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Juried Arts Show
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Les Miserables (school edition)
Sampson Community Theater
- **Thursday, May 18**
Liquid Pleasure
Alive After Five Concert Series
Sampson Arts & City of Clinton
- **Monday, May 29**
Youth Football, Youth Soccer, &
Adult Softball Registration Opens
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- **Thursday, June 15**
Too Much Sylvia
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Sampson Arts & City of Clinton

Clinton Main Street First Annual Awards Program *by Mary Rose, Planning Director*

In partnership with the Clinton Development Corporation, the Clinton Main Street Program held its first awards program in January and distributed seven awards. The Clinton Main Street Program presents the awards to recognize achievements in Downtown Clinton that aid in creating a vibrant downtown with excellent opportunities for commercial and residential development while emphasizing the importance of public space investment and improvements.

- **Volunteer of the Year:** Mrs. Wendy Carr for development of the Kiwanis Secret Christmas Shop as part of Christmas in the City. The shop offered an opportunity for children to purchase gifts for their parents and grandparents. Wendy is a member of the Main Street Design Committee.
- **Best Promotional or Marketing Effort:** Rebecca's of Downtown Clinton for their use of Facebook, sidewalk sales, Midnight Madness Sale, Fall Fashion Show, and offer extended hours for other special sales.
- **Best Design Improvement:** Alfredo and Samantha DiPinto for their renovations to Alfredo's Ristorante Italiano.
- **Best Curb Appeal:** Tonya Parrish of Royal Gifts and Fine China for their attention to detail that helps improve Downtown Clinton's overall appearance.
- **Thank You Award:** The Downtown Dash Committee for their contributions to Downtown Clinton beautification efforts such as landscaping for the "Milling Around" art piece and a "Welcome to Downtown Clinton" sign.
- **Historic Preservation:** Donald Starling as project manager for additions to Daughtry, Woodard, Lawrence, & Starling law offices. Mr. Starling managed this project with great attention to detail in mirroring all exterior features of the original structure.
- **Outstanding Legacy Business:** Deborah and Gary Wayne Hall of Sessom's Jewelry, which has been located in Downtown Clinton since 1957. This award is to recognize a downtown business that has been open for more than five years and best embodies the essence of downtown by supporting the community.



Clinton Main St. Award

New Greenspace on Willow Road *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works & Utilities Director*



Revitalized Willow Road Park and Wilson Road Pond

The City of Clinton is continuing to expand its beautification efforts throughout the city. In May 2016, the city purchased approximately 0.6 acres of land on Willow Road near Kerr School. The land provided the city access to a stormwater pond, which was in need of cleaning and upkeep. The city has used the property to create greenspace and a passive park for the residents to enjoy. By adding the small park similar to the one near Springvale Cemetery, the city provided District 2 with its first park. With the city maintaining the pond, it can ensure the pond is capable of receiving storm water from the roads and nearby shopping center. "Residents have

stated that the pond and surrounding area look great and that the City of Clinton is doing a great job in making it look the best it has ever looked," stated City Engineer, Russell Byrd about the project.



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.

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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:
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NC Highway 24/Sunset Avenue Project Update *by Russell Byrd, City Engineer*

Over the past two years, NCDOT contractors have been working to widen and improve NC Highway 24 into a four-lane road from Cumberland County to Duplin County. Once completed, the highway will accommodate the high volume of traffic that uses this corridor from Fayetteville to Jacksonville.

Crews began working within the Clinton city limits in the spring of 2015 with the installation and relocation of water lines, and completed the water distribution phase in the summer of 2016. Crews then began installing stormwater drainage, followed by curbing and initial pavement widening to allow traffic to use portions of the roadway while other portions are under construction. This drainage and widening work included the paving of the Pierce Street Extension.

Crews continue to work on drainage installation on the south side of the road from the Faircloth Freeway bridge to the Pierce Street Extension. Curbing and widening in this area will then follow and should continue through the summer of 2017. In fall 2017, storm drainage work will shift to the north side of NC 24 from Pierce Street to Forest Drive. This phase of storm drainage installation will involve placing large drainage pipes and structures within the roadway and will significantly increase congestion in these areas.

When completed, NC 24 will have new curbing, sidewalks, and median islands from west of Coharie Drive to Faircloth Freeway bridge. Current projections indicate substantial completion of the project by fall 2018.



Crews work on Sunset Ave. near Pizza Inn.

Employee Awards *by Jay Tilley, Police Chief; Scott Phillips, Fire Chief; Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works Dir.*



The Clinton Police Department is excited to introduce its 2016 Officer of the Year, Detective Salah Ali O'Neill. The Police Department presents the award based on an officer's performance that best exemplifies the Department's core values of integrity, professionalism, respect, and teamwork. Detective O'Neill is one of the few to receive Officer of the Year twice. "I enjoy my job because it allows me the opportunity to enhance and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the city and Sampson County," commented O'Neill. Detective O'Neill joined the Clinton Police Department in 2006 as a patrol officer. He is currently a fraud investigator for the Police Department's Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT). O'Neill investigates financial fraud, embezzlement, and identity theft. He often receives some of the department's toughest cases.

Matthew Smith of the Clinton Fire Department was recognized at the January 2017 City Council Meeting for being named the 2016 Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Smith began as a part-time firefighter with the Clinton Fire Department in 2012 and began serving fulltime in 2015. Smith's peers selected him for his outstanding service with the Clinton Fire Department. Smith is an example to other firefighters for his dedication to serving his community and its citizens.



Randy Parker was recognized at the January 2017 City Council Meeting as the 2016 Employee of the Year. Randy recently retired from the City of Clinton after over thirty years of service where he worked in the Water and Sewer Division. Randy's breadth of knowledge made him an invaluable employee. Randy was always willing to help his coworkers as well as serve the residents of the city.

A city Employee Committee created the Employee of the Year Program in 2013. This program allows city employees the opportunity to nominate their coworkers whom they believe go above and beyond their duties and provide service excellence.