (9) organizations/individuals are participating in the Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program this quarter.

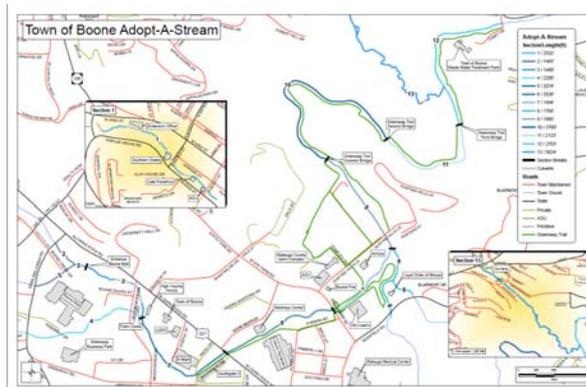
The following flowerbeds are available for adoption:



Flowerbed #1 ~ Hwy 105 Ext & Realty Row Flowerbed #5 ~ Junaluska Park Entrance
***Tentatively adopted by Baymont Inn & Suites

ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM-

Twelve (12) of the thirteen (13) Adopt-A-Stream segments are adopted this quarter. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority has tentatively adopted Section 13.



Thank you to all who have committed to helping Boone maintain a clean stream environment.

ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM–

Eighty (80) organizations/individuals are participating in the Adopt-A-Street Program this quarter adopting 127 streets (39.46 miles) within the town limits of Boone. These fine individuals cleared 34 bags, a collection weighing approximately 300 pounds, of trash and recycling from our town streets.

We are also proud to announce the following organizations that have joined the Adopt-A-Street Program this quarter:

- ASU Club Council ~ Wallace Circle
- Kappa Alpha Order ~ Wood Circle

Doctors Drive is the only street available for adoption.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM-

During the 4th quarter, community service workers performed a total of 48 hours of litter pick up and other services within the Town. Approximately 12 bags of litter and recycling were collected from Town streets.

RECYCLING –

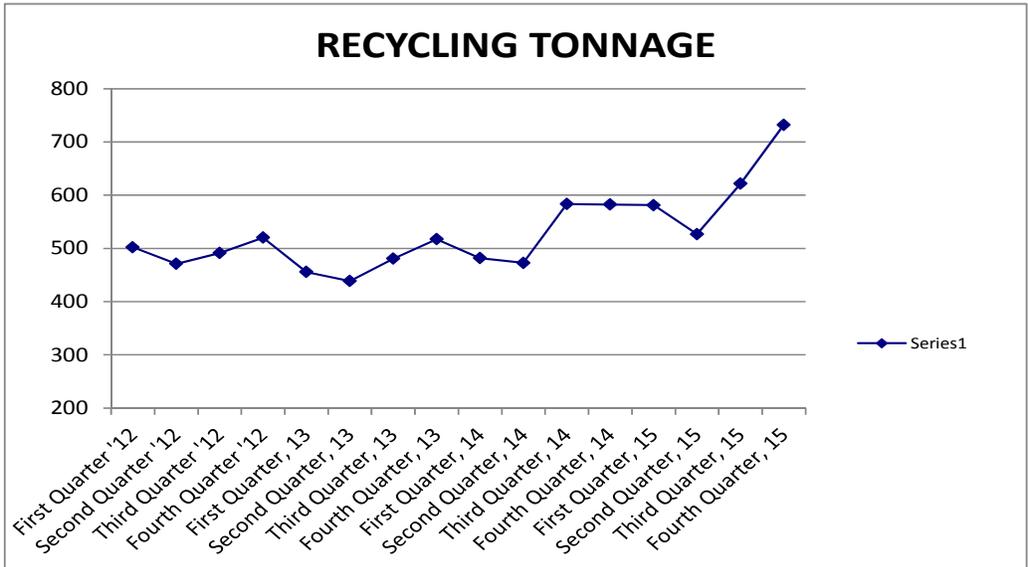
TONNAGE	FISCAL YR. 2nd QTR.	FISCAL YR. TOTAL
SINGLE STREAM COLLECTION		
Aluminum/steel cans, Plastic, Office Ledger, Mixed Paper, Glass	284.09	650.36
OCC:	410.61	776.59
TOTAL	694.70	1,426.95

