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Community Calendar

- **Monday, June 20**
Youth Soccer & Football
Registration Open
Clinton Recreation
- **Mon., June 20 – Fri., July 29**
Library Summer Reading Program
Sampson County Libraries
- **Monday, July 4**
Fireworks Celebration
Clinton Recreation
- **Mon. to Fri., Jul. 25-29**
Summer Art Camp-
Around the World
Sampson Arts Council
- **Mon. to Fri., Aug 1-5**
Summer Art Camp- Under the Sea
*Sampson Arts Council, City of
Clinton, & Sampson County*
- **Thu. to Sun., Aug. 4-7; 11-14**
The Lion King Junior
Sampson Community Theater
- **Thursday, August 18**
Jim Quick & Coastline
Alive After Five Concert Series
*Sampson Arts Council, City of
Clinton, & Sampson County*
- **Thursday, September 15**
Band of Oz
Alive After Five Concert Series
*Sampson Arts Council, City of
Clinton, & Sampson County*

A New Sign for Newkirk Park *by Jonathan Allen, Recreation & Parks Director*

The Clinton Recreation and Parks Department held a rededication for Newkirk Park on Saturday, April 30. Newkirk Park has provided many children and families an opportunity to play and be active while still valuing the importance of the park's history. The revitalization of the park included installing six donated park benches, a new sign, revitalizing the sidewalks, and installing water fountains at the park. The revitalization of Newkirk Park allows future generations to enjoy the history of the park while maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. Over fifty residents were present for the rededication including Representative Larry Bell, Commissioner Albert Kirby, Mayor Lew Starling, City Council members, and the Newkirk Park Advisory Board Members. The Newkirk Park rededication would not have been possible without the hard work of volunteers- thank you for making Clinton "The Perfect Place To Play."



What's Happening in Downtown Clinton *by Mary Rose, Planning & Development Director*

The Clinton Main Street Program, downtown businesses, and city planning staff have been busy in 2016, focusing on marketing downtown and keeping it looking great. The Clinton Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee has been compiling an inventory of all businesses, building space, and employment statistics to assist with business recruitment.

The Clinton Main Street Promotion Committee has completed the Downtown Clinton rack cards and has distributed them to area businesses to promote downtown special events. The cards also feature a downtown parking map and the Downtown Clinton website www.downtownclinton.com. Clinton Main Street is also pleased to continue to offer the billboard program on I-40 this year. The billboards currently feature the Sampson County History Museum, with a grant from the Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, along with the Court Square Street Fair and BBQ Cook-off, which is scheduled for October 8, 2016.

The Clinton Main Street Design Committee has been actively working to improve the visual appeal of Downtown Clinton by mulching plant beds around the courthouse square. Five façade grants have also been awarded to help downtown businesses make improvements to their buildings. The Design Committee is also working with city staff to expand the Downtown Recycle Art Walk (DRAW), which incorporates recycle art created by local students and artists while bringing life to the Public Works building on Ferrell Street.

Clinton PD Set for Accreditation Review *by Jay Tilley, Police Chief*



The Clinton Police Department (CPD) is seeking accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). A team of assessors from CALEA will arrive July 11, 2016, to examine all aspects of our police policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session being held on July 12, 2016, beginning at 5:30 pm. The session will be held at the Clinton City Hall Conference Room located at 221 Lisbon Street. If you would like to provide comments to the assessment team but are unable to speak at the public information session, you can offer comments by calling (910) 299-4900 ext. 3041 on July 12, 2016, 1 PM – 3 PM.



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?

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

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City Redesigns its Website *by Megan Mouldon, Senior Administrative Specialist*

If you have not seen the city's website lately, check it out at www.cityofclintonnc.us. The website serves to introduce the city to potential businesses and visitors that may consider relocating to Clinton, and it serves as a portal for current residents and businesses to find out more about what is happening in the city, complete forms, or pay utility bills. The new website has a much more appealing display and is designed to provide quick and easy access to the information you are looking for. One of the new features we are most proud of is the Open Government section. We pride ourselves in being transparent and responsive to citizens. The Open Government section consolidates some of the most important information about the city into one place for easy access, including City Council minutes, financial information, public notices, organizational structure, police statistics, water and wastewater statistics, and long-range plans. The new website launched April 1, and has received positive feedback on the ease of use compared to the former website. If you have any questions or feedback regarding the website, please contact Megan Mouldon at (910) 592-1961.

Fire Inspections in the City *by Scott Phillips & Austin Tew, Fire Chief & Fire Inspector*

The City of Clinton will begin performing fire inspections for the city and its extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) on July 1, 2016. The City has adopted the State's minimum schedule for fire inspections. Fire inspection schedules will occur on one-, two-, or three-year cycles depending on the type of business. Most businesses will fall in the three-year cycle. The Clinton Fire Inspector will conduct a walkthrough of each business to explain the process and educate owners about the fire code. During a typical inspection, the Fire Inspector will help business owners identify potential safety hazards in need of correction, especially those requiring immediate attention. For hazards that a business cannot correct immediately, the Fire Inspector will work with the business to allow time for the correction. The Fire Inspector will return after the established time to ensure the hazard has been corrected. There will be permits and fees associated with the fire inspections program. The square footage of the building will determine the fee, and specific uses, such as use of hazardous materials, may require permits. There will be no charge for follow-up visits if the business has corrected the safety hazard. If the safety hazards still exists after the follow-up visit, the business will be assessed a fee to ensure compliance, and the Fire Inspector will set another inspection date. Fire inspection fees are included in the Clinton Fee Schedule and are viewable online at www.cityofclintonnc.us. We look forward to providing this service to our community as it will help ensure the safety of our residents and reduce risk and liability for businesses. For more information, please contact Fire Chief Scott Phillips at (910) 299-4902.



Employee Spotlight *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works & Utilities Director*



Best wishes to Bennett (left) and Tony in their retirement!

The City is losing two great employees as Public Works Manager Tony Steffen and Utility Lines Crew Leader Bennett Honeycutt are both retiring after 30+ years with the city. Tony began working with the City of Clinton in 1986 as a laborer and quickly was promoted to supervisor after just over a year of service. Tony always took pride in making the City of Clinton a better place to live, and he ensured every project was completed efficiently with attention to detail. Tony was in charge of overseeing the Sanitation and Streets Divisions. We will surely miss his knowledge and expertise. Bennett Honeycutt also began working with the City of Clinton in 1986 in the Water Division as a laborer. He has worked as an equipment operator, crew leader, and utility lines crew supervisor. Bennett has been a valuable asset to the City of Clinton for his knowledge and level of skill on the water and sewer lines. We thank Tony and Bennett for their service to the City of Clinton, and we wish them the best in their retirement.