

# District 5 Dialogue

*For more information about City Council District 5 or city services please contact:*

**City Manager John Connet at (910) 592-1961**

### **City of Clinton Phone Numbers**

*Fire and Police  
Emergency - 911*

*Water and Sewer Billing  
299-4909*

*Sampson Center  
299-4906*

*Public Works  
299-4905*

*Police (Non Emergency)  
592-3105*

*Fire (Non Emergency)  
299-4902*

*Administration  
592-1961*

*After-hours Public Works  
Emergency - 592-1151*

## **District 5 Steering Committee Established**

Under the guidance of District 5 City Councilmember Maxine Harris, a group of dedicated residents are examining the strengths and the weaknesses of City Council District 5. The committee's ultimate goal is to improve the overall safety, appearance and economic stability of the district as a whole. Councilmember Maxine Harris stated at the opening meeting, "I am extremely proud of District 5 and I want the entire city to feel the same way I do about our part of the city. With some hard work and time, we will return our neighborhood to an area where all our families would be proud to live."

Members of the District 5

Committee include Johnny Allen, Raymond and Maggie Williams, David Boykin, Dr. Ted Thomas, Tim Boykin, Patty Cherry, Hilda Williams, Rev. Wilma Dean Joyner, Dwight Miller, Joyce Sampson, Barbara Faison, Trudy Pugh, Irene Thomas, Evelyn Raines, Delynn Solice, Tracy Draughon, Sherlene Devane, Jerris McPhail and Dawn Ballard. City Manager John Connet provides staff support to the committee.

Currently the committee is divided up into the following subcommittees: Crime, Community and Economic Development, Housing, and Youth Ac-



tivities. The subcommittees are currently developing programs and activities to improve the quality of life within District 5.

For more information please contact John Connet at 592-1961.

## **District 5 Newsletter Established**

In an attempt to improve communication between the residents of City Council District 5, the District 5 Steering Committee and the City of Clinton, the District 5 Steering committee has established a newsletter

for all residents of the district. The newsletter will be published on a regular basis giving the residents of District 5 important information about what is going on in their neighborhood.

The committee encourages all residents to give feedback on the newsletter. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Connet at (910) 592-1961 with comments and concerns.

# Community Cleanup and Picnic Being Planned

The Community and Economic Development Subcommittee is currently planning a district-wide clean-up day and picnic for Saturday, October 7, 2006. The whole day will center around residents of the district working together to clean up their neighborhood. At the end of the day, the District 5 Steering Committee will host a picnic at the Sampson Recreation Center.



The clean-up day will coincide with the City of Clinton’s Fall Clean-up Week, so that we ensure that all trash is collected and all vacant lots are mowed. According to committee member Ted Thomas, “We want to use a little peer pressure to encourage our neighbors to clean up around their property. We hope this cleanup day will cause everyone to take a little bit of time to focus on the appearance of the neighborhood.”

The Youth Activities Subcommittee is busy planning activities and games for the kids. The Crime subcommittee is gathering information about community watch programs, as well as important tips on how to protect your home and valuables.

Please look for more information about this event in future issues of the District 5 Dialogue.

## Steering Committee Develops Vision Statement

One of the first tasks that the Steering Committee wanted to accomplish was the establishment of a vision statement for District 5. The purpose of the vision statement is to let the residents of District 5 and the entire city know our vision for the neighborhood.

The committee began the development of the vision statement by list-

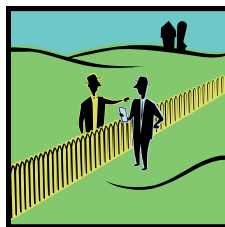
ing words that the committee felt best describe how they want the rest of the city to look at their neighborhood. These words included: safe, decent, pride, clean, wholesome, family, children, prosperous, unified, friendly and

equal. The Committee then took these words and developed the vision statement that is shown in the middle of this article.

*“A caring unified community dedicated to positive growth and safety for our families.”*

## Are You A Good Neighbor?

Does your dog or cat run free? Do you have an old car or truck that does not run in your yard? Do you own rental property that is unfit for human habitation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be violating the Clinton City Code.



Are you being a good neighbor?

The City of Clinton has developed a new brochure to assist residents understand their responsibilities as citizens of Clinton. The brochure clearly explains what a citizen can do to improve the health and safety of their

neighborhood.

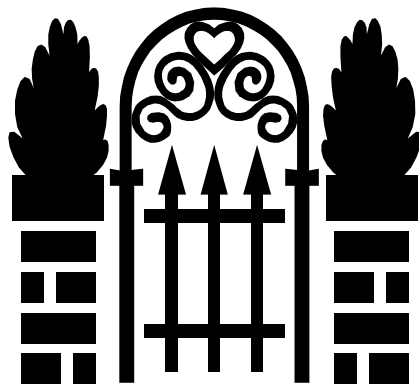
This new brochure is included with your newsletter. Additional copies are available at Clinton City Hall.

# Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful



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to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of

topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

# Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated

every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

*"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."*

# Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture



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supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you

can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.

**CITY OF CLINTON**

Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail: someone@example.com

*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*



*Your business tag line here.*



## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to

list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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