Participation – Fiscal Yr. 2nd Quarter:

Residential curbside: 60%	Restaurants: 39
Apartment Complex: 58	Business OCC route: 72
Businesses/Offices: 415	Home compost bins: 550(total)
Recycling Bins: 50(distributed this quarter)	

Boone Recycling Center Tonnage (included in above totals)

	FISCAL YR <u>2th QTR</u>	FISCAL YR <u>TOTAL</u>
Aluminum/Steel Cans:	3.96	6.77
Plastic:	6.61	13.38
Mixed Paper:	14.03	26.99
Glass:	14.16	29.04
Cardboard (OCC):	<u>7.56</u>	<u>15.12</u>
TOTAL	46.32	91.30



RECYCLING PRESENTATION AT HARDIN PARK –

The Recycling Coordinator provided a recycling presentation to 160 2nd and 3rd graders at Hardin Park School on October 7th. Assisted by Watauga County Recycling Coordinator Heather Bowen, the presentation was sharing with students the importance of recycling and how the Town of Boone and County programs can assist in making the effort easy.

DOWNTOWN BOO

The Town Program Coordinators participated in the Downtown Boo Event held on October 30, 2015 and played games and gave promotional items relating to recycling, litter prevention and water conservation.



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Projects under Review and/or Approved this quarter

- Goodwill (Mountaineer Crossing Phase III)
- Modern Subaru/Toyota
- Shadowline Square
- Jackson & Sumner Project
- The Standard Project
- The River Walk Mixed Use Project
- The New Hampton Inn
- Krispy Kreme
- The New Verizon Up-fit
- Macado's Expansion
- Winkler Square Apartments
- FMC Watauga Project
- Dixon Perkinsville Multi-Family
- Staples Renovation
- Winkler Oaks Apartments
- Insomnia Cookies Up-fit
- Hardin Park School Playground
- Davidson Office Building
- Gateway Storage Building
- The Up Town Patio Addition
- New Grocery Store (Old Kmart)
- University Overlook
- Appalachian Suites
- Standard Staging Area
- Greenway Commons Patio

Maps Produced This Quarter

- Naomi York Smith Water & Sewer Request
- Service Information Request at 2921-30-3920-000
- Whitener Drive Sewer Upgrade Project

Permit submittals researched and approved

- Neighborhood Yoga Renovation
- Boone Real Estate Renovation
- Food Lion Remodel
- Food Lion on Old 421 Remodel
- The Cardinal Up-Fit
- Bubbles II New Bathroom

- Earth Fare Deli Renovation
- Hampton Inn New Pool

Number of Test reports filed this quarter 163

Number of new devices installed 16

Number of test due notices this quarter 84

Number of past due for testing notices this quarter 71

Number of install notices 0

Number of Notice of Violations submitted 0

Water and Sewer Operations

Fourth Quarter Report

October 1st thru December 31st

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the Water and Sewer Operations Department continued to do normal maintenance on all water and sewer lines.

The following is a list that consists of the water leaks that were repaired during this quarter:

1. 10/8/15 6" Water leak at 147 Palmer Drive
2. 10/18/15 1" Water leak on Hidden Shadows Drive
3. 10/19/15 2" Water leak at 1470 Blowing Rock Road
4. 10/23/15 ¾" Water leak at 149 Hays Street
5. 10/28/15 ¾" Water leak on Birch Street
6. 11/12/15 ¾" Water leak at 1093 Highway 321 South
7. 11/12/15 6" Water leak at 205 Woodland Drive
8. 11/16/15 1.5" Water leak at 134 Coffey Street
9. 11/17/15 1" Water leak at 187 Hill Street
10. 11/25/15 6" Water leak on Appalachian Street
11. 12/1/15 8" Water leak at Winkler's Creek bridge

