



# Clinton Connection

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## Community Calendar

- **Saturday, October 8**  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Court Square Street Fair & BBQ Cook-off  
*Ol' Lightnin' Rods Car Show  
Clinton City Market*  
*Craft Demonstration Day  
Sampson County History Museum*
- **Sunday, October 9**  
Local Greenwing Event  
*Clinton Recreation*
- **Mon. to Fri., October 17-21**  
Annual Fall Cleanup Week
- **Friday, October 14**  
Youth Basketball & Volleyball  
Registration Closes  
*Clinton Recreation*
- **Fri. to Sun., Oct. 28-30, Nov. 4-6**  
*Steel Magnolias  
Sampson Community Theater*
- **Monday, October 31**  
Halloween in the Park  
*Clinton Police & Recreation*
- **Fri. to Sun., Dec. 2-4, 9-11**  
*It's a Wonderful Life, the Musical  
Sampson Community Theater*
- **Saturday, December 3**  
Christmas Open House  
*Sampson County History Museum*
- **Thursday, December 8**  
Christmas in the City  
*Downtown Clinton*
- **Saturday, December 10**  
Christmas in Clinton Parade  
*Clinton-Sampson Chamber of  
Commerce*

## Special Inserts

Fall Cleanup Week  
Greenwing Event

## Come on Down to Downtown *by Audrey Whetten, Planner*

It's that time of year again! We're getting ready for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Court Square Street Fair and 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Court Square Barbecue Cook-Off. The events will be in Downtown Clinton on Saturday, October 8 from 10 am until 3 pm. The City of Clinton and its downtown merchants host the Court Square Street Fair for the enjoyment of all Sampson County residents and surrounding counties. Prior to our street fair festivities, there will be a Breast Cancer Awareness Rally Walk beginning on the Main Street side of the Sampson County Courthouse at 9:30 am. Sampson County BCCCP Advisory Board, the Sampson County Health Department, and Sampson County United Way sponsor this event. The walk will end at First Baptist Church, 900 College Street, where the rally will continue until 12 pm. As always, the Street Fair will feature free children's rides as well as a variety of local entertainment and handmade crafts. We're also having the Court Square Bake-Off again this year, with competitions in breads, cakes, pies/cobblers, and candy/brownies/cookies categories. All bake-off competition proceeds go to Relay for Life. The Street Fair will wind its way up Lisbon Street to Clinton City Market, where the Ol' Lightnin' Rods Antique Car Show will be held. Participants may register their cars until 12:00 pm at City Market.



Just past City Market, the Sampson County History Museum Craft Demonstration Day will provide fairgoers with a variety of free demonstrations and exhibits from 10 am until 4 pm. The demonstrations will include quilting, soap-making, antique tractors, Native American beadwork, and animal exhibits. The State Highway Patrol will have their driving simulator, and costumed reenactors will be on hand to demonstrate historic firearms.

The downtown fun doesn't stop in October. Mark your calendars for our *Christmas in the City* event on the evening of December 8. Many downtown stores will stay open late for shopping as choirs sing on the Courthouse Square to help spread some holiday cheer. The event is for the entire family. Participating merchants will offer candy-decorating pieces for children to collect and use in a gingerbread decorating activity. After shopping and dining, end the evening at the Sampson County History Museum, where there will be a silent auction and a reception with warm drinks and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets to the auction & reception will be available for purchase prior to the event. For more information about any of these events, please contact Mary Rose at (910) 299-4904.

## New Laws for Recycling Electronics *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works Director*

As of July 1, 2011, North Carolina State law prohibits the disposal of electronics in landfills. These items include televisions, computers, monitors, printers, scanners, and computer peripherals such as keyboards and mice. Although it may not seem obvious, electronic scrap (e-scrap) is in fact hazardous to both human and environmental health. E-scrap not only takes up space in landfills, but it is a major source of toxic chemicals like lead and mercury, which can leach into the environment. To dispose of these items properly, please contact Clinton Public Works at (910) 299-4905 to arrange for curbside pickup or drop-off at Clinton Public Works. For more information about recycling electronics, please visit <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sw/electronics>.



### North Carolina Recycling Facts

- NC throws away about 270 million dollars worth of recyclable goods each year.
- Recycling supports 14,000 NC jobs, that's about a 48 percent increase in the last ten years.
- A 20 percent increase in recycling can create 500 new jobs

To learn more, visit [www.RE3.org](http://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 & 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!

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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## City Looks to Increase Water Production *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works Director*

Using a Rural Center grant, the City recently completed a study of its entire water and sewer system to address insufficiencies and begin planning for possible expansion. Clinton owns and operates a water plant with six wells permitted to produce 1.5 million gallons of water per day (mgd) and four supplemental wells, which pump an additional 1.37 mgd. While the current production of potable drinking water is sufficient to meet existing demand, there is little margin for additional industrial users within the 2.87 mgd permitted production. The results of the recent study will help city staff and engineers evaluate possible methods to increase water production and promote water conservation. The intent is to have enough water production capacity to provide for potential industrial, commercial, and residential growth. A 2010 preliminary engineering report recommends doubling the capacity of the water plant and adding four new wells to increase capacity by 3 mgd to meet future demands. "We are very close to our permitted production," said City Manager John Connet. "We are able to meet our current demand, but we do not have the ability to supply a new large industrial water user. We want to make sure we are creating as much economic opportunity for the city as possible, which is one reason we are exploring increasing our water production capacity." Preliminary engineering also includes plans to develop a reclaimed water source, which uses treated, non-potable wastewater for industrial and commercial purposes. Using reclaimed water will help the city increase water-production capacity while also being environmentally conscious. Reclaimed water for eligible industrial and commercial uses would reuse water already in the system without having to increase regional groundwater withdrawals from aquifers. At least three industries, two of which are prospective, are interested in using reclaimed water because it is cheaper. Another aspect of the water system study recommended a second mainline from the water plant to ensure redundancy and pressure. Adding the second line will increase the city's ability to maintain supply and pressure during an emergency and could potentially improve fire ratings. Expanding water production and creating the ability to reclaim water is a large endeavor but one that will prove worthwhile for the future of Clinton.



Well Field East Water Production Plant on Clive Jacobs Rd.

## Employee Spotlight *by Brenda Potter, Recreation Program Coordinator & Todd Solice, Fire Chief*

At the September City Council Meeting, the NC Recreation and Parks Association recognized Clinton Recreation and Parks Director Judi Nicholson as the recipient of the Jack Swede Frauson Professional Award. Each year the NCRPA presents this award for outstanding work and accomplishments in parks and recreation in association with a parks and recreation board or commission. Judi received the nomination and award for the dedication and integrity she demonstrates in her work for the city, the community, and department staff. She works hard to create an environment where every individual has the opportunity to play and enjoy recreation in a safe, clean, happy environment.



The FY11-12 budget created the new position of Training Officer in the ranks of the Clinton Fire Department. In August after an assessment center, which featured three strong candidates, Chief Todd Solice selected firefighter Josh Coombs as the department's new Training Officer. Lieutenant Coombs has been a firefighter with the city since 2004, becoming a fulltime firefighter in 2008. Chief Solice commented, "With all of Josh's training and experience, I feel confident he will be a great asset to the department in his new role as we continue to move forward and improve our services."