

OCTOBER 2025

TOWN OF VALDESE

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Valdese Citizens,

As I write this final letter to you as Mayor of Valdese, I'm filled with deep gratitude. Serving this town has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I began my public service as a firefighter, taking care of people in moments of need. That same commitment to service has guided me every day as your Mayor.

Together, we've accomplished things I'll always be proud of. The renovation of the Rock School brought new life to a historic building. The Recreation Center improvements have made it a better space for families, youth, and seniors to enjoy. And the installation of Foothills Broadband has helped expand access to reliable, high-speed internet a vital tool for education, business, and daily life.

Looking ahead, I hope to see the completion of the Public Safety Building and the implementation of the employee pay study which reflects our ongoing commitment to fairness and respect for our hardworking town staff. I'm also proud of the continued investment in street paving and infrastructure improvements, which will improve safety, mobility, and the daily experience of residents and visitors alike.

As I step down, I want to offer a gentle reminder to my fellow elected officials: always keep the needs of our citizens at the center of every decision, and continue to honor your commitment to this community. Public service is a privilege and this community deserves nothing less than your best.

I don't know exactly what's next for me but I do know that when God closes one door, He opens another. I step into this next chapter with peace, purpose, and an abiding love for this town and its people. I hope to travel more with my wife, spend time with my family, and maybe catch a fish or two. Thank you for your trust, your support, and the memories we've made together. I'll always be proud to call Valdese my home and I'll always be cheering it on.

Warm regards,

Charles Watts
Mayor, Charles Watts

EVENTS CALENDAR

VALDESE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6 | 6PM | TOWN HALL

**BLUEGRASS AT THE ROCK CONCERT:
AUTHENTIC UNLIMITED**
OCTOBER 11 | 7:30PM | ROCK SCHOOL

ADAPTIVE HIKES DAY
OCTOBER 15 | 10-1PM | LAKESIDE PARK

VALDESE PARKS & REC COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13 | 7PM | SPLASHPAD BLDG

OCP PRESENTS:
NIGHTFALL WITH EDGAR ALLAN POE
OCTOBER 16-19 | ROCK SCHOOL

GREAT TRAILS STATE DAY
OCTOBER 18 | LAKESIDE PARK

VALDESE ABC BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20 | 3:30PM | ABC STORE

VALDESE PLANNING BOARD
OCTOBER 20 | 4PM | TOWN HALL

DRUG & HOMELESS TASK FORCE
OCTOBER 28 | 6PM
VALDESE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

TWILIGHT TALES AT THE TRAIL
OCTOBER 30 | 6-8PM | LAKESIDE PARK

TREATS IN THE STREETS
OCTOBER 31 | 4-6PM | DOWNTOWN
TRICK OR TREAT & COSTUME CONTEST
OVER 30 PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES!

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DOWNTOWN LOWDOWN



MAJOR'S SUPPER & SOCIALS OPENS - Major's is sharing the restaurant space with Mountain Burrito, located on the corner of Faet & Main. Major's is open Friday - Monday from 5pm to 9pm. The new restaurant offers a unique dining experience serving Asian inspired comfort food, curated wine, cocktails, and teas.

PERFECTLY PLANNED OCCASIONS OPENS - 201 St. Germain Ave SW - Suite C8
Perfectly Planned Occasions is a local wedding and event rental company located in Valdese, NC. Laura, the owner, has a storeroom with a collection of event items that can help make your dream a reality. Call 828-292-3142 to find out more.

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS

Valdese Public Works is bringing new planters and plants to downtown this Fall! With the help of Settlemyre Nursery, we're excited to announce that new planters and greenery will be added throughout downtown to help make our town even more vibrant, welcoming, and beautiful. Come take a stroll, snap a photo, and see what's blooming!

RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE

The Valdese Public Works Streets Department will be conducting Right of Way Maintenance for the next several weeks. During this time, street right of ways will be cleared of overgrowth to ensure traffic safety.



N.C. STATE BOCCE CHAMPIONSHIP

The North Carolina State Bocce Championship Tournament was held on September 13th on three, state of the art Bocce courts at the Le Phare Des Alpes Clubhouse. Thirteen teams participated, from Valdese and Morganton in Burke County, from Caldwell County, from Charlotte, Mooresville, Denver, Wake Forest and Chapel Hill. The winning team was Trilogy 1, from Denver, featuring Fred Forte, Paulo Beninai, Tom Marme, and Tony Violante. The runner-up and third place teams were the two Caldwell County teams, who are also all members of the Caldwell Men's Chorus. The second place team was the Caldwell Men's Chorus 2 team of Robert Marshall, William Cogdell, Bradley Davis and Glen Neal. The 3rd place team, Caldwell Men's Chorus 1, consisted of Keith Smith, Tim Boone, Carroll Hoyle and Bill Hall. To kick off the proceedings, the Caldwell Men's Chorus performed a rousing rendition of the National Anthem, followed by a poignant and poetic prayer by the Reverend Matt Matthews of the Waldensian Presbyterian Church.