The following is a list that consists of the new water taps that were made during this quarter:

1. 10/15/15 ¾" Water tap at 707 West King Street
2. 10/21/15 ¾" Water tap at 174 Evergreen Lane
3. 10/29/15 4" Water tap at 535 West King Street
4. 11/9/15 2" Water tap at 247 Queen Street
5. 12/9/15 ¾" Water tap at 267 Park Stree

The following is a list consists of the replaced water services that were made during this quarter:

1. 12/15/15 Replaced line at 297 Cherry Drive

The following water system apparatus were replaced/repared during this quarter:

1. 10/3/15 Stood by for flash flooding
2. 10/4/15 Checked on water leak at 523 Highland Avenue
3. 10/5/15 Installed re-setter at 523 Highland Avenue
4. 10/6/15 Turned on water at 251 B Ridgeview Drive
5. 10/7/15 Mowed around all pump stations
6. 10/8/15 Turned off meter at 311 Woodland Drive (leak on customer's side)

7. 10/13/15 Cleaned out valve boxes
8. 10/14/15 Turned on meter at 164 Boone Creek Drive
9. 10/16/15 Cut trees away from Deck Hill tank and uncoverd valves at tank
10. 10/19/15 Landscaped on Hidden Shadows Drive
11. 10/19/15 Replaced valve box on Brookshire Road
12. 10/20/15 Killed old water tap at 707 West King Street
13. 10/20/15 Cleaned up backhoe
14. 10/20/15 Reassessed ASU meter route
15. 10/21/15 Put gravel on road at Armory pump station
16. 10/21/15 Hauled gravel to stockyard
17. 10/22/15 Reassessed ASU meter route
18. 10/23/15 Raised meter boxes at Vannoy Lane
19. 10/27/15 Went to safety class at council chambers
20. 10/27/15 Checked meter at 184 Realty Row
21. 10/27/15 Replaced meter box lid at 449 Oak Street
22. 10/28/15 Cleaned up work trucks
23. 10/28/15 Worked in stock room
24. 10/29/15 Changed out meter washers at new Goodwill store
25. 10/29/15 Cleaned up mud from water leak on Birch Street
26. 10/29/15 Took power inverter out of old service truck
27. 10/30/15 Put work lights on new service truck
28. 10/30/15 Cleaned off meter boxes on route # 2
29. 11/3/15 Put cold patch in shop
30. 11/6/15 Cleaned up track-hoe
31. 11/9/15 Laid new 2" line at 247 Queen Street
32. 11/9/15 Worked on inventory count
33. 11/9/15 Helped street department with culvert on Cherry Brook Drive
34. 11/11/15 Turned off meter at 1787 Blowing Rock Road (leak on customer's side)
35. 11/13/15 Greased all pump station water pumps
36. 11/16/15 Helped put asphalt in utility cut at 375 West King Street
37. 11/16/15 Checked pressure at 186 Buena Vista Drive (115 psi)
38. 11/17/15 Landscaped at 186 Birch Street
39. 11/17/15 Landscaped at 134 Coffey Street
40. 11/17/15 Cleaned out valve boxes
41. 11/17/15 Put gravel in road at Wake Robin Lane
42. 11/19/15 Hauled junk out of stockyard
43. 11/19/15 Worked on service truck
44. 11/19/15 Built pipe racks at stockyard
45. 11/19/15 Cleaned up stockyard and hauled off scrap
46. 11/20/15 Cleaned out valve boxes
47. 11/23/15 Cut tree out of road on Wake Robin Lane
48. 11/23/15 Worked in stock room
49. 11/24/15 Installed 3" ductile iron pipe to meter at 131 Big Valley Street
50. 11/25/15 Installed meter and landscaped at 131 Big Valley Street
51. 12/3/15 Checked on water leak at 161 Flowers Drive (customer's side)
52. 12/10/15 Located lines on Howard Street from Appalachian Street to Water Street
53. 12/10/15 Hauled dirt out of stockyard
54. 12/15/15 Installed meter setter at 297 Cherry Drive
55. 12/16/15 Put cold patch in utility cut at 297 Cherry Drive
56. 12/16/15 Changed out bad meters
57. 12/21/15 Dug out and put clean stone in hole at WTP
58. 12/29/15 Hauled logs to hunger coalition

