

Spring 2018



**Special points of interest:**

- \* Recreation
- \* Summer Camps
- \* Maiden Electric Dept.

## Greetings from the Mayor

Dear Citizens-

After a winter filled with temperature swings and a few snow storms, spring is finally here! I am glad to have warm temperatures and sunny skies. This summer, the Town will open our Splash Pad. We hope all the children will visit the Splash Pad and enjoy it. Please slow down when driving so we may all stay safe this summer. The new Police facility will open in late spring or early summer.

The Town Council and I received many complaints about animals in the cemetery. In response, the Council passed a new ordinance which prohibits animals from entering the cemetery, unless the animal is certified to assist a disabled person.

Once again, the Town will hold Springfest on May 24th at 6:30 and I hope to see you there. I want to thank all of the Town's employees who do a fine job keeping the Town clean and safe. If you have any concerns, please contact me at my office 828-428-5031.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Smyre

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## Maiden Electric Department

The Electric Department employs a Superintendent and two linemen. The goal of the department is to provide safe, reliable and efficient energy for the citizens of Maiden. This department installs, upgrades and maintains the overhead and underground electric infrastructure. The Electric Department works with other municipalities to assist them in restoring power after major storms.



## Important Information Regarding Waste Water

Keeping grease from clogging your Home's plumbing, the Town's Sewer Collection System, and causing issues at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is 100% preventable. Improper disposal of your cooking grease and oil can result in sewer overflows and in unsanitary backups in your home.

### You can do your part by:

- Putting excess oil and grease in a container in **the garbage**
- **NOT** putting grease, food scrapes etc. down drains or toilets



## Utility Billing Information

If you have not updated your information on your utility account with the Town, especially your phone number, please come by or call us to update it.

Utility bills are sent out on the 5th of every month, if you do not receive the utility bill by the 12th, you can call to get your balance or to have the bill reprinted.

The Town of Maiden is not responsible for failure of the U.S. Postal Service to deliver bills.

Your bill is delinquent if not paid by the 15th of every month. Late fees are applied on the 26th and cut off is on the last day of the month at 10 AM.



# Recreation News

## Fall Sports Registration

Registration for Fall Sports will begin on June 15th and end on July 16th. Early Registration will be held June 15th from 8 AM to 8 PM at the Maiden Rec Center. You can save an additional \$5.00 per child on this date only. Registration fees are as follows:

**Resident (In-side city limits) - \$25.00**

**Non-residents (outside city limits) \$50.00.**

A multi-child discount of \$5.00 for each additional child will be given to households with multiple children being registered.

### Sport

Youth Football

Boys

### Ages

7 – 12 years old

Youth Volleyball

Girls

grades 3rd – 8th

Youth Soccer

Boys & Girls

3 years old – 15 years old

## Community Wide Yard Sale

The Maiden Recreation Department will be sponsoring a community wide yard sale at the Maiden Community Center on Saturday, May 5th. The over flow parking lots will be used for vendors to sale their merchandise. We will also designate spots in the grass if need. Each vendor spot is roughly 28' x 20'. The price for each vendor spot will be \$5.00. All participants must bring their own tables and chairs for the event. You may pick up a vendors form at Maiden Recreation or Maiden Town Hall. All fees must be paid at Town Hall. For more information please call 828-428-5022.

## Summer Camps

The Rec Department will offer summer day camps again this year. Registration begins April 11th and is first come, first serve. Both movie camps will show the film, make crafts and snacks. For more information contact Keaton Miller at 828-428-5022.

**Zootopia Movie Camp**-June 15th, free, Rising K to 6th grade, must register by phone or in person at the Rec Center

**Ferdinand Movie Camp**-July 13th, free, Rising K to 6th grade must register by phone or in person at the Rec Center

**Basketball Camp**-July 18th-20th, free for boys and girls rising 3rd to 6th grade

**Lego Camp**-July 27th, for boys and girls ages 6-10. The cost is \$10 per child. Register at Town Hall

## Annual Cost of Living Analysis

The Mayor and Council strive to insure the Town is operating efficiently while providing high quality services to citizens. Below you will find two charts; the first details the costs of water, sewer and sanitation for Maiden and surrounding cities. The average charge for water, sewer and sanitation is \$55.81 while Maiden's rate is significantly lower at \$37.26.

The second chart shows the tax rate in Maiden compared with surrounding cities as well as Catawba and Lincoln counties. The average tax rate for surrounding municipalities is \$0.566. Maiden's tax rate is considerably lower at \$0.38. If you have questions or concerns, call Mayor Smyre at 828-428-5031.

