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- **Saturday, October 8**
Court Square Street Fair & BBQ
Cook-Off
Downtown Clinton
- Downtown Dash 5K & Fun Run
Downtown Clinton
- Ol' Lightnin' Rods Car Show
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- Craft Demonstration Day
Sampson County History Museum
- **Fri. to Sun. Oct. 7-9; 14-16**
Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dream Coat
Sampson Community Theater
- **Mon. – Fri., Oct. 10-14**
Fall Clean Up Week
City of Clinton
- **Saturday, October 15**
Household Hazardous Waste Day
City of Clinton
- **Monday, October 31**
Halloween on the Square
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- **Saturday, November 5**
R-U-N 2 the Arts 5k Color Run
Sampson Arts Council
- **Thursday, December 1**
Christmas in the City
Downtown Clinton
- **Saturday, December 10**
Christmas in Clinton Parade
Clinton-Sampson Chamber
- **Monday, December 12**
Spring Soccer, Baseball/T-Ball,
Softball Registration Opens
Clinton Recreation
- **Fri. to Sun. Dec. 2-4; 9-11**
How to Succeed in Business
Without Really Trying
Sampson Community Theater

Cycle NC Coming to Clinton *by Sheila Barefoot, SC Convention & Visitors Bureau Director*

The 18th annual cross-state 2016 Cycle North Carolina “Mountains to Coast” route is set, and Sampson County is ready. The ride will extend from Banner Elk to Atlantic Beach October 1-8, 2016, with 1,100 bicyclists expected to participate. The route comes through Clinton on October 6. Over the course of the week, riders will average 60-70 miles per day. Cycle NC was developed to promote the state’s scenic beauty, heritage tourism, visitor attractions, historic sites, state parks, fitness, healthy lifestyles, and the benefits of bicycling. Every year for nearly two decades, Cycle NC has stopped overnight in more than 100 North Carolina towns and visited nearly 700 communities in this state. Our theme for this first time event in Clinton is “Follow the Yellow Brick Road,” and we will focus on agriculture in the county and the important role all our businesses play in Sampson County.



We are honored that Cycle NC has chosen Clinton as their sixth overnight stop for their statewide tour. This event will have a huge economic impact for Sampson County, as well as our industry partners. This event is not just for the cyclists, it is for all of Sampson County. Bring your family and friends out to the Agri-Expo Center on October 6 for our free host event that includes two live bands, food vendors, tethered hot air balloon rides, and a movie. Come out and enjoy the evening with us!

Protecting Water at the Source *by Lisa Osthues, Environmental Program Manager*

The City of Clinton Public Works and Utilities Department is currently in the process of developing a source-water protection plan with the assistance of the North Carolina Rural Water Association and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. This plan serves to provide additional protection of our drinking water sources from potential contamination and overuse, and it will include a step-by-step approach for responding in the event that we must identify alternative water supply sources. Because the city’s drinking water sources are underground wells, the plan we will adopt is termed a Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP). Cities and municipalities are not required to develop these local plans, as North Carolina has a statewide plan already in place. By developing our own plan, however, we are taking a voluntary and proactive approach to drinking water protection based on local conditions and priorities that will address our specific needs. In developing this plan, city staff and state personnel will identify a protection zone around each source well and manage the land area to prevent contamination or overuse for each well’s water supply.



Water Resource booth at the August AA5

City personnel were fortunate to have the assistance of a summer intern, Camille Monroe of Hollins University, working with them to lay the initial groundwork for the plan. Ms. Monroe dedicated many hours to background research and initial development of the plan. She presented her findings to City Council and the Environmental Affairs Advisory Board. She also co-hosted a public education outreach exhibit with the NC Rural Water Association at the August Alive After Five, where she handed out public outreach tools she created. An article will be in the Fall 2016 publication of Tarheel Pipeline regarding our city’s efforts to protect our source water.

Safety is a Must! *by Elaine Hunt, City Clerk*

Congratulations to the City of Clinton! For the third consecutive year, the NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) recognized several city departments for safety practices. On June 7, 2016, the NCDOL sponsored a banquet with the Chamber of Commerce to recognize local organizations for safety achievements. Commissioner Cherie Berry presented certificates to the following departments/divisions: City Hall, Police, Recreation, Sanitation, Streets, and Wastewater. Organizations may qualify for silver, gold, or million-hour awards based on beating the industry rate in days away from work, job transfer, or work restriction. We applaud the City of Clinton and its teams for the outstanding safety accomplishments and hard work and give special thanks to the City’s Health and Safety Committee.



