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Community Calendar

- **Monday, January 16**
Martin Luther King Jr., Banquet
Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce
- **Thursday, January 26**
Mystery Masterpiece
Clinton Main Street Program & Clinton Development Corporation
- **Fri. to Sun. Feb. 10-12; 17-19**
Mary Poppins
Sampson Community Theater
- **Saturday, February 18**
Mother-Son & Father-Daughter Dance
Clinton Recreation
- **Friday, February 24**
Spring Soccer, Baseball/T-Ball, Softball Registration Closes
Clinton Recreation
- **Thursday, March 9**
District 4 Meeting
Bellamy Recreation Center
- **Thursday, March 16**
District 3 Meeting
City Hall Auditorium
- **Thursday, March 23**
District 2 Meeting
Beaman St. Fire Station
- **Saturday, March 25**
6th Annual Super Sprint Triathlon
FS Series
- **Thursday, April 13**
District 1 Meeting
Beaman St. Fire Station
- **Thursday, April 20**
District 5 Meeting
Sampson Community Center

Habitat for Humanity Coming to Sampson County *by Ruthie Dent, FAHFH VP*

Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity (FAHFH) will soon kick off the construction of a home in Clinton. This home marks the first phase of FAHFH's commitment to build one additional home in both Sampson and Bladen counties thanks to funds from the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) Foundation. The City of Clinton is excited to have FAHFH choose Sampson County as one of its next areas in which to provide affordable housing. The building of affordable housing in Sampson County has been made possible by an agreement with SECU and Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina as part of the SECU Habitat Mountains to the Sea Challenge, which will build a new, or thoroughly renovated home in each of the 100 counties in North Carolina over a three-year period. "FAHFH is ready to take on the challenge and expand our service area to our county neighbors who are in need of affordable housing," said Tammy Laurence, executive director of FAHFH. "County lines should not keep families from coming to us to help them fulfill their dream of homeownership."



Habitat home in Fayetteville



This program provides low-income families with the opportunity to purchase homes at cost with 20-25 year interest free mortgages. Homeowners are selected based on their need for decent, affordable housing, ability to afford a monthly mortgage payment and willingness to partner in building houses with Habitat. A standard three-bedroom Habitat home is 1,060 square feet and the standard four-bedroom home is 1,200 square feet. Each home includes a new range as well as a refrigerator with icemaker. Habitat's first home in Clinton will be located at the corner of Williams Street and Johnson Street.

For more information, and to see if you or someone you know meets the eligibility requirements, please contact Habitat's VP of Family Services, Jimmy Teal, by calling (910) 483-0952.

Royal Lane Park Renovations Update *by Jonathan Allen, Recreation & Parks Director*



Artist rendering of planned play area at Royal Lane Park

The first phase of renovations at Royal Lane Park will begin this winter. The city expects to receive bids for the project in January and hopes to begin construction in February 2017. The playground area is a focus of this project, and it will offer a great new place to play for our community. The new playground will have three sections – a tot lot for children under 5 years of age, a play area for older kids, and a swings area. Both play areas will include slides, climbing structures, agility items, and shade canopies. The bigger play area will also have rope-climbing structure. A picnic shelter will be in the center of all the play areas. You can follow the project's progress on the Recreation Department's Facebook Page (City of Clinton

Recreation & Parks Department). A site plan for the entire Phase 1A project and the Royal Lane Park Master Plan are available for viewing at the Royal Lane Park Main Office. If you would like further information, feel free to contact Jonathan Allen at (910) 299-4900 ext. 3061.

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Important Numbers

Emergency.....911
City Hall.....592-1961
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Code Enforcement.....299-4904
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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, [Clintonn1](#).

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New Projects Improve Downtown by Mary Rose, Planning Director

The city has continued its revitalization efforts in Downtown Clinton with a recent string of projects to improve the overall appearance of downtown. These projects include installing textured crosswalks around the courthouse square, installing a new downtown welcome sign, and renovating the old Ace Plaza parking lot.



In July, the NC General Assembly adopted the State's FY2016-2017 budget, which included funds for downtown projects for several cities. Clinton was one of the cities to benefit from that allocation. City Council and staff discussed several options for the money in September with Council ultimately deciding to invest in multiple projects including installation of textured crosswalks around the courthouse square. Not only has this project made a visual impact, it has also made it safer for pedestrians who visit Downtown Clinton.



You may have noticed a new welcome sign as you come into downtown on College Street. This attractive sign includes the city's new millstone logo and features a design that will be used for other public buildings and parks. The Downtown Dash Committee provided funding for the sign with proceeds from their 2015 Downtown Dash event. The Committee also provided funding to install a bicycle rack in downtown.

The newly renovated parking lot at the old ACE Plaza was opened to vehicles at the beginning of December. The renovations corrected significant drainage problems and provided 39 parking spaces for downtown businesses. Half of the project was funded through a grant from USDA Rural Development. The renovations also include a courtyard with stone walls/benches and trees to create an inviting public space. The courtyard was made possible through private donations in memorial to a longtime Clinton resident and supporter of Downtown Clinton.



Ace Plaza parking lot before (left) and after

Employee Spotlight by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works and Utilities Director



At their November meeting, the City Council recognized Travis Anderson for receiving the A-Well Operator of the Year Award for North Carolina. Travis was selected from 222 State-certified A-Well Operators to receive the award and was honored at a ceremony held in Raleigh in September. Travis began his employment with the City of Clinton in 1995. Since then he has obtained certifications for A-Distributions, Grade II Biologic Wastewater Operator, and Grade I Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator. Travis has been a great asset for the city and we congratulate him on this well-deserved achievement.

Randy Parker of the Water and Sewer Department retired from the City of Clinton with over thirty years of service as of November 30. Randy began working at the city as laborer and earned a promotion to supervisor in less than two years. His responsibilities have included locating water and sewer lines, reading water meters, and helping water customers that have problems with their meter or service. Randy's ability to work effectively with customers and his knowledge of the city's utility system certainly will be missed. We thank Randy for his service to the City of Clinton and wish him the best in retirement.

