Coats Town Newsletter

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Coats Corner

"a peaceful place.....a friendly face"

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A Message from the Mayor

By Walter Weeks

Have you noticed that more people seem to be visiting Coats lately? They see our good side while they are here, but they also see our blemishes. If we want them to keep coming back or to join our community, we should do everything possible to keep our town looking clean and attractive.

Most people are good about keeping their property clean and attractive. A small percentage of our residents and property owners could make a major impact on the appearance of our community with at least minor improvements. Those who may need a little help from a caring neighbor or friend to fix things up can get help here. That is one thing that is not in short supply in Coats. Ours is a caring community that always reaches out to those in need. When we work together we improve the appearance of Coats the very best way possible; *one smile at a time!*

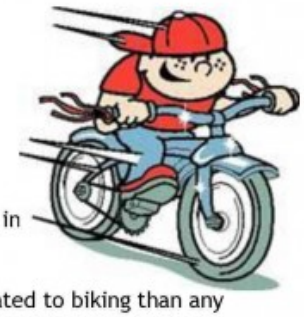
LITTER SWEEP

SPRING LITTER SWEEP roadside cleanup encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups. Cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid waste.

We need volunteers in Coats to keep our road sides clean! Please call our Town Clerk if you are interested at 910-897-5183.

Coats Police Department Bicycle Safety & Rodeo!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Jeremy Hall, Chief of Police



DID YOU KNOW?

- 677 bicyclists were killed and 38,000 bicyclists were injured nationwide in 2011?
- Children account for almost 60% of all cyclist injuries?
- More children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport?

We will be hosting a Bicycle Safety & Rodeo for kids at Town Hall on Saturday, May 31st at 10:00 am. There is no charge for this event. Please contact the Police Department for more details at 910-897-5183.

By Gary Denton, Public Works Director

Public Works Tips

Street Light Outage:

If ,at any time, you observe a street light out or not properly working, please contact Public Works with the number of the pole and location. The pole number is a yellow tag with black letters and numbers, and will be 6 to 8 feet above the ground.

Water Bills:

Remember water bill are due on the 18th of the month! If the bill is paid after the 18th , a $20 late fee will be added. Service will be disconnected on the 25th of every month for nonpayment.

Limb Collection:

Public Works will continue picking up limbs for the summer months. Please cut limbs up into 4 foot lengths and place next to street. Please do not put them in the ditch or on the edge of pavement. If you have questions about a certain tree or situation, please call.(910-897-5183)

Grass Clippings:

Please do not place grass clippings in road side ditches. Debris in ditches cause drainage problems by clogging driveway pipes.

Leaf Collection:

Please do not add sticks or limbs in your leaf piles. Limbs will clog and damage our leaf vacuum equipment.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT WILL DISCONTINUE TAGGING DOORS FOR LATE PAYMENTS.

Due to the cost of materials and labor, the Water Department will no longer be notifying costumers of cut-off of service due to non-payment. Beginning July 1, 2014, bills not paid by the 25th of each month will be subject to cut- off for non-payment.

Town Awarded A $10,000 Community Transform Grant

The Town Board of Commissioners and the Coats Planning Board met in a joint session to discuss issues with an aging Land Use Plan. The current Land Use Plan was updated and adopted on September of 1979.

Comprehensive planning is an attempt to establish guidelines for the future growth of a community. As the term "comprehensive" suggests, this is an all-inclusive approach to addressing the issue of a community's future growth. A comprehensive plan is the formal document produced through this process. The document is official in nature, meaning that it is designed to be adopted into law by some form of local government. The document should then serve as a policy guide to decisions about community development.

A comprehensive plan should be a vision of what a community is to be in the future. The process of developing this plan should be a community-wide effort. All interest groups should play a part in delineating this vision. Specific goals and objectives should be developed along with a time frame for implementation. The contents of a comprehensive plan can vary from community to community, but in most cases, a plan should consist of the following elements: land use (both existing and future), demographics (existing and projected),housing, infrastructure, education, recreation, and thoroughfares.

Another key element in Land Use Planning is Public Health in our community. The Town applied and was awarded a $10,000 Community Transformation Grant which will address the Public Health component.

