



# Clinton Connection

## Citizen's Quarterly Newsletter

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### Community Calendar

- **Thursday, July 4**  
Fireworks Celebration  
*Clinton Recreation*
- **Mon. to Thu., July 8-25**  
Summer Art Camp  
*Sampson Arts Council*
- **Friday, July 12**  
Football Registration Closes  
*Clinton Recreation*
- **Thursday, July 18**  
Alive After Five Concert Series  
*Sampson Arts Council, City of Clinton, & Sampson County*
- **Friday, July 19**  
Fall Soccer Registration Closes  
*Clinton Recreation, Sampson County Recreation, & SC Soccer Club*
- **Thursday, August 15**  
Alive After Five Concert Series  
*Sampson Arts Council, City of Clinton, & Sampson County*
- **Fri. to Sun., Aug. 23-Sep. 1**  
*Oklahoma!*  
*Sampson Community Theater*
- **Thursday, September 19**  
Alive After Five Concert Series  
*Sampson Arts Council, City of Clinton, & Sampson County*

### Special Insert

*Royal Lane Pool Activities*

## Clinton Police Department Seeks Full Accreditation *by Jay Tilley, Police Chief*

Since 2009, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has recognized the Clinton Police Department for observing the 112 standards from the *Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies* accreditation manual. Over the past four years the department has continued to work toward full accreditation. The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Program is to improve the delivery of public safety services and recognize professional excellence. CALEA focuses on six primary goals:

- Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities;
- Formalize essential management procedures;
- Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices;
- Improve service delivery;
- Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination; and
- Increase community and staff confidence in the agency.

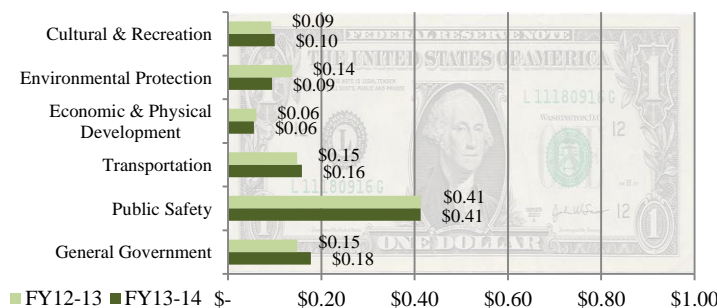


Beginning July 21, a team of assessors from CALEA will examine all aspects of the Clinton Police Department policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. As part of the on-site assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session being held on July 22 from 7 pm to 8 pm in the City Hall Training Room located at 221 Lisbon Street. If someone wishes to provide comments but is unable to attend the public information session, he/she may provide comments to the assessment team by telephone. Citizens can call 910-299-4900 ext. 3006 on July 22 between 1 pm and 3 pm. Telephone comments and appearances at the public information session should be 10 minutes or less and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at the police department. Please contact Lt. Chris Oates at 910-592-3105 if you wish to obtain a copy. The CALEA assessors are Captain Ricky Pinksaw, Culpeper Police Department, Culpeper, Virginia and Lieutenant James Parker, Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbelt, Maryland. If you would like more information about CALEA or specific details regarding the accreditation process, please visit [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).

## City Council Adopts FY2013-2014 Budget *by Shawn Purvis, Interim City Manager*

The Clinton City Council officially adopted the city's 2013-2014 fiscal year budget on June 18. The new budget, which takes effect July 1, totals \$14,151,900 for all city operations, capital improvements, and debt service requirements. This is 7 percent less than the current year amended budget. The new budget continues to provide the services and programs Clinton residents and businesses have come to expect, including the recently implemented curbside recycling program, without raising the tax rate. The General Fund represents the largest portion of the city's budget at \$8.8 million, a decrease of 12.6 percent from the current year. The predominant expense in the General Fund is public safety services- fire and police. The Water & Sewer Fund budget is \$5 million for 2013-2014, which is a 4 percent increase. The water and sewer budget does include a slight fee increase (1.6 percent) to offset some large capital projects and infrastructure improvements the city has in the near future. "City Council and city staff have put a lot of time and effort into this budget," said Mayor Lew Starling. "This budget is fiscally sound and we did not have to raise the tax rate. We feel it does a good job of balancing operating costs with capital costs and maintains all services and programs for citizens. That is the most important thing- we continue to provide quality services for our citizens and make Clinton a better place to live." The complete budget document is available for review at City Hall and online at [www.cityofclintonnc.us/budget-docs](http://www.cityofclintonnc.us/budget-docs)

**Amount of Dollar Used per General Fund Function**



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Lew Starling, Mayor  
Maxine Harris, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Marcus Becton  
Steve Stefanovich  
Neal Strickland  
Jean Turlington

**City Manager**  
Shawn Purvis (Interim)

**City Clerk**  
Elaine Hunt



### 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, [Clintonncc1](#).

### 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:  
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[spurvis@cityofclintonnc.us](mailto:spurvis@cityofclintonnc.us)

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## Summer Fun at Royal Lane Park by Brenda Potter, Recreation Center Manager



Summertime is in full swing at Royal Lane Park. The Recreation & Parks Department wants to encourage everyone to cool off at the Royal Lane pool. The pool offers a great way to keep cool and stay healthy. New pergolas offer shade and a place to relax poolside, and concessions are available. The department offers swim lessons, water aerobics, and open swim. Also, this summer the pool will be open Friday evenings for family swim. Of course the biggest event of the summer is our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Come join us as we pay tribute to all our veteran heroes in celebrating Independence Day. Throughout the day we will host various activities and tournaments at the pool including water balloon toss,

cornhole, water volleyball, and swim races. In between the games we will offer a floating arcade shooter, dive rings, water basketball, hula hoop maze, and tube races. "This is a great time to celebrate with family and friends," says Recreation Director Jonathan Allen. "We hope everyone will come out and enjoy the fun we have planned and stay for an amazing fireworks show." The fireworks show is scheduled for 9:30 pm, weather permitting. If you would like more information about the pool or July 4 activities, please contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 910-299-4906.

## Farmers' Market Hours Expanding by Audrey Whetten, Planner

The success of the Sampson Farmer's Market has been so remarkable that organizers have decided to expand the market's hours. The market will now be open Friday as well as Wednesday and Saturday. Wednesday and Friday hours are 9 am to 5:30 pm, and Saturday hours are 9 am to 1 pm. Vendors hope these new hours will be more convenient for customers who may not be able to get away during the work day, as well as for people heading out of town for the weekend. For more information about the farmers' market, please call Audrey Whetten at 910-299-4904.



## Employee Spotlight by Shawn Purvis, Interim City Manager

Jonathan Allen came to Clinton as the Recreation & Parks Director in December 2012. Before coming to Clinton, Jonathan served as Athletic Director for the Town of Clayton for 11 years. He has also taught and coached in Sampson County Schools. "I am excited about the opportunity to come and work and live in this community. My family and I are truly looking forward to it," Jonathan said about coming to Clinton. "The department has so much potential and can offer a great deal to the citizens." Jonathan has a Bachelor of Science in Recreation & Leisure Studies from East Carolina University. He is a certified youth sports administrator, certified youth sports coach clinician, and a member of the North Carolina Recreation & Parks Association and National Recreation & Parks Association.

