

In this Issue

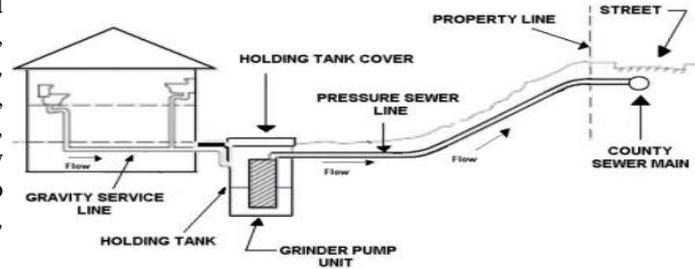
- Maintaining Lift Stations
- Vegetable Oil Recycling
- 2016 Alive After Five Lineup
- Spring Clean-Up Week
- Fun at Recreation Dances
- Employee Spotlight

Community Calendar

- **Fri. to Sun., April 8-10, 15-17**
I Ought to be in Pictures
Sampson Community Theater
- **Tues. to Fri. April 12-15**
Spring Clean-Up Week
Clinton Public Works
- **Thursday, April 14**
District 1 Meeting
Beaman Street Fire Station
- **Thursday, April 21**
District 5 Meeting
Sampson Community Center
- **Thursday, May 12**
2016 Juried Art Show
Sampson Arts Council
- **Thursday, May 19**
Black and Blue Experience
Alive After Five Concert Series
Sampson Arts Council, City of Clinton, & Sampson County
- **Saturday, May 28**
Royal Lane Pool Opens
Clinton Recreation
- **Monday, May 30**
Youth Football, Youth Soccer & Adult Softball Registration Opens
Clinton Recreation
- **Thursday, June 16**
Soul Psychedelique
Alive After Five Concert Series
Sampson Arts Council, City of Clinton, & Sampson County
- **Fri. to Sun., June 16-19, 23-26**
Cats
Sampson Community Theater

Properly Maintaining Lift Stations by Patrick West, Environmental Program Assistant

More than 75 households in the city require a lift station for proper sewer service. Lift stations are necessary when the elevation of a home or facility lies below the existing sewer main and the wastewater from the property cannot reach the main by gravity alone. Until recently, the city has maintained some lift stations and private property owners have maintained some. In 2015, the City Council approved changes to the city's sewer ordinance to allow Clinton Public Works and Utilities to assume responsibility for all lift stations. The change allows the city to ensure consistent and proper maintenance of the lift stations, and it relieves private residents of the operating costs. The property owner is still responsible for repair costs caused by negligence or misuse as defined in the sewer ordinance. The ordinance defines negligence or misuse as the disposal of sand, rock, gravel, metal, wipes, cloths, any paper thicker than the average bathroom tissue, fats, oils, grease, or any other substance that the lift station cannot pump and conveyed. It is important that all citizens, including those without private lift stations, never flush items such as cotton products, diapers, dental floss, paper towels, medication, cat litter, or baby wipes down the toilet. Many of these items do not dissolve, or dissolve too slowly and can clog pipes, pumps, and drains, which can cause a sewer backup in the home.



Vegetable Oil Recycling Program by Patrick West, Environmental Program Assistant

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can wreak havoc on drains and pipes. Disposing of these materials down the drain causes the deposits to stick to the pipe walls, decreasing the capacity of the pipe. This then can lead to sewer clogs or grease plugs that eventually result in wastewater backing up into homes and businesses. To help prevent backups and to deter residents from pouring fats, oils and grease down drains, the City of Clinton Public Works Department currently offers a vegetable oil recycling program. Citizens may bring any liquid oil that is free of food particles in a sealed container labeled vegetable oil to Public Works offices located at 200 John Street. Offices are open from 7 am to 3:30 pm. For more information about the vegetable oil recycling program, contact Clinton Public Works at (910) 299-4905.



