

#### Letters-to-the-Editor Policy

It is the policy of the Citizen-Times to encourage reader participation on its editorial page. Diverse and varied opinions are welcomed. We publish up to 12 letters a year from letter writers. Letters of 200 words or less will be published unless they contain language or content that the editors feel is inappropriate.

Examples of content that will cause letters to be rejected include the following:

- Confusing or unclear points.
- Crude language.
- Poor taste.
- Disrespectful comments regarding a group's or individual's ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation or race.
- Other incendiary language or remarks.
- Endorsements for or complaints about individually named commercial products or services.
- Poetry.
- Personal tributes, attacks or thank yous.

The Citizen-Times will not knowingly publish factually incorrect information.

Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted.

Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand and, rather than mentioning the writer by name, should refer to the headline and date the letter was published. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters referring to news stories should also mention the headline and date of publication.

All letters must be signed and include the writer's street address or route address telephone number, which will be used for verification purposes only.

We welcome your input. You may write to us by using the form at [http://www.citizen-times.com/contact/ltr\\_editor.shtml](http://www.citizen-times.com/contact/ltr_editor.shtml), by e-mail to [letters@citizen-times.com](mailto:letters@citizen-times.com); by fax at (828) 281-2592; or by regular mail to Letters to the Editor, Asheville Citizen-Times, P.O. Box 2090, Asheville, N.C. 28802.

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