

Town of Maggie Valley

Spring 2025

Quarterly News Bulletin

CONGRATULATIONS AL MATTHEWS

Recipient of The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award

Albert "Al" Matthews, our first ever Town Manager received this prestigious award on Monday January 28th during a luncheon held in his honor at the Maggie Valley Town Pavilion. Surrounded by family and friends, he was presented with the award by Senator Kevin Corbin.

Al began his lustrous career with Maggie Valley as it's first Town Manager on August 31, 1978, just four years after we incorporated. He is the longest serving Town Manager in the state, serving 22 years just in Maggie.

During that time he over saw Highway widening, installation of side walks running the entire length of town. He was integral to the establishment of the sewer system including the treatment plant, a full time dedicated police department, street lights and planning and zoning, and the passing of numerous code of ordinances. He was a state certified Volunteer Firefighter and is currently serving his third term on the board of directors. He drafted legislation for the Town to conduct a referendum for an ABC store, mixed beverages, beer and wine sales and currently is serving his second term on the ABC board. This is just what he did for Maggie Valley! He also served the Town of Canton as clerk, and assistant manager.



Thank you Al Matthews for your dedication and continued efforts for Maggie Valley.



A Note from the Town Manager

What will spring 2025 bring?

I hope it brings empathy for our fellow humans that have gone through such a horrendous fall and winter. I hope it brings optimism, and the ability to talk with kindness and not judgement. I hope spring 2025 brings a sense of rebirth.

Vickie Best Town Manager

From the Town Planners Desk



Happy Spring! I want to let everyone know that we have a great opportunity for 2 applicants to serve as a Planning Board or Zoning Board member. These boards help to make land use decisions and advise the Board of Aldermen on matters related to subdivision approval, etc.... For more info and to check your eligibility feel free to reach out to me at scullen@maggievalleync.gov. I am looking forward to another great year in the Valley!

Sam Cullen

"The **Order of the Long Leaf Pine** is a prestigious award presented by the Governor of North Carolina to individuals who have shown **extraordinary service to the state**. It is the highest award for state service granted by the Office of the Governor, and nominations can be made for individuals with 30 years or more of service to the State of NC.

The Zoning Board of Adjustments had some big changes this quarter. Two of our longest sitting members have stepped down, new members were sworn in and new chair and vice chair were elected. The Zoning board of Adjustments is filled with volunteer citizens of Maggie Valley. These folks graciously give of their time and experience to hear the voices of our citizens. They proceed over quasi-judicial hearings concerning Variances of Ordinances, Special Exceptions and Appeals of Staff Decisions. They receive their direction from the North Carolina General Assembly Chapter 160-D.

Bill Banks and Marion Hamel have retired from the board. Between them, they have over 31 years of service. We owe much of our picturesque valley home to them.

Two new members were sworn in at the same meeting. Jim Heise and Derek Worrell. As an alternate member, Derek will fill in whenever a member is absent.

The board elected David Carriker as this term's new Chairman. Pictured below you will see that Bill passed on to David a notebook containing his years of experience. Amber Patterson was elected as Vice Chair. Unfortunately, Amber was unable to attend, but expressed her willingness to take on the role via email.

If you are interested, there is one remaining seat open. You can go to www.maggiievalleync.gov to apply.



Jim Heise
Newly Sworn
Member

Jim and Derek will join our 5 member board for their 3 year terms. In the event, that a member is absent from a meeting, Derek will sit in with all the same voting privileges.



Derek Worrell
Newly Sworn
Alternate Member



Outgoing Board Members
The Town of Maggie Valley would like to express it's sincere gratitude to Bill Banks and Marion Hamel for their years of faithful service.



Passing of the Torch
Outgoing Chairman Bill Banks hands off to Newly Elected as Chairman David Carriker a notebook filled with his 16 years of experience

Our new storage building is almost complete! Two years ago, our Public Works Director Mike Mehaffey, went on a search to find a plot of land in Town to put a storage building. We are now 95% complete, with most of the work being done by our own Public Works guys, including plumbing, electrical and insulation. The only work hired out was the concrete slab, installing the roll up doors and the building shell itself. Currently the guys are working on interior walls for bathrooms and racks for storage. We are just waiting on our final inspection. This building will be used for summer time storage of Town winter decorations and winter time storage of Town mowing equipment. The best part is all the storage fees this will save our Town and no debit was created to build.