Alive After Five Back for 6th Season by Mary Rose, Planning & Development Director

Grab a group of friends, bring your favorite lawn chair, and get ready for one of our community's most anticipated events- the Alive After Five Summer Concert Series. Back for a sixth season, Alive After Five Summer Concerts are family friendly events that are fun and entertaining for all ages. This year the concert series will include music from different genres including beach music, rock, soul, jazz, country, blues, funk, classic rock, and boogie music. The Summer Concert Series will begin on Thursday, May 19, with the versatile Black & Blue Experience performing. The high-energy Soul Psychedelique will take the stage on Thursday, June 16. Jim Quick & Coastline will perform on August 18, and back by popular demand, the Band of Oz will sizzle the stage on September 15. Eastline and Spare Change will wrap up the 2016 Summer Concert Series with a special, two-band performance on October 6. The concerts are free and all are welcome. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer for a great time.

Alive After Five 2016 Schedule

May 19 th	Black & Blue Experience
June 16 th	Soul Psychedelique
August 18 th	Jim Quick & Coastline
September 15 th	Band of Oz
October 6 th	Eastline
October 6 th	Spare Change



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 You Tube channel, [Clintonn1](#).

Need More Information?

Visit our website 24-7 or like us on Facebook for more information about Clinton, community events, and what the City is doing for you.



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

2016 Spring Clean-Up Week *by Patrick West, Environmental Program Assistant*

It's that time of year again for the City's annual Spring Clean-Up Week. This year's cleanup will be April 12-15. Citizens should have their items out at the curb by 7 am on their normal collection day to ensure collection in a timely and efficient manner. This event allows citizens to dispose of any materials accepted by the landfill at no additional cost. Citizens can dispose of items such as furniture, appliances, tires, and tree limbs. The City cannot collect hazardous materials including oil based paints, car and truck batteries, auto parts, gasoline, and home or outbuilding demolition materials. The city has held clean-up weeks for over 25 years, allowing thousands of tons of debris to be disposed of at no additional cost to citizens. For more information on this event, contact Clinton Public Works at (910) 299-4905.

Fun at Mother-Son & Father-Daughter Dances *by Jonathan Allen, Recreation Director*

This February the Clinton Recreation & Parks Department held its 1st Annual Mother-Son dance and 2nd Annual Father-Daughter dance. Couples enjoyed an evening of food, mingling, dance competitions, and memories that will last a lifetime. Twenty-four couples participated in the events. Plans are currently underway for next year's dances. For more information or to offer suggestions to make the dances even better, please contact the Clinton Recreation Department at (910) 299-4906.



Mothers and sons enjoyed a conga line at the first Mother-Son Dance in February.



Daughters watched their dads in a dance-off during the Father-Daughter Dance.

Employee Spotlight *by Jay Tilley, Police Chief & Scott Phillips, Fire Chief*



The Clinton Police Department is excited to introduce our 2015 Officer of the Year, Corporal Matt Bland. The award is performance based and is a prestigious award within the department because the nominations come from the officer's peers. Matt started with Clinton PD in 2011, and within two years achieved the position of corporal. He is as a K9 officer who handles Junior. For the past two years, Matt has been part of the Neighborhood Improvement Team and been involved in almost every major felony investigation. Matt and Junior conduct numerous community events and are great ambassadors for the City. One of Matt's most important roles is as a mentor for young officers. Matt exemplifies what is best about law enforcement officers.

Firefighter Clark Strickland was recognized as the 2015 Firefighter of the Year at the February 2, 2016, City Council Meeting. Firefighter Strickland was selected from his peers for his outstanding service as a firefighter and as a citizen in the community. Firefighter Strickland is an example for other firefighters for what an all-around firefighter looks like. Firefighter Strickland stated, "To God be the glory for my award and thank you to everyone. It is an honor and privilege to be a firefighter for the City of Clinton." Strickland began his firefighting career in 1999 as a part-time firefighter with the City. He is also a member of the Sampson County Honor Guard.

