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Downtown Clinton
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Clinton City Market
- Craft Demonstration Day
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Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever
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Christmas in the City
Downtown Clinton
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Christmas in Clinton Parade
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- **Fri. to Sun., Dec. 18-20**
Taylor Michaels Music & Magic Christmas
Sampson Community Theater

New Sidewalks in the City by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works Director

The City adopted the Clinton Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan in 2012 to promote pedestrian safety and guide pedestrian improvements and connectivity throughout the city. The plan recommends construction of 36 new sidewalks or greenways. This summer, the city completed its first sidewalk project identified in the plan, and two others will soon follow with help from the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT). The new sidewalk along Barden St. allows pedestrians to walk safely from Fayetteville Street to Dogwood Circle and then to the walking trail at the Sampson Center. Residents in the neighborhood indicated these sidewalks as a top priority at the 2015 District 5 Meeting, as well as past district meetings.



New sidewalk on Barden Street connects Fayetteville Street to the Sampson Center.

In the upcoming months, the city will be partnering to construct and repair sidewalks in order to connect Butler Avenue and Sunset Avenue Schools. NCDOT plans to begin this project in early spring 2016. The biggest sidewalk project, and one of the top priorities in the Clinton Pedestrian Plan, will be the construction of sidewalks along both sides of Sunset Avenue from Sampson Community College to the 421/701 bypass with the Highway 24 Project. This will allow pedestrians to access the west and east sides of the city safely while connecting commercial and residential areas.

Banks Partner with City to Provide Training by Mary Rose, Planning & Zoning Director

Thank You for Supporting Clinton!

- BB&T
- Cape Fear Farm Credit
- First Citizens Bank
- New Bridge Bank
- Select Bank
- Southern Bank

Thanks to sponsorships by local banks, city planning staff was able to participate in a recent two-day seminar focused on business recruitment and feasibility assessment. Downtown professionals from across the state gathered in Statesville to learn from economist and author Donovan Rypkema, who guided participants through the process of assessing a historic property and preparing a report that could be “taken to the bank.” During the seminar, teams conducted feasibility studies and prepared presentations for various historic properties in downtown Statesville. The project required teams to meet with local bankers, realtors, government officials, and development officials to assess current market conditions,

check land records for important details, and walk through a process to mitigate unknown variables inherent in preservation work. Receiving training on feasibility analysis will help city staff work with various committees and boards to define objectives, identify the constraints and opportunities, and objectively reach a conclusion about the feasibility of proposed projects in Downtown Clinton.

The City of Clinton Strikes Gold and Silver by Elaine Hunt, City Clerk & Risk Manager

Congratulations, to City of Clinton employees! For a second year, the NC Department of Labor (NCDOL) has recognized City departments for safety practices. On June 9, 2015, the NCDOL sponsored a banquet at the Agri-expo Center to recognize local organizations for achieving safety practices. Organizations can qualify for silver, gold, or million-hour awards based on achieving specific workers compensation loss rates below the industry rate. Loss rates of less than 50 percent of the industry rate qualify for gold level awards. This year, six departments received awards. The Street and Sanitation Divisions as well as the City of Clinton overall received 1st Year Silver Awards. The Fire Department, Recreation, and Water & Sewer Division received 1st Year Gold Awards, and Wastewater Treatment received a 2nd Year Gold Award. We applaud these departments for their outstanding safety accomplishments and hard work and give special thanks to the City’s Health and Safety Committee. These awards demonstrate the City’s commitment to providing a safe place to work and to being responsible with public resources.



Utility Systems Manager, Chris Medlin and Parks and Recreation Director, Jonathan Allen, proudly display their Gold Awards from the NCDOL.

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Emergency.....911
City Hall.....592-1961
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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 YouTube channel, [Clintonnc1](#).

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Fall and Holiday Events on the Horizon *by Mary Rose, Planning & Zoning Director*



It's that time of year again and we're getting ready for lots of fun in Downtown Clinton. The Annual Court Square Street Fair and Barbecue Cook-Off will take place Saturday, October 10. Last year's Street Fair was the biggest it has been. We are able to expand the event with more vendors and activities this year thanks to our partners and sponsors. Be sure to come to Downtown Clinton to enjoy the barbecue cook-off and the bake-off. As always, the Ol' Lightin' Rods Car Show will be happening and the Sampson County History Museum will offer craft demonstration. There will be plenty of food and fun for everyone.

On the heels of the Street Fair will be the Halloween on the Square event on Saturday, October 31, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on the courthouse square. This event will include pumpkin decorating and costume contests along with trunk or treat for the kids; and the Clinton Police and Fire Departments will have some special surprises. This year's event will also introduce the "Ghosts of Sampson at the Sampson County History Museum." The museum will have children friendly ghosts, goblins and other haunted exhibits for your family to enjoy from 6 pm to 8 pm.

To cap off the event season, Downtown Clinton invites everyone to enjoy Christmas in the City on Thursday, December 3. Festivities begin at 5:30 pm with the Clinton Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at the Clinton City Market and shops will be open late for your Christmas shopping convenience. With carriage rides, hayrides, gingerbread decorating, and carolers on the courthouse square, Christmas in the City offers fun for the whole family, and this year there will be even more. The Clinton Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring a Secret Christmas Shop where kids can shop for their parents. Also new this year will be Snowzilla, a 25-foot high, 90-foot long inflatable with a snow covered hill to provide an exciting ride for children and adults. This will be a fun filled evening for the whole family to kick off the Christmas season.

Employee Spotlight *by Shawn Purvis, City Manager*



As of July 1, the City officially promoted Kristin Stafford to Finance Director after serving as Interim Finance Director since May. Kristin began working with the City as an Accounting Operations Manager in December 2010. She holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Accounting from East Carolina University. For the past four years, she has been an integral part of improving the city's financial standing and directed several projects to improve city efficiency. "I am excited about the finance director opportunity and to continue working with a team who is committed to transparency, accountability, and integrity. My time here has helped prepare me for this role and I intend to ensure the city's sound financial position. Clinton is a special place to me and I do believe it is the perfect place to call home," stated Kristin.

In June 2015, the City of Clinton hired Scott Phillips to be the city's next fire chief. Chief Phillips began his career in the emergency service field seventeen years ago as a supervisor at Four Oaks EMS. Chief Phillips has also worked as a paramedic and firefighter and most recently served as captain and assistant chief for Dunn Emergency Services. He received his bachelor's degree from Campbell University. "I am excited and honored to join the City of Clinton family and look forward to working with the City Manager and City Council to move the Fire Department into the future. I hope together we can make Clinton an even better place to work and live," stated Phillips.