- 59. 12/30/15 Matched up meters to apartments at 203 Pine Street
- 60. 12/31/15 Cleaned up service trucks

The following list consists of sewer taps that were completed during this quarter:

- 1. 10/21/15 4" sewer tap at 174 Evergreen Lane
- 2. 12//15 4" sewer tap at 267 Park Street

The following sewer mains were unstopped and or cleaned during this quarter:

- 1. 10/1/15 Cleaned 200' of 8" main at Watauga Village Drive
- 2. 10/5/15 Unstopped and cleaned 25' of 6" main at 485 Blowing Rock Road
- 3. 10/6/15 Cleaned 16' of 4" line at 192 Keystone Drive
- 4. 10/6/15 Cleaned 140' of 8" main at 140 West King Street
- 5. 10/7/15 Unstopped and cleaned 10' of 6" main on Stadium Drive
- 6. 10/8/15 Cleaned 282' of 8" main at 1620 Blowing Rock Road
- 7. 10/9/15 Unstopped and cleaned 150' of 4" line at 290 Queen Street
- 8. 10/13/15 Cleaned 4134' of 8" main on Rogers Drive
- 9. 10/16/15 Unstopped and cleaned 175' of 8" main at Hemlock Drive (est. 3 gallons)
- 10. 10/19/15 Cleaned 800' of 6" main at 312 Owens Drive
- 11. 10/21/15 Cleaned 675' of 8" main on Ivy Drive
- 12. 11/13/15 Unstopped and cleaned 50' of 8" main at 208 Poplar Grove Road
- 13. 11/24/15 Unstopped and cleaned 100' of 6" main at 227 Hardin Street
- 14. 12/1/15 Unstopped and cleaned 10' of 4" line at 226 Hillandale Drive
- 15. 12/7/15 Unstopped and cleaned 10' of 4" line at 320 North Depot Street
- 16. 12/9/15 Unstopped and cleaned 60' of 4" line at 127 Wynn Way (est. 2 gallons)
- 17. 12/10/15 Unstopped and cleaned 75' of 6" main at 630 West King Street
- 18. 12/10/15 Cleaned 20' of 4" line from building at 630 West King Street
- 19. 12/14/15 Unstopped and cleaned 75' of 4" line at 131 Morningside Drive
- 20. 12/14/15 Cleaned 70' of 8" main at 1435 Highway 105
- 21. 12/29/15 Unstopped and cleaned 100' of 4" line at 280 Pine Street

The following sewer system apparatus were replaced/repared during this quarter:

- 1. 10/4/15 Took generator to Dewey Wright pump station due to power failure
- 2. 10/5/15 Smoke tested and dye tested line at 320 North Depot Street
- 3. 10/6/15 Checked all creek crossings
- 4. 10/6/15 Located line at 320 North Depot Street
- 5. 10/6/15 Checked alarm at Dewey Wright pump station
- 6. 10/7/15 Replaced 4" line across road at 192 Keystone Drive
- 7. 10/8/15 Replaced clean out cap and box at 213 Moretz Street
- 8. 10/9/15 Replaced 7' of 4" line at 290 Queen Street
- 9. 10/9/15 Mowed around all pump stations
- 10. 10/14/15 Dug out and raised manhole on Rogers Drive
- 11. 10/14/15 Dyed line at 174 Evergreen Lane
- 12. 10/15/15 Relocated 4" line at 707 West King Street
- 13. 10/16/15 Took generator to all pump stations
- 14. 10/18/15 Worked on GDS pump station
- 15. 10/19/15 Changed out floats at GDS pump station
- 16. 10/20/15 Smoke tested lines on Owens Drive
- 17. 10/20/15 Mowed around all pump stations
- 18. 10/20/15 GIS manholes
- 19. 10/22/15 Located lines at 362 Blairmont Drive
- 20. 10/22/15 GIS manholes

