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watering restrictions due to the high water demands the city is currently experiencing. Until mandatory restrictions are put into place, Mayor Mathis is urging all Hiwassee Water customers to voluntarily restrict their use of potable water.

"The following restrictions are now under consideration:

"Hand watering will be allowed for 25 minutes per day on an odd/even schedule, between midnight and 10 a.m. Odd numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Even numbered addresses can water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

"Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose.

"New landscape can be watered up to three days a week from midnight to 10 a.m., for a period of 10 weeks based on the odd/even schedule.

"There are certain water usages that cannot be restricted under state law. For a list of exempt water usage, or if anyone has any questions, please contact the Hiwassee City Manager, Rick Stancil, at Hiwassee City Hall, or call (706) 896-2203, Ext. 3."

The council also held a

second reading and adoption

of the election ordinance to fill

the seat of former councilman

(Stephen Smith).

"The ordinance sets a

special election for Tuesday,

Nov. 8, regular polling times

of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.," said attorney

David Syfan in the meeting.

"Polling precinct will be

here at (Hiwassee) City Hall.

"Any registered and

qualified elector within the

city that's a resident of the

city - they're pretty much syn-

onymous there, but you've got

to be a registered voter - can

qualify to run for the seat.

"It will be to fill the re-

mainder of the term of Post 1,

which would be approximately

for one year, one month and 16

days."

Qualifying for Post 1

will run Monday, Aug. 15,



Towns County Homeowners Association President Noel Turner and former Hiwassee City Councilwoman Joan Crothers listen intently to proceedings during the July regular council meeting.

through Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., where the qualifying fee for the seat will be \$72.

In other business, the council voted to start the application process, with help from the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, for a \$300,000 grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission, or ARC, to be used for the purposes of downtown development improvements.

"This ARC, they can give us up to \$300,000 for a specific project - we have to match 30 percent," said Ordiales. "Towns County is what they call an 'at-risk county,' so they match 70 percent. It's a 70/30 match, which is great - good that it's 70/30, bad that we're an at-risk county.

"They have 37 counties, so their money goes spread out, that's why it's only limited to \$300,000. But they felt pretty confident, based on my conversation with them, that we had a good shot of getting some money to do the square or whatever it is that we wanted to do."

The council also approved a resolution to increase "the loan request to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority from \$400,000 to \$450,000, and to authorize the additional expenditure of \$50,000 from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

for the comprehensive replacement of Hiwassee Water Meters," as laid out in the agenda, for a total of \$500,000 for the project that will replace 2,200 meters.

The city is considering an ordinance to limit the use of fireworks throughout the year to no later than 9 p.m., except during the Fourth of July and New Year holidays, which include extended hours allowed for by the state.

Also discussed in the July meeting, the Tuesday, Aug. 2, regular council meeting will be the next information session regarding the recently completed City of Hiwassee Classification and Compensation Study conducted by the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, which will feature both a public portion and a closed session discussion of personnel.

Two other pieces of business in that July 7 regular meeting included motions to approve second readings and adoptions of the 2016-2017 budget and the end of year adjustment to the 2015-2016 budget.

The new budget shows a General Fund balance between expenditures and revenues of \$880,240, which is slightly up from the end of year adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund amount of \$855,640.

Feel Good Friday

Experience some "Alternative Therapies" to help you feel good, Friday, July 29th, 7 p.m., 64 Bracketts Way, Suite 9. The last Friday of each month we gather to share and be in a positive space with friendly people. This month we will have "Show and Tell." You can experience Sound Therapy, Light Therapy, Laser Therapy, even change your brain waves with special glasses.

Come to this free event, have fun and learn new ways to feel even better. RSVP to 706-781-4948. NTJul27,Z11)CA

Sarrell graduates from Samford University

Richard W. Sarrell, II of Blairsville graduated from Samford University during recent commencement exercises. Sarrell earned a Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law. NTJul27,Z9)CA

Workshop to help local writers promote their work

For the past twenty years, the writing community in this area has grown. Clay, Cherokee, Towns, and Union counties boast many poets and writers who have published books of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. Whether the work is self-published or released by a professional publishing house, the marketing of those books is left to the writer. The Internet plays a huge part in the promotion and sales of books, but many writers are unfamiliar with marketing via social media.

Therefore, on Saturday, August 6, Tara Lynne Groth will teach a workshop in Hayesville, NC, called Social Media for Authors. The class will help writers market their books by teaching them to make smart decisions about their online social presence. It will cover "breaking down the mystery of blogging" and an-



Tara Lynne Groth

swer such questions as, "How can writers consistently maintain a presence on popular social media sites?" Participants will learn to plan relevant social content based on analytics, including the demographics of readers on Facebook, Twitter, or other media. Groth will also

cover how to determine if automated services are right for an author.