Important Numbers

Emergency.....911
City Hall.....592-1961
Water & Sewer Billing.....299-4909
Code Enforcement.....299-4904
Sanitation & Streets.....299-4905
After-hours Emergency...592-1151
NIT Tip Line.....590-3009

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at City Hall. Those interested in speaking at meetings should contact the City Clerk at (910) 592-1961.

Missed the City Council Meeting? Watch it on TV or Online!

You can watch City Council meetings every Thursday at 7:00 pm on StarVision GOAC-15. City Council meetings are also available on the City's YouTube channel, Clintonnc1.

Need More Information?

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What do You Think?

We'd like to know what you think about the newsletter and how we can improve it...

Call or email us at:
910-592-1961
spurvis@cityofclintonnc.us

DRAWing More People to Walk *by Rachel Chavez, Intern, MPA Candidate & Lyle Moore, Sr. Planner*



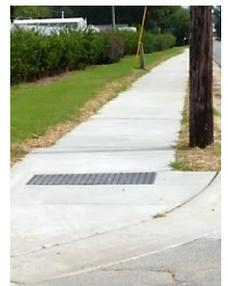
Rachel Chavez paints sections of the Public Works Caisson Building on Ferrell Street.

tradition and beauty. The purpose of the public art and beautification program is to give the City of Clinton a formal means, with guidelines and recommendations, to implement and manage a public art and beautification program. Currently, Clinton owns and manages maintenance on a few art pieces that are on display for the public to enjoy. The plan introduces a public art oversight committee comprised of local artists, community leaders, and citizens. The plan integrates and encourages beautification and public art that provides imaginative spaces that enliven the community, welcome community engagement, and celebrate art and culture. This summer, the city expanded the Downtown Recycle Art Walk (DRAW) project through the dedication of local student artists and generous sponsors like Lowe's and Sherwin Williams. The goals of the program are to encourage recycling, create an art space in Downtown Clinton, and promote local artists. City staff used the colors of the city's millstone logo to liven up the old Caisson Building by painting colorful backdrops in each window along Ferrell St. The city will use the colored spaces to display custom, unique artwork from local art students. The theme of the artwork will encourage recycling and sustainability while providing an attractive walk along Ferrell and Chestnutt streets.

This summer has been full of exciting and colorful changes for the City of Clinton with the addition of colorful backdrops to the Caisson Building and expanding the walkability between Sunset Avenue and Butler Avenue Schools.

The city has prepared a draft public art and beautification program that would help the city continue its commitment to being rich in

Walkability is also a concern for the City of Clinton. In 2015, city planning staff called on NCDOT to assist with implementing goals addressed in our Clinton Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans. In March 2016, the City of Clinton received notice that NCDOT would assist by completing a sidewalk expansion project between Sunset Avenue and Butler Avenue Schools. Completed in August, this project assures improved walkability between the two schools and passes by our community's first art walk - the Clinton Main Street Program's DRAW project. As the DRAW project expands, students from all over Sampson County will be called upon to contribute to this unique area, which makes promoting walking one of its key goals. Watch for more in the coming months as this once dull area of our community comes alive with color and activity.



New sidewalk on Ferrell Street

Stepping to a Healthier City *by Lisa Carter, Human Resource Director*

City of Clinton employees are once again taking the steps to become healthier. On September 9, 2016, thirty employees joined the Stepping Up & Stepping Out Challenge. Each individual is randomly placed on a team of five. The challenge lasts for one month and encourages employees to compete against one another to get the most steps for their team. The winners will be announced at the Employee Benefits Workshop in November. This is the city's second such challenge.

Studies indicate that a healthy workforce is a more engaged and productive workforce. In March 2015, the City implemented the Employee Wellness Committee. Every city department has a representative on the committee whose goal is to assist employees with improving their quality of life through mind, body, and soul. Various events promote employee health and wellness including health assessments, team challenges, and lunch and learn education sessions. Not only has the committee given employees tools to live a healthier life, it has also increased camaraderie between employees from different departments.