### Water, Sewer and Sanitation Monthly Cost

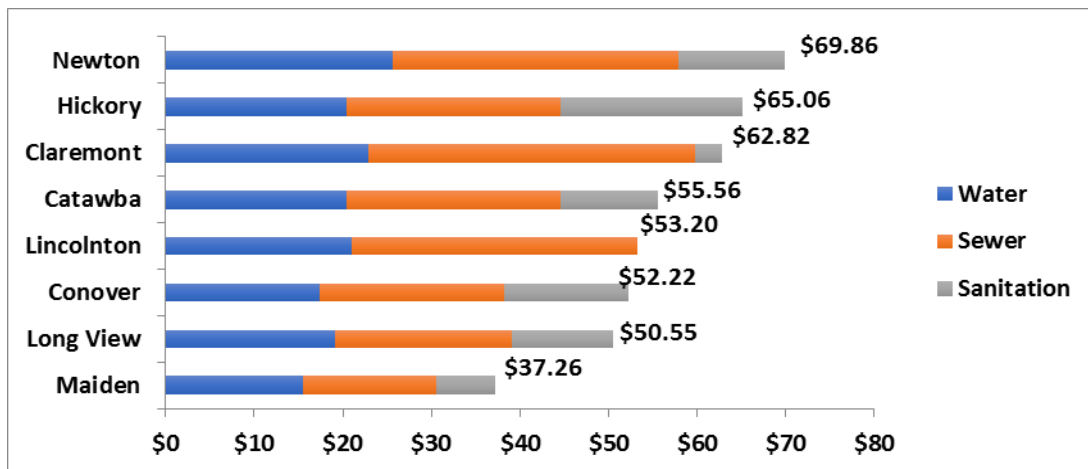
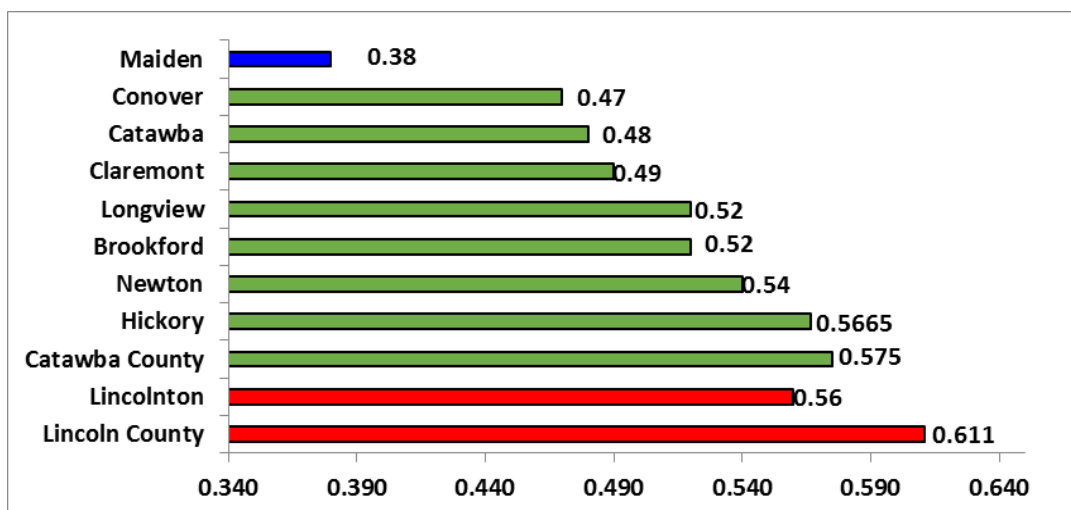


Figure 1 :Residential Rates based off 3,000 gallons a month usage for water and sewer and base rate for sanitation

### Tax Rates for Local Governments



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## Planning and Zoning Information

Every new accessory structure built or installed in the Town of Maiden requires a zoning permit. If the structure exceeds 12 feet in any dimension, it also requires a Catawba County building permit. Zoning permits may be obtained at Town Hall from the Planning and Zoning

Department. Residential Permit Fees-\$25.  
Industrial/Commercial Permit fees-\$30.



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## Storm water Corner

**Do you know why fertilizers and grass clippings don't belong in the storm drain? Fertilizers cause algae blooms which can kill fish and other wildlife in our creeks and streams. Grass clippings clog storm**

**drains, causing them to malfunction during thunder storms.**

**Keep Maiden Beautiful**



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## Town Council and Planning Board Meetings

Town Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM in Council Chambers at the Maiden Town Hall, except Summer months.

The Planning Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month in Council Chambers at 5:30 at the Maiden Town Hall.

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