BIMBO BAKERIES, USA

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT

Temple Field just got a major upgrade, thanks to the incredible generosity and hard work of Bimbo Bakeries, USA and Industrial Maintenance Solutions. Through their partnership, they donated their time, talents, and resources to transform the space and give it new life. The project included the construction of a new retaining wall, wood repairs, refreshed landscaping, upgraded lighting supports, and fresh paint and stain. Their dedication not only improved the field's appearance but also created a more welcoming and enjoyable environment for the entire community. This collaboration is a shining example of what can be achieved when businesses come together to make a lasting impact!

Thank you to all involved in this outstanding project!



PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATS (August)

CALLS FOR SERVICE = 411
 BUSINESS/SECURITY CHECKS = 170
 EXTRA PATROLS = 102
 COMMUNITY POLICING = 16
 VEHICLE STOPS = 156
 TRAFFIC CITATIONS = 103
 ARRESTS/WARRANT/ORDER FOR ARRESTS = 12
 REPORTS FILED = 48

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATS (August)

FIRE = 3
 RESCUE & EM. MEDICAL SERVICES = 60
 HAZARDS = 2
 SERVICE = 11
 GOOD INTENT CALLS = 5
 FALSE ALARM & FALSE CALLS = 11
TOTAL FIRE CALLS = 32
TOTAL MEDICAL CALLS = 60



FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Town of Valdese is committed to affirmatively furthering Fair Housing. Title VIII – Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in a real estate transaction based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status or handicap. If you feel like you are being discriminated against or have a question about housing discrimination, please contact Kyle Case at (828) 485-4285 or kyle.case@wpcog.org.

La Ciudad de Valdese está comprometida a promover activamente las Vivienda Justa. El Título VIII – Ley Federal de Vivienda Justa prohíbe la discriminación en una operación de vivienda por motivos de raza, color, sexo, religión, origen nacional, estado familiar o discapacidad. Si considera que está siendo discriminado o tiene alguna pregunta sobre discriminación en la vivienda, por favor comuníquese con Kyle Case al número de teléfono (828) 485-4285 o por correo electrónico a kyle.case@wpcog.org.

PARKS & REC UPDATE

Valdese Parks and Recreation has had a busy and productive month, with exciting programs and ongoing facility improvements. The Valdese Tigers Football and Cheer squads are off to a strong start, remaining undefeated across all age groups, while outdoor soccer is underway at Fletcher Field, with older players preparing to face teams from Morganton. Fitness classes continue to grow especially our new Saturday morning Tai Chi at Lakeside Park and both senior and weeknight bowling leagues are well attended. Work on the pool Bubble is progressing, with a mid-October reopening expected. Other upgrades include new ramps to the tennis courts and gym, an automatic door opener at the gym lobby, fresh paint and epoxy flooring in the Tiger Gym lobby, and new scoreboards on the way for Fletcher Field. As fall brings perfect outdoor weather, our parks and trails are bustling with visitors, thanks to the hard work of staff and volunteers. October events include the Friends of the Valdese Rec Trail Run on the 11th, Great Trails State Day at Lakeside Park on the 18th, and Adaptive Hike Day on the 15th, offering access to some inclusive equipment to get people outdoors. We'll wrap up the month with the first-ever Twilight Tales on the Trail on October 30 an evening of storytelling along the greenway, cider, and roasted marshmallows. For event details, visit the Friends of the Valdese Rec Facebook page. We're excited to celebrate fall with you—see you soon at your Valdese Parks and Recreation!



At the Town of Valdese, every role makes a difference. Our employees take pride in serving the community by supporting the services and programs that residents rely on every day. From keeping operations running smoothly to helping with special events that bring neighbors together, working here means being part of a team that values dedication, service, and community spirit. Every role matters when it comes to making Valdese a great place to live!

EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE

DUSTIN HYLER - 2 YEARS | SHANNON CAUDILL - 23 YEARS
 SCOTTY ELMORE - 25 YEARS | BO WEICHEL - 7 YEARS

NOW HIRING:

RESERVE PATROLMAN, FIRE CAPTAIN, FIRE ENGINEER

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION REMINDER:

ALL TRASH & RECYCLING CARTS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE STREET BY 6AM ON THE DAY FOLLOWING COLLECTION DAY. (TOV SECT. 4-2023)