



# Clinton Connection

## Citizen Quarterly Newsletter

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### Community Calendar

- **Monday, January 6**  
Youth Baseball & Softball Registration Opens  
*Clinton Recreation*
- **Monday, January 6**  
Youth Recreation Soccer Registration Opens  
*Clinton Recreation*
- **Monday, January 20**  
Martin Luther King Jr., Banquet  
*Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce*
- **Fri. to Sun., Feb. 7-9, 14-16**  
Dixie Swim Club  
*Sampson Community Theater*
- **Thursday, February 20**  
District 1 Meeting  
*Beaman St. Fire Station*
- **Saturday, February 22**  
Mystery Dinner Theater  
*Sampson Arts Council*
- **Tuesday, February 27**  
District 4 Meeting  
*Bellamy Recreation Center*
- **Tuesday, March 11**  
District 2 Meeting  
*Beaman St. Fire Station*
- **Thursday, March 13**  
District 5 Meeting  
*Sampson Community Center*
- **Thursday, March 20**  
District 3 Meeting  
*City Hall Auditorium*
- **Saturday, March 29**  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Sprint Triathlon  
*Clinton Recreation & FS Series*

## Eliza Lane CDBG Project Completed *by Jeff Vreugdenhil, Public Works & Utilities Director*

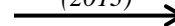
As one Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project ends, another project is set to begin. The residents of Eliza Lane, Abron Street, and Jerome Street now have city water and sewer services and paved roads thanks to the completion of the city's most recent CDBG project. The neighborhood had been experiencing failing septic tanks, and the dirt roads continued to deteriorate. "The Eliza Lane CDBG project accomplished a great deal for the neighborhood," said City Manager Shawn Purvis. "Ultimately we improved water quality with upgraded lines, public health with new sewer, fire protection with new hydrants, and accessibility with paved roads." The \$791,000 (\$573,000 grant) project was the city's fourth CDBG project in the past five years. It served 17 households in the Eliza Lane neighborhood and brought the total number of households served by the city's CDBG projects to more than 30.



*Abron Street before paving (2012)*



*Abron Street after paving (2013)*



With the Eliza Lane CDBG project now complete, the city will turn its attention to its next CDBG project beginning in February 2014. The new infrastructure project will include removing 2-inch galvanized water lines and replacing them with 6-inch water lines in various areas around the city. Areas that will receive upgraded lines include East Boney, Betty, Green, Maple, Phillips, West Powell, Herring, Lloyd, Grantham, Ellen, Graham, and Kennedy Streets and Walston Lane. The project will include installing new fire hydrants to increase the level of fire protection along these streets. The project will take six months to complete.

## Clinton Police Hold First Latino Forum *by Brittany Locklear, PD Sr. Administrative Specialist*

In September, the Clinton Police Department held its first public forum for the Latino community. More than 80 people attended the forum hosted at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Lisbon Street. The intent of the meeting was to help build communication and understanding between the Latino community and the city, particularly law enforcement. "The Latino Community Meeting was an excellent forum for law enforcement to learn about challenges that our Latino citizens face. It provided insight into how we should direct police services," stated Police Chief Jay Tilley. By helping the Latino community understand how the Police Department operates, the Department hopes to build trust and eliminate any confusion or perceived bias. The forum provided an opportunity for members of the Latino community to ask questions, address concerns, and provide feedback to help the Police Department have a better understanding of challenges they face. One attendee showed his appreciation for the meeting stating, "Thanks for having this meeting; we appreciate the police trying to help with the problems faced by Latinos." The City expects the forum to be the first of a series of meetings with the Latino community. "We had a great turnout and discussion at our first meeting," stated City Manager Shawn Purvis. "Our goal is to have several more. We only covered three law enforcement topics at this meeting. There are more public safety concerns to discuss, including fire, and the Latino community also has lots of questions about our other services like planning and water and sewer." The city hopes to coordinate a second meeting in the spring.



Police Chief Jay Tilley and Outreach Committee Member Amber Banos field questions from the crowd



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

## Annual District Meeting Schedule Set by Megan Mouldon, Administrative Specialist

Starting a new year often brings with it resolutions, new ideas, and fresh hope for the future. The same holds true for the City Council and other city officials, who invite everyone to come and share their ideas, concerns, and comments at the 2014 district meetings. The annual meetings offer an opportunity for residents to interact in a more informal setting with the Mayor, City Council Members, and city staff. Each district meeting is at a convenient location in the district and will be during the months of February and March. "Each year these meetings offer us a great opportunity to interact with our citizens, and we often receive important feedback and wonderful suggestions," says Mayor Lew Starling. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding these meetings, please call City Hall at (910) 592-1961.

### District Meeting Schedule

<b>District 1</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Beaman St.</b> <b>Fire Station</b>
<b>District 2</b>	<b>Mar. 11</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Beaman St.</b> <b>Fire Station</b>
<b>District 3</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>City Hall</b> <b>Auditorium</b>
<b>District 4</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Bellamy</b> <b>Center</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>Mar. 13</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Sampson</b> <b>Center</b>

## Some Changes at Public Works by Stacey Ray, PW Sr. Administrative Specialist



If you need to stop by the Clinton Public Works Department anytime soon, you can find them in their temporary offices. On January 2, renovations began on the existing Public Works building. During the six-month renovation, Public Works offices, including Cemetery, Streets, Sanitation, and Utility Lines, will be located across the street in the old Caison Building located at 215 Ferrell Street. Residents and vendors can enter the offices directly across the street from the Sampson Independent building. The renovation will not affect or alter any services. In fact, the city has added a new service. In the city's continued effort to provide exceptional services and care for our environment, Clinton Public Works recently began a program to collect used vegetable oil for recycling. Residents can drop off any used cooking oil that does not contain food particles and is in liquid form at Public Works offices in a sealed container clearly labeled vegetable oil. Drop-off times are Monday through Friday, 7 am – 3 pm. For more information, please contact Public Works at (910) 299-4905.

## Employee Spotlight by Brittany Locklear, PD Sr. Administrative Specialist

In September 2011, Keving Herring began serving as the Animal Control Officer on the Clinton Police Department. Kevin is a Sampson County native and graduate of Union High School. As Animal Control Officer, Kevin plays a crucial role in public safety by enforcing the city's animal control ordinances. He has been instrumental in the clarification and revision of several ordinances. No two days for an animal control officer are ever the same, and Kevin has seen an array of cases from neglect and abuse to rabies and violent animals. "Kevin is a dedicated public servant who shows compassion for animals and their owners while carrying out his duties with animal control," stated Police Chief Jay Tilley. Kevin also works closely with Sampson County Animal Control and Clinton Police Officers to help with animal investigations.