21. 10/26/15 Unstopped bathrooms at Horn in the West park
22. 11/3/15 Installed silt fence at 318 Owens Drive
23. 11/4/15 Replaced manhole rim and lid on Highway 421 South
24. 11/6/15 Removed brush at 318 Owens Drive
25. 11/10/15 Checked all creek crossings
26. 11/10/15 Replaced culvert up bank at 318 Owens Drive
27. 11/10/15 Inspected main out fall from Zeb Street to Highland Avenue
28. 11/12/15 Smoke tested main out fall on Faculty Street
29. 11/20/15 Removed brush from road at 318 Owens Drive
30. 12/3/15 Checked manholes for inflow
31. 12/4/15 Checked alarm at Dewey Wright pump station
32. 12/7/15 Removed brush and logs at 318 Owens Drive
33. 12/8/15 Removed brush and logs at 318 Owens Drive
34. 12/8/15 Put down gravel on access road past 318 Owens Drive
35. 12/9/15 Removed logs and put up silt fence at 318 Owens Drive
36. 12/11/15 Repaired 4" line at 155 Spring Street
37. 12/11/15 Put dirt on pipe at 318 Owens Drive
38. 12/16/15 Put straw and matting on bank at 318 Owens Drive
39. 12/22/15 Checked manholes for inflow
40. 12/28/15 Took generator to all pump stations
41. 12/29/15 Checked alarm at Mack Brown pump station
42. 12/29/15 Repaired 4" line at 709 Trillium Ridge
43. 12/29/15 Put matting on bank at 318 Owens Drive
44. 12/29/15 Checked alarm at GDS pump station
45. 12/30/15 Located lines at 592 Poplar Grove Road
46. 12/30/15 Checked creek crossings
47. 12/31/15 Put up post for silt fence at 318 Owens Drive
48. 12/31/15 Checked sewer back up at 1760 Blowing Rock Road (private line)
49. 12/31/15 Checked sewer back up above 318 Owens Drive (private line)

The following sewer mains were CCTV inspected during this quarter

1. 10/6/15 16' of 4" line at 192 Keystone Lane
2. 10/6/15 140' of 8" main at 140 West King Street
3. 10/14/15 1821' of 8" main at 1620 Blowing Rock Road
4. 10/20/15 448' of 6" main on Owens Drive
5. 10/20/15 41' of 4" line on Owens Drive
6. 10/21/15 285' of 6" main on Old Bristol Road and Green Street
7. 10/21/15 290' of 6" main on Ivy Drive
8. 10/21/15 238' of 8" main on Hidden Valley Circle
9. 10/21/15 92' of 6" main at 280 Queen Street
10. 10/21/15 72' of 8" main on Greenway Road
11. 10/21/15 100' of 6" main on Greenway Road
12. 10/22/15 400' of 8" main on Hidden Valley Circle
13. 10/23/15 167' of 8" main on Appalachian Drive
14. 10/23/15 25' of 6" main on Gladys Street
15. 11/16/15 115' of 8" main at 208 Poplar Grove Road
16. 12/1/15 30' of 4" line at 352 West King Street
17. 12/15/15 30' of 4" line at 630 West King Street

The Water and Sewer Maintenance Division installed 26 new meters and changed out 12 meters.

The Water and Sewer Maintenance Division Bench tested 8 meters.

