



Clinton Connection

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Fun for Everyone in Downtown Clinton *by Mary Rose, Planning Director*

There are few times better than a beautiful North Carolina fall day to enjoy time outside, and if you are looking for things to do, Downtown Clinton has lots of fun lined up for everyone. Plans are well under way for the 27th Annual Court Square Street Fair and Barbecue Cook-Off on Saturday, October 12. Our barbecue cook-off teams will begin Friday evening. With nearly two dozen teams, there should be plenty of BBQ to go around. Activities start early Saturday morning with Bake-off registration at 8:00 and the Downtown Dash 5k & Fun Run beginning at 8:30. Other activities include the hospital's Care Fair, the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Rally, the Ol' Lightnin' Rods Antique Car Show, the History Museum's craft demonstrations, and the Celebrando la Raza-Festival de la Calle. As always, the Street Fair will feature free children's activities and a variety of local entertainment and handmade crafts. The Sampson Arts Council is expanding the arts section this year with a variety of arts activities in the park by the "Milling Around" art wall. After you have enjoyed the day's events and some delicious barbeque, be sure to treat yourself to all the wonderful desserts from the Court Square Bake-Off. For more information, please contact Betty Holland at 910.299.4904.



Returning to Downtown Clinton this year is Halloween on the Square, with fun activities for everyone. The Arts Council will take entries for the pumpkin-carving contest from noon until 3:00 pm at the Small House located at 709 College Street. Children can enjoy "trunk or treating" around the Courthouse Square beginning at 5:30 pm, and everyone needs to wear a costume to be part of the costume contest. Have you heard the stories of the ghosts in Clinton? Now is your chance to visit the haunts of your favorite downtown ghosts and win prizes. You can pick-up your official Clinton Ghost Hunt map at City Hall. The map will show you the route to find all your favorite ghosts. Each ghost will have a name on their back, find them all and you will be able to enter in a prize drawing to receive a chance to win a Halloween basket full of treats. To enter the prize drawing, place your entry in the Halloween on the Square Jack-O-Lantern located on the Main Street side of the Courthouse under our "Halloween on the Square" event tent by 6:30 pm on October 31, 2013. Prize drawings and contest winners will be announced at 7:00 pm on the Main Street stage. For more information, please contact the Clinton-Sampson Planning Department at 910.299.4904.



The holiday events continue in Downtown Clinton with our annual Christmas in the City on Thursday, December 5. This year's theme is "It's a Wonderful Christmas in the City." The evening will kick off with our official Clinton Christmas Tree lighting at the Clinton City Market. Once the tree is aglow, everyone can enjoy carriage and hay rides around historic downtown. The carriage rides have been so popular that tickets have sold out in advance, so be sure to get yours early. As you shop and dine downtown, you can enjoy the sounds of carolers, take part in the Arts Council's gingerbread house decorating, and of course, let the children visit Santa Claus. The evening would not be complete without visiting the Sampson County History Museum for a reception and silent auction. The annual Christmas in Clinton Parade will march through the streets of downtown on Saturday, December 14. To participate in the parade, please register with the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce. The Christmas in the City holiday decorating contest will also be back this year, so begin your decorating plans now and help us make Clinton a wonderful place for all to celebrate the holiday season.



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, [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
spurvis@cityofclintonnc.us

Leaf Season is Upon Us by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works & Utilities Director

The City of Clinton leaf collection season will soon be in full swing. Beginning October 14, city crews will collect leaves weekly through March. City crews will make all efforts to collect loose leaves on the normal day of collection for garbage and trash. If they do not complete a daily route on the normal collection day, crews will resume collections on the same route the following day. The city asks that citizens please place loose leaves at the curb line or within 8 feet of the edge of pavement. Due to landfill regulations, bagged leaves are no longer acceptable for collection. It also is important to separate tree limbs, shrubs, or any other materials from the bulk leaf piles so automated vacuum trucks may perform collections in a timely manner. For additional information, please contact the Public Works and Utilities Department at 910.299.4905.

New Fire Truck Ready to Respond by Adon Snyder, Fire Chief

On September 9, the Clinton Fire Department rolled its new quint fire truck into service. Delivered at the end of May, firefighters have worked diligently to equip the truck and complete their necessary training over the past several months. A quint fire truck combines the capabilities of a pumper and a ladder truck into one vehicle. The new fire truck provides five services, hence the term "quint." The truck carries water, hoses, and a pump. It also has an aerial platform of 100 feet and 85 feet of extension ladders like a ladder truck. Having these five services on one vehicle improves efficiency and reduces costs. The aerial platform adds a new capability not previously available at the Clinton Fire Department. The aerial platform is an important component when accessing the community's fire risk factors such as the height and density of buildings like in downtown, the hospital, or large commercial and industrial buildings. The Clinton Fire Department is proud of this new addition and its increased ability to protect the residents and businesses of our community.



Employee Spotlight by Mary Rose, Planning Director and Jonathan Allen, Recreation Director

Lyle Moore has been with the Clinton-Sampson Planning Department since December 2007, beginning his career as a planner after a successful summer internship. During his five years with the department, Lyle has played an important role in the revision of the Land Development Ordinance and participated in several key planning projects. Lyle was recognized recently for his efforts with a promotion to senior planner. "Being a resident of Sampson County all my life, I take pride in knowing that I have a hand in the direction of the City of Clinton's and Sampson County's future. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my community further," Lyle said of his promotion. A native of Salemburg, Lyle graduated from Lakewood High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography from East Carolina University.



In August, the Clinton Recreation and Parks Department hired David Wall, Jr. as its next athletics director. He comes to Clinton after serving as a program coordinator for Bladen County Parks and Recreation since 2008. David is excited about the potential for growth and excellence of youth athletics in Clinton and Sampson County. David holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Guilford College and a Master of Public Administration from Appalachian State University. He currently is completing his Master's in Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Management at North Carolina State University.