



Clinton Connection

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Community Calendar

- **Tuesday, September 30**
Building Reuse Seminar
*Clinton-Sampson Chamber & SCC
Small Business Center*
- **Friday, October 10**
Fantastic Shakers
Alive After Five Concert Series
*Sampson Arts Council, City of
Clinton, & Sampson County*
- **Saturday, October 11**
Annual Court Square Street Fair &
BBQ Cook-off
Downtown Clinton

Downtown Dash 5k & Fun Run
Downtown Clinton

Ol' Lightnin' Rods Car Show
Clinton City Market

Craft Demonstration Day
Sampson County History Museum
- **Fri. to Sun., Oct. 10-12, 17-19**
Little Shop of Horrors
Sampson Community Theater
- **Sunday, October 12**
Latino Community Forum
Clinton Police & Recreation
- **Mon. to Fri. October 13-17**
Fall Cleanup Week
City of Clinton
- **Saturday October 18**
Hazardous Household Waste
Collection Day
City of Clinton
- **Friday, October 31**
Halloween on the Square
City of Clinton
- **Fri. to Sun., Nov. 14-16, 21-23**
Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat
Sampson Community Theater
- **Thursday, December 4**
Christmas in the City
City of Clinton
- **Saturday, December 13**
Christmas in Clinton Parade
Clinton-Sampson Chamber

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Envisioning Clinton in 2035 *by Lyden Williams, Planner*

The past several months for the Clinton-Sampson Planning Department have been exciting with the ongoing production and implementation of several long-range planning projects. When completed, these projects will have a tremendous impact on our community. These plans include the Clinton 2035 Comprehensive Plan, Clinton Bicycle Plan, and Sampson County Transportation Plan. While each of these plans addresses a separate aspect of the city's future, together they will serve as a guide for future growth, planning, zoning, and development decisions. The purpose of these types of long-range plans is to address needs 20 to 25 years in the future, including identifying future transportation and infrastructure needs, determining future community facility and service needs, guiding future community parks and recreation investment, and serving as a tool when applying for state and federal grant money for large city projects.



Comprehensive plan public forum held May 8, 2014.

As important as the plans are, it is equally important that the public be intimately involved in their development to ensure the plans will truly address the needs and desires of the citizens. To address the need for public input, City staff has conducted multiple public input sessions over the past several months and conducted citizen surveys. There is still time to participate, and anyone can complete the survey by getting a copy at City Hall or completing it online at www.clintonnc2035plan.net. Proposed drafts of the comprehensive plan are also available at this website. City staff hopes to present final drafts of these plans to City Council in the next several months. Once City Council has approved the plans, staff will begin developing ways to implement the plans to make the future vision of Clinton a reality.

City Increasing Water Production Capability *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works Director*



Future well site on Reedsford Road.

Improvements to the city's water treatment and distribution system are underway through expansion of the Parsons-Anders Water Treatment Plant and construction of a new elevated water tank. The expansion includes doubling the plant's capacity from 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to 3.0 MGD, constructing six new water supply wells, and installing new raw and finished water mains along Rowan, Rackley, and Reedsford Roads. Well construction began in mid-September with an expected completion date of April 2015. Construction of the water plant addition and water line improvements should begin in early 2015 and will take approximately 12 months to complete. The City is financing the entire \$4.8 million project through a low interest USDA loan. "It is crucial that we responsibly maintain sufficient water supply," commented City Manager Shawn Purvis. "Ensuring adequate water supply is important as we plan for Clinton's future. We have to have enough water for future residential and industrial growth." The city currently can produce about 2.8 MGD and has an average daily demand of 1.6 MGD but a maximum demand of 2.6 MGD. This does not leave a sufficient supply available for growth or economic development. The expansion and new wells will allow for a production capacity of 4.6 MGD, enough supply to meet the maximum demand and have sufficient water for new industrial users.

In November, the city expects to begin construction of a new 500,000-gallon elevated water tank along Southwood Drive. The \$1.7 million tank will take 10-12 months to complete and will be financed through an interest-free loan from the NC Division of Water Infrastructure. The tank is another example of the city's efforts to ensure sound, sustainable infrastructure, as it will increase water system reliability, help maintain water quality, and improve fire suppression ability along the southeast side of the city.



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

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Water Line Replacement Grant *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works Director*

The City received a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to replace approximately 7,900 linear feet of severely deteriorated 2-inch galvanized and PVC waterline on eleven city streets. The project also includes 18 fire hydrants for the associated roads. Work will begin on the project this fall and should conclude late Spring 2015. Streets receiving these water line replacements and fire hydrants include Boney, Green, Phillips, Herring, Ellen, Kennedy, West Powell, Maple, and Betty Streets, Grantham/Moye Loop, and Walston Lane. The upgrade to PVC pipe and the expanded line sizes will not only improve water quality and reduce maintenance, but also improve pressure throughout the system while providing increased fire protection for residences within the target area.

The city's most recent CDBG project will improve water quality and pressure for 80 households.

Anonymous Police Tip Hotline *by Brittany Locklear, Senior Administrative Specialist*



The Clinton Police Department has expanded their means for how citizens are able to report crimes and tips. Citizens are still able to submit tips through the anonymous tip hotline at (910) 590-3009 or through our website; however, citizens are now able to report a crime or tip through anonymous two-way text messaging. Simply text any information you may have regarding a crime to 847411 and begin the text with the code word "tipcpd" followed by your message. This form of communicating allows citizens to have real time communication with the Police Department. No names, phone numbers, or other forms of identification are relayed to the police department as the system is web based and the texts are completely confidential. Police Chief Jay Tilley stated, "Information from citizens is extremely important to the police department's efforts to keep neighborhoods safe. The new tip line tool will enhance our ability to gather evidence and information and help us effectively respond to quality of life issues in our community."

Employee Spotlight *by Elaine Hunt, City Clerk*

On June 17, 2014, the North Carolina Department of Labor recognized the Clinton Police Department, Streets Division, and Wastewater Treatment Division for safety accomplishments. An organization may qualify for gold, silver, or million-hour awards. Each award level is based on achieving a rate of days away from work, job transfer or work restriction that is below the industry rate. All three City recognitions were at the gold level, which means their loss rates were less than 50% of the industry rate. Less time missed due to injuries means better services for citizens. This is an outstanding safety accomplishment for these teams and is attributable to the hard work of each team member and the efforts of the City's Health and Safety Committee. The City will continue to strive for excellence in service quality and safety. Congratulations to the Clinton Police, Streets, and Wastewater Treatment teams! (Pictured from left to right are Clinton Health and Safety Committee member Elaine Hunt, NC Labor Commissioner Cheri Berry, and Health and Safety Committee member Tony Steffen.)