The Water and Sewer Division mowed an est. 0 miles right of ways this quarter.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Personnel and Training

1. Karen attended NCPC Industry day
2. Rudy attended CEU class in Boone

Influent Treatment

1. Process Control: The plant is operating at a solids retention time of 11 days with system solids ranging from 65,000-85,000 pounds. MLSS is maintained at 3000-3700 ppm.
2. Selected discharge monitoring data is given below:

	2014			2015		
	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<i>Average Flow</i>	<i>2.37</i>	<i>2.20</i>	<i>1.97</i>	<i>2.92</i>	<i>2.92</i>	<i>2.64</i>
<i>BOD (mg/L)</i>	<i><2</i>	<i><2</i>	<i><2</i>	<i><2</i>	<i><2</i>	<i><2</i>
<i>TSS (mg/L)</i>	<i><1</i>	<i><1</i>	<i><1</i>	<i><1</i>	<i><1</i>	<i><1</i>
<i>Ammonia Nitrogen (mg/L)</i>	<i><.01</i>	<i><.01</i>	<i><.01</i>	<i><.01</i>	<i><.01</i>	<i><.01</i>
Chronic Toxicity	Passed			Passed		
Metals	None			None		

Solids Handling/Air Quality

1. Production for the quarter was 55 tons. Distribution was 200 tons. The storage area is now at about 10% of capacity.

Maintenance

Some of the significant maintenance activities included:

1. Installed new Scum Pump in #2 Clarifier
2. Performed annual PM on equipment
3. Replaced low water sensor in UV system
4. Replaced steam trap on autoclave
5. Replaced door on return building
6. Removed and replaced Fan Cover on Return Building Air Compressor
- 7.

Laboratory

1. Obtained new contract lab.

Pretreatment

1. Goodnight Brothers moved out of surcharge program and into FOGPP
2. Public Works Director approved suspending surcharge program until real need arises
3. Hospitality Mints pumped and hauled wastewater to prevent violations
4. Conducted semi-annual sampling for Hospitality Mints
5. Hospitality Mints completed construction on PH adjustment system and restarted discharge to collection system
6. Conducted Brewery inspections
7. Issued NOV to Bubbles Carwash for late report
8. Industrial Waste Surveys sent to new building permit listee

