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- **Fri. to Sun., Oct. 16-18 & 23-25**
Radio T.B.S.
Sampson Community Theater
- **Mon. to Fri., October 12-16**
Annual Fall Cleanup Week
- **Sunday, October 18 & 25**
College St. Ghost Tours
Sampson County Arts Council
- **Saturday, October 24**
Blue Grass Explosion
Royal Lane Amphitheater
- **Saturday, October 31**
Halloween on the Square
- **Tuesday, December 1**
NC Jazz Repertory
Holiday Jazz Concert
Clinton High School
- **Fri. to Sun., Dec. 4-6 & 11-13**
Babes in Toyland
Sampson Community Theater
- **Saturday, December 12**
Christmas in Clinton Parade
Downtown Clinton

Special Insert Fall Cleanup Week

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Connecting with Council



Neal Strickland is part of a family with a tradition of serving the citizens of Sampson County, so when asked to fill the vacant District 2 seat on the Clinton City Council in 2002, the answer was simple. Already a public servant working for the State, Mr. Strickland says, "I knew it was the right thing to do because I wanted to have the opportunity to make a difference in the local community." Born and raised in Sampson County, Mr. Strickland decided to make Clinton his home in 1988 after completing his degree at UNCW. He enjoys the sense of community and the support people offer one another in the city. "I am proud of our All-America City recognition," says Mr. Strickland, "It says a lot about how well our community works together." Continuing to help the community work together compels Mr. Strickland to continue to devote his time and energy to City Council. He believes the City should be responsive to its citizens, and he enjoys the opportunities he has to work with city officials and the public to solve problems and make Clinton a better place to live.

City and State Encourage Recycling

Beginning October 1, 2009, North Carolina State law will prohibit all motor oil filters, wooden pallets, and plastic bottles from entering any North Carolina landfill. The ban on plastic bottles will likely have the greatest effect on North Carolinians in their day-to-day lives. North Carolina State law currently prohibits the following items from landfills and will probably add certain electronics to the list next year.

Aluminum cans	ABC Beverage containers	Oyster shells
Antifreeze	Lead-acid batteries	Scrap tires
Appliances	Motor oil	Yard waste

The City encourages residents and businesses to separate these items for recycling and not to place them in trashcans collected by the City. The City collects yard waste and offers drop-off sites for plastics, glass, aluminum, office paper and newspaper, and corrugated cardboard. Public Works Director Chris Doherty says the city has plenty of residential recycle bins to offer citizens upon request. "We would love to see more residents recycling," says Doherty, "We have three drop-off sites available and will soon add a fourth at the Sampson Center." He also notes that the average North Carolina household produces nearly a ton of waste a year, and forty percent of that includes recyclable materials. Based on those numbers, Doherty says, "If every household in Clinton recycled only half of the recyclable materials they throw out, it could save the city about \$15,000 a year in tipping fees." Recycling drop-off sites are located on John Street next to the Fire Department, at the Beaman Street fire station, at Royal Lane Park behind the old Putt-Putt, and the Sampson Center.

North Carolina Recycling Facts

- We recycle more than 480 million plastic bottles a year but throw away more than 2.4 billion, enough to line the Blue Ridge Parkway 642 times or the Outer Banks 28 times.
- We throw away more than \$74 million in aluminum cans every year.
- We throw away enough glass each year to fill up more than 11,800 tractor-trailers, end to end they would stretch from Clinton to Winston-Salem.
- Recycling supports 14,000 NC jobs, a 20 percent increase can create 500 new jobs.



To see more interesting recycling facts or to learn more about how you can recycle, visit www.RE3.org, the State's reduce, reuse, recycle education website.



Important Numbers

Emergency.....911
City Hall.....592-1961
Water & Sewer Billing.....299-4909
Code Enforcement.....299-4904
Sanitation.....299-4905
Streets.....299-4905
After-hours Emergency...592-1151

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!

You can watch City Council meetings every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on GOAC-15. StarVision broadcasts the meetings throughout the month on cable channel 15.

Need More Information?

Visit our website 24-7 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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Barbecue to be Judged at Courthouse

The leaves are changing and the air is crisp. That means the Courthouse Square will soon be filled with vendors, entertainers, rides for kids, and the smell of BBQ. Make plans to enjoy the 23rd Annual Court Square Street Fair and Barbecue Cook-Off on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 10 am until 4 pm. The barbecue cook-off, sponsored by Smithfield Foods, Cape Fear Farm Credit, and Williamson Gas Co., promises to be as competitive as ever. All corporate teams are donating proceeds from the sale of their barbecue to a nonprofit or charity of their choice. In addition to the corporate team competition, this year's individual competition includes 18 competitors. You can be sure there will be plenty of food to go around. Also on the square is the annual bake-off. This should be a popular event for all with a sweet tooth. Categories include breads, brownies and cookies, pies and cakes, cobblers, and candies. All proceeds from the bake-off are donated to Relay for Life. If you would like to participate in an event or setup a booth, contact Mary Rose with the Clinton-Sampson Planning Department at 299-4904. Other events at the Street Fair include a breast cancer awareness rally, an antique and classic car show, and craft demonstrations. The breast cancer awareness rally is sponsored by Sampson County BCCCP Advisory Board, the Sampson County Health Department, and Sampson County United Way, and it will begin at 9:30. The rally will continue at the First Baptist Church, 900 College St., until noon. The Ol' Lightnin' Rods Antique Car Club will sponsor the car show at the Clinton City Market. Car show participants take great pride in exhibiting their prized antiques and classic muscle cars. Oldies 1170 will be broadcasting live from the City Market with Bob Stroud and the Boogie Shoes Network. The Sampson County History Museum Craft Demonstration Day will provide street fair-goers with the opportunity to view exhibits that will teach and remind us of days gone by. Craft demonstrations will be from 10 am until 4 pm and will include corn grinding, hit and miss engines, handmade jewelry, bluegrass and gospel singing, antique tractors, and Native American beadwork. There also will be old fashion crafts and games for children. The crafts event is sponsored in part by the North Carolina Arts Council. There will be something for everyone at the Court Square Street Fair, so come enjoy the food and fun for the whole family in Downtown Clinton on October 10. We'll see you there.



Stimulus Funds Help City Improve Water System

The City already boasts an excellent water system and thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, it will be even better. In June, the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources awarded the city \$458,000 for the construction of a second clearwell at the Well Field East Water Production Plant. Half of the awarded stimulus funds are a forgiven loan and the other half represents a zero-percent interest loan. Currently, the plant has one 150,000-gallon clearwell used for water distribution. Routine maintenance of the existing clearwell requires two days of analysis, cleaning, and disinfecting to bring the clearwell back on line. During maintenance, it is difficult to meet demand for water and adequate fire protection in some areas. Public Works Director Chris Doherty says, "A second clearwell will allow for routine maintenance without having any negative effects on the city's water system." The clearwell addition is the first phase of a plan to expand the water plant. Once the entire project is complete, the city's water system will be able to provide six million gallons of water a day, doubling the system's current capacity.



Well Field East Water Production Plant on Clive Jacobs Rd.