Groth, who earns her living as a freelance writer, was a popular presenter at the recent Blue Ridge Writers' Conference in Blue Ridge, GA. She lives in the Raleigh, NC region where she also writes SEO content (search engine-optimized copy), develops blogs, and offers content marketing. As a freelance journalist, her bylines have surfaced in magazines such as *Blue Ridge Country*, *INDY Week*, *GRIT*, and more.

Her popular blog has more than 1,000 subscribers and was featured by *Daily Finance* and mentioned by *Writer's Digest* and *AOL News* in 2015.

To learn more, contact Glenda Beall, 828-389-4441 or gcbmountaingirl@gmail.com. NTJul27,Z6)SH

August Garden Chores from Your Master Gardener Extension Volunteers

Test your soil now and you will have time to improve it, if necessary, before next spring's planting season. Your county extension agent has soil testing instructions.

To prevent insect and disease problems in your vegetable garden, remove plants when they have finished bearing. Plan your fall vegetable garden now: collards, kale, mustard, spinach, beets, onions, turnips, broccoli, and radishes. Plant mid-to-late August.

Cucumbers and squash can still be planted. It is too late for corn, lima beans, okra, pole beans, and tomatoes this season. They will not have enough time to mature before cold weather. Plant garlic in August for harvest early next summer. Summer heat may cause some of the blooms on your vegetable plants to drop. The plants will hold the blooms again once the weather is cooler.

To reduce some of the effects of the heat, apply a three inch layer of mulch around the plants and water regularly.

Prune overgrown blueberries after harvest. Shorten tall central stems to encourage more horizontal branches. Remove faded bedding plants from your garden and re-seed with marigolds, cosmos and zinnias to provide color during the fall months.

If your older peony plants had diminished flowers this past spring, dig, separate, and replant them. Water plants several hours before applying insecticides so the insecticide will not burn them. When applying insecticides, always follow label directions.

Fertilize chrysanthemums and fall blooming asters regularly until the buds show color. Divide and transplant daylilies, Shasta daisies and iris. Brighten

up your hanging baskets by clipping out dead leaves and flowers and fertilizing with a slow-release fertilizer. Water regularly and replace any plants that have died with new plants.

Be on the lookout for poison ivy along the ground and climbing up trees. To control it, spray with a non-selective weed killer, always following label directions. Cut back annuals, such as begonias, petunias, impatiens, and geraniums when they get "leggy". Water them well and lightly fertilize. This will encourage compact growth and more blooms in about three weeks.

Harvest squash, okra, and cucumbers regularly so your plants will continue producing. Use a sharp knife with a narrow blade to avoid damaging the plant. Remove weeds before they make seeds. Begin propagating outdoor herb plantings for an indoor winter herb garden.

If your clematis vine has turned completely brown, do not dig it up. Prune out dead stems and leave it alone and it may sprout new growth next spring. If trees and shrubs need pruning, only lightly prune them early this month so new growth will

have time to mature before cold weather arrives.

Remove crape myrtle seedpods as soon as they form to encourage late summer bloom. Place a garden bench in a corner of your garden so you can sit and enjoy the summer evening sounds. Collect hosta and blackberry lily seeds to save for planting next spring. Fertilize roses with 10-10-10 fertilizer, 1 tablespoon per foot of height. Begin planting fall blooming bulbs. Patio plants and window boxes dry out quickly. Check their watering needs daily.

Root 4" cutting of coleus in water. After roots have formed, plant them in a pot and enjoy them indoors for the winter. Gather wildflowers for drying.

Cut faded blooms from your roses so your plant's energy will be directed to producing new flowers instead of seeds. Fertilize annual bedding plants that are in bloom; follow label directions. Check houseplants summering outside for pest problems and treat promptly.

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Sale to benefit Hinton Center

The Ridges Country Club in Hayesville will be the location of a fundraiser for Hinton Rural Life Center on Saturday, August 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Gently worn ladies' clothing and accessories will be on sale at bargain basement prices. All items will be only \$5 to \$15. The proceeds of the sale will benefit Hinton's ongoing capital campaign, which is funding upgrades to the Center's facilities. As Hin-

ton Center continues to serve as a lodging destination for retreats, vacations, reunions, and conferences, the revenue generated from its accommodations rentals helps pay for home repair services that help make homes in our communities warmer, safer, and drier.

Donations may be dropped off at the Ridges or call for pick up: Sally Mirocke (727) 742-9379 or Judy Spillet (706) 835-5770. TUJul27,Aug3,G1)SH