



# TOWN OF GLASGOW, VIRGINIA



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## 2020 COUNCIL RETREAT

The Glasgow Town Council will hold a daylong retreat on Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 9am-5pm at the Emergency Communication Center in Buena Vista, Virginia. The retreat is designed as a time for Council and staff to discuss key town issues and make plans for how to address them in the coming year in their effort to find ways for the local government to support Glasgow citizens in improving the community's quality of life.

Glasgow's new Mayor, Shane Watts commented, "The retreat will allow the Council and staff to have a more informal and detailed discussion on issues outside the more formal structure of the regular Council meetings."

Among the topics covered will be town finances and budget, roles in governing and setting priorities for the coming year.

In addition to the Mayor and Town Council, several staff members will also attend including the Town Manager, the Senior Administrative Assistant, and the Town Police Chief.

Bob Stripling, a retired local government manager with over 32 years of experience as a professional manager, will facilitate the retreat. He was most recently Staunton City Manager from 2000-2006. He also was Director of and instructor in the Virginia Tech Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management program at Virginia Tech from 2008-2016.

Many localities hold retreats, particularly after elections in which new members join the council. Virginia local governments such as Lynchburg, Amherst, Smithfield, Pulaski and others have had recent retreats.

Please contact Mayor Watts if you have further questions about the retreat.