Town Hall Holds National Day of Prayer

The Town held the 2014 National Day of Prayer in the front of Town Hall on Thursday May 1, 2014. The theme for 2014 was **"One Voice, United in Prayer"**, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men.

To further highlight the theme, was Romans 15:6 as our Scripture for this year: "***So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.***"

We are blessed to have so many churches in the Town of Coats. A special thanks goes to Margaret House, Pastor Rick Wilkerson, Rev. Brenda Eason, Rev. Dr. Jim Cochran, Rev. Jason Hammersley, Pastor Turner Mathews and music by Madilyn Smith.

THANK YOU ALL!

COATS RECREATION RECEIVES AWARD

Visit our Recreation Website: http://www.coatsparksandrec.com/ Find us on http://www.facebook.com/ for more up to date information.

The National Directors awards are chosen by the NC National Directors for their outstanding performance as a league representing NC Dixie Youth Baseball. The award is not for winning but for the program as a whole and the way they represent themselves in the area of sportsmanship and the overall direction of the program. Coats Parks and Recreation stood out for their exceptional sportsmanship during the State Tournament in Stanley, North Carolina last year. The group represented the Town of Coats with great pride and that comes from the leadership of the sports program and the coaches they allow to teach the youth of the organization. The award was presented to Coats Parks and Recreation Director Michael Collins on behalf of NC Dixie Youth Baseball by Senior NC Dixie Youth Baseball National Director Ken Britt who chose Coats for the honor. The award is for Coats Dixie Youth Baseball, the Town of Coats and the entire group of kids in the Coats Parks and Recreation program. Michael has shown great leadership on the national level in the way these programs are implemented and he expects nothing but positive results in the end. Congratulations to Michael Collins and to the Town of Coats which he proudly represents.

Employee Spot Light

Gary Denton

Public Works Director, Gary Denton, has been with the Town since 2009. He has a Class "B" Water Distribution Operator's license, Back Flow Prevention/Cross Connection Control license and Pesticide license from the State of N.C. Gary oversees the daily operations of our Water, Street and Solid Waste Divisions. He is married and has eight children and fifteen grandchildren. We are proud to call him "one of our own".

"People are not your most important asset. The *right* people are."

Campbell Pharmacy Visits Library!

When people think of libraries, the first thing they ask is whether libraries still exist in the digital age. Libraries assuredly do still exist, and with the availability of digital information are flourishing. Gone are the staid, silent repositories of reference books that nobody wants to read. Libraries are transforming into centers of the communities they serve, as well as meeting places for like-minded individuals to come together.

The Coats Public Library is no different. So far this year, we've had two groups of Campbell University Pharmacy School students come and share their projects, time, and knowledge with the community. The teams presented information on prescription drug disposal and respiratory diseases to the public. We look forward to more Pharmacy students making appearances in the Coats Public Library soon!

Library Hours
Monday – Thursday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Visit our website for future newsletters and 2014-15 budget information at:
http://www.coatsnc.org

"Ordinance Highlight"

92.01- GRASS AND WEEDS:

92.01 UNCONTROLLED GROWTH OF WEEDS, TREES, PLANTS AND ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE DECLARED PUBLIC NUISANCE; COMPLAINT AND INVESTIGATION.

(A) The existence of any of the following conditions on any vacant lot or other parcel of land within the corporate limits is hereby declared to be dangerous and prejudicial to the public health or safety and to constitute a public nuisance:

(1) The uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds or grass to a height in excess of 12 inches, causing or threatening to cause a hazard detrimental to the public health or safety;

(2) Any accumulation of animal or vegetable matter that is offensive by virtue of odors or vapors or by the inhabitance therein of rats, mice, snakes or vermin of any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health;

(3) Any accumulation of rubbish, trash or junk causing or threatening to cause a fire hazard, or causing or threatening to cause the accumulation of stagnant water, or causing or threatening to cause the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes or vermin of any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health; and

(4) Any condition detrimental to the public health which violates the rules and regulations of the County Health Department.

