

Mayor's Message
Rowlesburg: June 2025

Congratulations to Prentis “Jody” Taylor, Jr. If you know Jody and when you see him, give him a big congratulations. Jody was selected to receive the Perkins Boynton Award from the WV Section of the American Water Works Association. Jody is one of Rowlesburg's water treatment operators. This award is given annually to active, licensed operators who have demonstrated exemplary ability in the operation of a water treatment plant. The category for which Jody won is for plants serving a population of less than 3,300. The operator must be certified and have at least five years of plant operation experience. The treatment process must include application of coagulants, settling, filtration, and disinfection or similar treatment process. The work which Jody does, as well as the other Rowlesburg water treatment operators, protects us from the micro bugs which have tried to kill us from the beginning of time. I suspect that most only look at the convenience of using water when demanded and think less about the importance of water treatment for their health and safety. Jody, congratulations on the award and thank you for helping to protect the health and safety of Rowlesburg citizens.

Please Update your WENS Information. WENS stands for **Wireless Emergency Notification System**. After the recent (June 23) water line break on South Buffalo, we learned, via the WENS, that there were 13 failures to receive the notice which we sent out to inform customers that the water service was not available because of the leak. Most know, thanks to Darel Moats and crew and some citizen helpers, the leak was repaired, and the water service was restored by midafternoon. WENS will be used to inform you any time there is an emergency, and everyone needs to know about it. It's a good idea to keep your WENS information up to date. It's a simple matter to provide or update the information. Just stop by Town Hall to complete the form or email me and I will get one to you.

Put yourself in your neighbor's place. Let's say that you are required to work on Saturday and/or Sunday. You would like to get your rest on Friday and Saturday nights and would like not to be disturbed after some reasonable hour at night. The problem is your neighbor has a party with loud music going on into the late night. It seems reasonable that the volume of the loud music could be turned down a bit after a reasonable hour, I don't know say midnight. If you are playing loud music, put yourself in someone else's place.

Another scenario is that a neighbor's car is parked, such that you do not have a clear view of oncoming traffic when you exit your driveway. The situation exists such that the offending parked car could be moved so that it does not inhibit the view of oncoming traffic. In this situation, it seems reasonable that the offending parked car could be parked back a bit to permit safer access to the street by you. If you park your car such that it blocks the vision of your neighbor entering the street, put yourself in their place.

We live in a very beautiful natural setting, the park, the river, the mountains. I would encourage us all to give a little thought as to how our actions might impinge on others. Life can be harmonious in the paradise in which we live.

Be respectful. Town employees work hard for the citizens of Rowlesburg. It's disappointing to learn that they are sometimes verbally abused. It must stop. If you have a complaint, please see me at Town Hall. A behavior that may impinge on the safety of motorists is the movement or interference with traffic control devices, specifically traffic cones. This must stop as well.

It's a pleasure to serve you.

Yours truly,
Darrell

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