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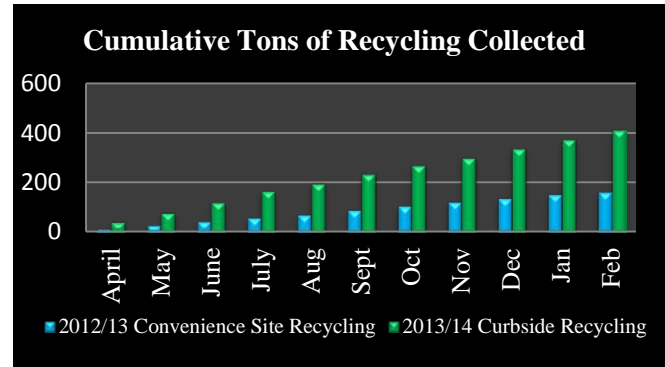
- **Tues. to Fri. April 1-4**
Spring Cleanup Week
City of Clinton
- **Friday, April 4**
Blood Done Sign My Name
Sampson Arts Council
- **Saturday, April 5**
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Clinton Recreation
- **Fri. to Sun., Apr. 11-13, 18-20**
Barefoot in the Park
Sampson Community Theater
- **Saturday, April 26**
Youth Baseball Opening Day
Clinton Recreation
- **Fri. to Sat., May 2-3**
Pastel Workshop
Sampson Arts Council
- **Thursday, May 15**
Jim Quick and Coastline Band
Alive After Five Concert Series
- **Fri. to Sat., May 30-31**
Sampson County Relay for Life
Clinton High School
- **Saturday, May 31**
Royal Lane Park Pool Opens
Clinton Recreation
- **Monday, June 2**
Fall Registration Opens:
Youth Football
Youth Soccer
Industrial Softball
Clinton Recreation
- **Thursday, June 19**
Band of Oz
Alive After Five Concert Series

Special Inserts

Spring Cleanup Week

A Year of Curbside Recycling *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works & Utilities Director*

On March 12, 2013, the Clinton Public Works Department began its curbside recycling program. The program has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of residential recyclables collected compared to the previous convenience-site recycling program. By providing curbside recycling to citizens, the city has successfully prevented 414 tons of recyclables from entering the landfill. The previous year's convenience site program collected only 160 tons. The city has collected an average of 37.6 tons per month with curbside recycling versus 14.5 tons with convenience site recycling, an increase of 259 percent. Citizen participation has also seen a steady increase since the program first started. In January, 58.8 percent of citizens participated in curbside recycling, and February witnessed a 66.6 percent participation rate. By eliminating convenience site recycling, the City of Clinton has been able to save \$60,000 a year in rental and hauling fees for containers. Within the next year, the Public Works Department plans to expand the recycling program to include commercial businesses and apartment complexes.



Clinton Downtown Project Honored *by Mary Rose, Planning & Zoning Director*



The North Carolina Main Street Program will honor the Clinton Main Street Program at its annual awards banquet in April with an Award of Merit in the category of Best Outdoor Space Improvement. The award recognizes the accomplishments of the city's Downtown Revitalization Phase III project. In Fall 2008, the Clinton City Council approved efforts to move forward with its third downtown revitalization project, which included street, sidewalk, parking, and utility improvements along Vance, College, and Main Streets. The project was capped with Clinton's first public art project, "Milling Around." The NC Main Street Program award highlights Clinton as an example of how partnerships can successfully impact the economic development, design, and promotion of a downtown.

Alive After Five is Back for Season Four *by Mary Rose, Planning & Zoning Director*

Dust off your dancing shoes and break out those lounge chairs. The fourth Alive After Five concert series begins May 15. The 2014 season is sure to be an exciting one, with a variety of musical genres including beach, rock, top 40, and soul. This year's series will stretch from May to October, wrapping up the weekend of the Court Square Street Fair. Nine-time Carolina Music Awards "Entertainer Of The Year" Jim Quick and Coastline will get things started as the weather warms up. The legendary Band of Oz will keep things going in June, while The Majestics come to town in July. August's concert features Steve Owens & Summertime. For the first time, the final concert of the season will take place as part of the annual street fair in October. The Fantastic Shakers will perform Friday evening to kick things off for the 28th Court Square Street Fair. All concerts will be in the Lisbon Street parking lot next to the Clinton City Market from 5:45 – 8:00 pm with the exception of the last concert, which is scheduled from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Be sure to mark your calendar and bring your family out for some music and fun.



May 15th	Jim Quick & Coastline
June 19th	Band of Oz
July 17th	The Majestics
August 21st	Steve Owens & Summertime
October 10th	Fantastic Shakers



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?

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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:
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2014 Farmers' Market Opening Soon

With spring just around the corner, that means locally grown fruits and vegetables will soon be available for sale at the Clinton City Market on Lisbon Street. The Sampson Farmers' Market will be open every Monday, Friday, and Saturday beginning May 7, from 10 am – 2 pm. Come support local farmers and find a variety of fruits, vegetables, and homemade items such as soaps, wreaths, and jewelry.



Employee of the Year *by Megan Mouldon, Administrative Specialist*



From left – James Roberts, Lionel Raynor, Stacey Ray, Betty Holland, and Lisa Osthues.

The City of Clinton named its first Employee of the Year at the January 7 City Council Meeting. While the City of Clinton has many great employees, "it takes all employees working together to accomplish great things," stated City Clerk Elaine Hunt during the presentation. In 2013, the City's Employee Committee created an Employee of the Year program that allows City employees to nominate fellow coworkers who demonstrate excellence in service throughout the year. The finalists for the inaugural year included Betty Holland of Planning and Zoning, Lionel Raynor of the Street Department, Lisa Osthues of Wastewater, James Roberts of the Street Department, and Stacey Ray of Public Works and Utilities. An external review committee of citizens chose the recipient based on comments submitted by employees. The first Employee of the Year for the City of Clinton is James Roberts. "Any of our finalists would have been an excellent selection," said City Manager Shawn Purvis, "We are all proud of James, and he is certainly deserving of this award." City Clerk Elaine Hunt commented, "In my book, every employee within the City is a winner, and I am excited for my friend and co-worker, James Roberts, to be named Employee of the Year."

Employee Spotlight *by Brittany Locklear, PD Sr. Administrative Specialist & Adon Snyder, Fire Chief*

At the March City Council Meeting, Police Chief Jay Tilley presented Officer William Tracy Jackson as the 2013 Officer of the Year. Officer Jackson started his law enforcement career with the Clinton Police Department in September 2010. After being on for approximately one year, Officer Jackson became part of the Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT) where he took a lead role with investigating the illegal sales and use of prescription medication. In 2013, he trained and received certification as a Drug Recognition Expert. This certification allows him to testify in court as an expert witness in cases where people are charged with impaired driving. He is one of only 160 in North Carolina. Officer Jackson's work and personal life best exemplifies the Clinton Police Department's core values of integrity, professionalism, respect, and teamwork.



During the March City Council Meeting, Fire Chief Adon Snyder awarded the 2013 Firefighter of the Year to William Matthew Edwards. Firefighter Edwards began working part-time at the City of Clinton Fire Department in June 2012 and became full-time in January 2013. During his first year of service, Firefighter Edwards completed certification as a driver/operator and in rope rescue. He is currently working toward certification in aerial operations. He has exceeded the state's requirements of 240 annual training hours by obtaining over 530 hours. Firefighter Edwards' hard work, drive, and dedication are qualities well above what is expected of a young firefighter so early in his career and are why he is the 2013 Firefighter of the Year.