(5) Any dead, diseased or damaged trees or plant materials which may harbor serious insect or pests or disease injurious to other trees or plants is considered a nuisance. Also any tree in such a state of deterioration that any part of the tree is likely to fall and damage property or cause injury to a person is considered a nuisance. Trees and plants cannot be allowed to grow in such a manner that they block public sidewalks or other types of right of way or impede pedestrian or vehicle traffic or make travel on sidewalks or roadways unsafe. Property owners will be sent notification if such tree or plant growth has been determined to be a nuisance by the Town's Authorizing Official. After 15 days if the nuisance is not abated or an acceptable agreement made between the property owner and the Town's Authorizing Official, the town may abate the nuisance and assess the costs involved to the property owner.

(B) The Police Chief, the Town's Zoning Administrator or any other designee appointed by the Board of Commissioners (hereinafter sometimes called the Town's Authorizing Official), upon notice from any person of the existence of any of the conditions described in division (A) of this section, shall cause to be made by the appropriate County Health Department official, or town official, an investigation as may be necessary to determine whether, in fact, such conditions exist as to constitute a public nuisance as declared in division (A) of this section.

(Prior Code § 92.01) (Ord. passed 6-10-2004; Ord. passed 9-18-2008; Ord. passed 12-11-2008)

§ 92.02 NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE.

Upon a determination that such conditions constituting a public nuisance exist, the town's Authorizing Official shall notify, in writing, by hand delivery or by mailing certified return receipt requested, through the United States Postal Service, the owner, occupant or person in possession of the premises in question of the conditions constituting the public nuisance and shall order the prompt abatement thereof within seven days from the receipt of the written notice. (Prior Code § 92.02) (Ord. passed 6-10-2004; Ord. passed 9-18-2008) Penalty, see § 10.99

For the complete ordinance please visit our website at www.coatsnc.org or stop by Town Hall!

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! *Lets keep our Town clean* !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Want to have a Yard Sale ???
No problem! Make sure you get a permit from Town Hall.
There is no charge!!!!!

Coats Chamber Events- Enjoy Some Family Fun

Contact the Chamber at: 910-897-6213 or email: chamber@coatschamber.com for more information.

GovDeals **CHECK GOVDEALS.COM FOR TOWN SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

The Planning Board meets the 1st Thursday of each month.
The Board of Commissioners meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Town Boards and Committees

Board of Commissioners
Walter Weeks, Mayor
Dr. Linda Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem
Allen Mosby, Town Commissioner
JC Allen, Town Commissioner
Jerry Beasley, Town Commissioner
J.D. Raynor, Town Commissioner

Planning Board
Max Mathews, Chairman
Vicky Abate
Ed Lauder
Carolyn Spears
Magdalene Pleasant
Debbie Greider
Donna Pope

Parks and Recreation Committee
JC Allen
Jay Smith
Yamil Aponte
Laura Penny
Robert Barefoot

Cemetery Committee
Margaret House
Michele Godwin
Diane Denning
Sondra Smith
Ted Penny
Amy Johnson
Andrea Watkins

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Fax: 910-897-2662
Hours:
8-5 Monday -Friday
Closed 1-2 Lunch

Holiday Closing:
May 26, Memorial Day
July 4, Independence Day
Sept.1, Labor Day

Web Address:
http://www.coatsnc.org

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Town Information

Trash Collection:	Fridays
Recycling Collection:	Every other Friday
Leaf, Limb & Furniture Collection:	Weekly
Water Bills:	Due the 10th of the month

Town Staff:

Kenny Cole, *Town Manager*	910-897-5183 Ext. 24
Gary Denton, *Public Works Director*	910-897-5183 Ext. 34
Jeremy Hall, *Chief of Police*	910-897-5183 Ext. 28
Mike Collins, *Recreation Director*	910-890-4946
Cortney Kerns, *Town Clerk*	910-897-5183 Ext. 22
Karen Wooten, *Finance Officer*	910-897-5183 Ext. 33
Zoning	910-897-5183 Ext. 24
Trash Collection	910-897-5183 Ext. 22
Water Service	910-897-5183 Ext. 22
Animal Control	910-814-2952
Library	910-230-1944
Police (General Questions)	910-897-5183 Ext.29

(Police officers): Ken Storicks ,Dustin Miller, Ryan Sasser, Matt Johnson, Chad Garvin **(Public Works):** Rodney Pleasant, Robert Moore, Kenneth Snipes **(Library):** Rebecca DallaMura, Linda McNeil.

DAIL 911 FOR POLICE AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES