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## Mayor's Corner

It's hard to believe that another year is winding down, and that the holiday season is fast approaching. It's even harder to believe that we've already had our first measurable snow fall! I certainly hope that isn't a bad sign for the coming winter..

As you know, we recently had our Town Council elections, and I will be joining the Council in welcoming two new members, Doug Harpine and Fred Olson, along with Richard Fulk who was re-elected to another four year term. I want to thank Gene Nesselrodt and Betty Fitzwater for their years of service on the Council. Both were valued members who worked hard and gave careful thought to every decision.

As we move into winter, we have several interesting projects on tap. The most significant will be the construction of the W. Springbrook Bridge over Linville Creek. This long anticipated project is currently out to bid now, and an award will be made by VDOT in the coming months. It is anticipated that construction will begin in spring 2012. We are very pleased to see this project moving forward.

The Town is also moving forward with a joint feasibility study with the Towns of New Market and Timberville that will examine the feasibility of a regional water system between the three jurisdictions. This study will examine various sources of water available, potential interconnection of the Towns' distribution systems, centralized treatment facilities, hydraulic analysis, and most importantly financial feasibility. The three Towns have had recent success in regionalization of wastewater treatment, which has resulted in very significant financial savings for each community, and it could very well make sense for drinking water as well. This study will begin in the coming weeks, and is anticipated to be finalized in the early spring. We will release the findings upon completion of the study.

Also this winter, the Town will be making improvements to the Community Center at the Broadway Community Park. This will entail improvements to the kitchen and bathroom, electrical and lighting, HVAC, and other various improvements that will greatly enhance the overall appearance and functionality of the Center. We anticipate that the improvements will be complete by late winter, so if you are looking for a nice place to book your next event this spring, please call the Town Office at 896-5152 to reserve the Center.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season,

John F. Long Jr.  
Mayor



## Manager's Memo

As you will see later in the newsletter, the Town's water system recently exceeded a drinking water standard during a recent test. We take this matter very seriously and are taking additional operational measures to ensure this doesn't happen again.

The violation occurred when the third quarter test for haloacetic acid (HAA5) brought the running annual average to a 0.070 mg/L, whereas the maximum limit is 0.060 mg/L. Ironically, HAA5 is a byproduct of the chlorination process that is used to disinfect the water for public consumption. HAA5 is formed when trace amounts of naturally occurring organic compounds in the raw water source combine with chlorine. This happens in every water system where chlorine is used as a disinfectant.

The maximum contaminant level's (MCL) are set at very stringent levels. To put it in perspective, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime, to have a one-in-a-million chance of increased health effects.

The concentration of HAA5 in your drinking water will vary because of changes in source water quality, water temperature, distribution storage time, and other factors. During the time that the sample in question was taken, the temperature of the water in the distribution lines was at its peak, which increases the level of HAA5. Upon notification from the Health Department that the sample pushed the Town's rolling average over the maximum limit, another sample was immediately taken. That sample, taken on October 31, 2011, was .0204 mg/L, which is well under the maximum limit.

The Town takes pride in the quality of drinking water provided, and works very hard to ensure that all limits are met. We are continuing to sample for HAA5 at much higher frequencies than required by the Health Department. In addition, we are reviewing operational alternatives through in-house evaluations, and consultations with the Department of Health and our consulting engineers.

Should you have further questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 896-5152, the water plant at 896-3541 or the VA Department of Health at 540-463-7136.

Kyle D. O'Brien  
Town Manager

## Many Thanks

The Mayor and Town Council express their appreciation to Gene Nesselrodt and Betty Fitzwater for their years of service to the Town on the Town Council. Their terms will expire on December 31, 2011. We will welcome two new faces on the Council effective January 1, 2012: Doug Harpine and Fred Olson. In addition, current Council member Richard Fulk will be beginning a new four year term.