FOG Program

- a. Inspection program is active with annual, waiver, variance, and initial inspections.
- b. 10 Initial inspections were conducted.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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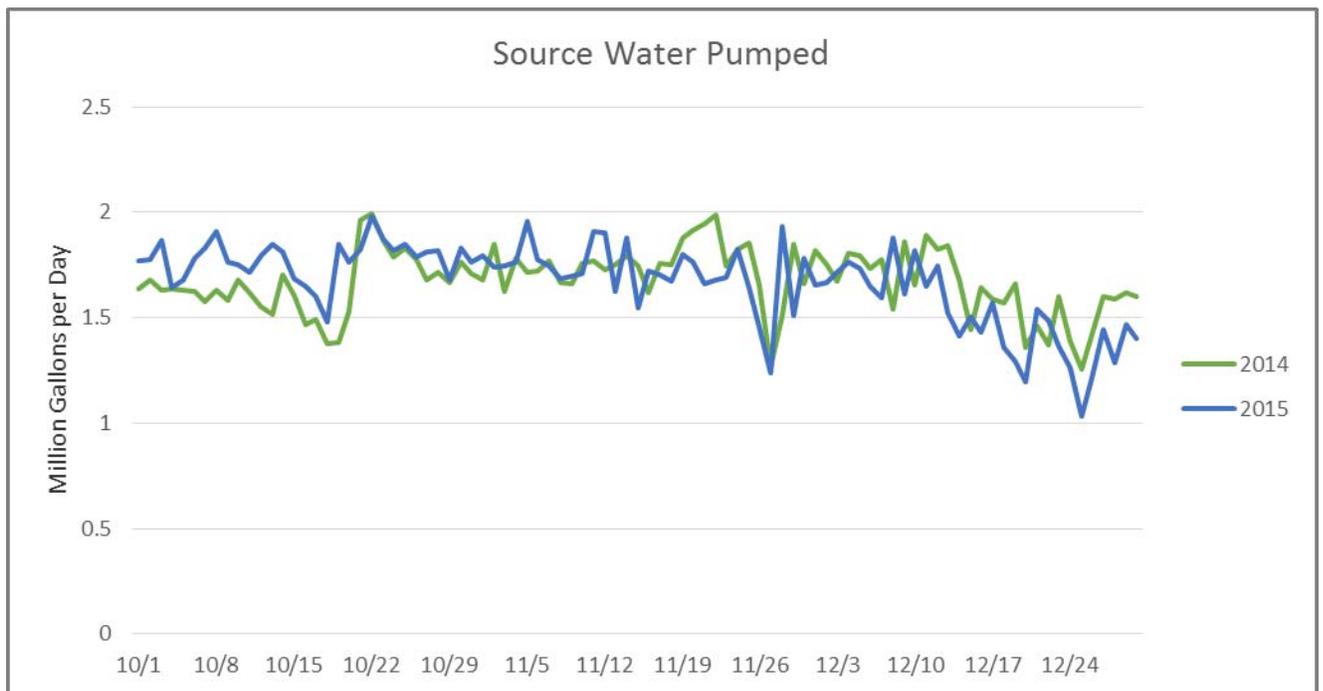
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The Water Treatment Plant operated in a normal fashion during the 92 days of the fourth quarter of 2015. The plant was operated every day with an average of 12.98 hours per day, and a total of 1,194 hours during this quarter. Total source water pumped was 153.327 million gallons with an average of 1.667 million gallons of water each day. The water produced met or exceeded all Federal and State standards for drinking water.

Day to day operations were routine throughout the quarter.

The following information compares the third quarter of 2014 with the third quarter of 2015:

	Fourth Quarter 2014	Fourth Quarter 2015
Total Source Water	153.982 million gallons	153.327 million gallons
Ave. per Day	1.674 million gallons	1.667 million gallons
Total Hrs. of Operation	1235 hours	1194 hours
Ave. Hour per Day	13.42 hrs./day	12.98 hrs./day



Every Drop Counts
Water Conservation Program
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WaterSense® Toilet Rebate Program

During the Fourth Quarter of 2015 the WaterSense Toilet Rebate Program received seven applications. Of those, six were single family applications, one was a multi-family applications and zero were commercial applications. One application was denied due to the fact that the toilet was not Water Sense labeled. In total 10 toilets were replaced.



Operation Medicine Cabinet

During this quarter the Water Conservation Program Coordinator worked along with local and state law enforcement, Watauga Cooperative Extension Staff and a variety of other community members to coordinate the fall Operation Medicine Cabinet Event. The goal of Operation Medicine Cabinet is to take back any unused or expired pharmaceuticals to prevent them from entering our water systems and/or children’s hands.



Fun in the Park/ Downtown BOO

This quarter the “Every Drops Counts” Program scheduled the 9th Annual “Fun in the Park Day” on Saturday October 10th at the Boone Jaycees Park. However, due to bad weather the event was re-scheduled to coordinate with the Town’s Downtown Boo Halloween Festivities. The event was co-sponsored by the Towns Recycling, Adopt a Street, Water Conservation Program coordinators and the Cultural Resources Department. The event was a



combined educational outreach opportunity that encouraged children and their families to be good stewards of our community by conserving water, recycling and keeping our community litter free and a trick-or-treating event. Each family had the opportunity to learn about being a good steward of our community through informational tables and various give away items. There was a bounce houses and bounce slide, free reusable grocery totes, stickers, free t-shirts and water bottles. The event was a huge

success, attracting at least a thousand people.