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2011 SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK

MAY 2ND -5TH



Special points of

Interest:

- Spring Clean-Up Week
- National Day of Prayer
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- July 4th Celebration

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NEW SCHEDULE

It is finally spring and we will once again be holding our spring clean-up week to get rid of those things that are not picked up in your regular trash pickup.

If you live on the east side of Highway 35 your pickup DAY will be Monday, May 2nd; this means you must have all your things at the curb before 8 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd.

If you live on the west side of Highway 35 your pickup DAY will be Wednesday, May 4th; this means you must have your things at the

curb before 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4th.

The town workers will pick up **once** on your street and will not make any return trips. It is very important that you follow this schedule and have your things out before 8 a.m. either on Monday or Wednesday. There will be no exceptions to this schedule. If you put things out after 8 a.m. on either Monday or Wednesday, they may not be picked up and the disposal will be your responsibility.

As in the past, please separate white goods from regular junk. Do not

mix yard debris with the clean up items. Yard debris will be picked up the following Thursday.

We will not pick up the following things: paint cans, paint thinners, chemicals, batteries, household cleaning liquids, or buildings that have been torn down. We will pick up tires from personal residences, but you have to remove the rims.

If you need help getting something to the road or if you have questions please call the town hall at 585-0488.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

On Thursday, May 5th our country will once again celebrate the sixtieth annual National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

Likewise, the town board will adopt, at its May meeting, a procla-

mation acknowledging this day. We will host a brief service in the Veteran's Memorial Park on Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 a.m.

The Reverend James Hester will be our guest speaker.

Please join us as we gather together for prayer and

fellowship time. We will give thanks for all the Lord has done, and ask for guidance for our town and country.



COMMISSIONER'S CORNER—JIMI JILCOTT

Hello, Everyone:

I want to start by saying that our hearts and prayers go out to the families who were affected by the recent storm. Even though the storm did not do much damage to the Conway area, it did affect some of the families in our small community. Please keep them in mind and give them any support you can.

I want to give you an update on the recent improvements on our streets and sidewalks. As you can see, we have made improvements to the corner of Saffold & Main St. The project consisted of putting in curb and guttering from Main St., up Saffold St. This project was done to keep the rocks/gravel of

the Taylor Drug parking area and the SECU Cash Point ATM drive thru out of the street. Future plans are being considered to repave Saffold St.

Warmer weather is here and I have noticed a lot of residents walking in the mornings and afternoons. This past fall we did repair work on our sidewalks. This included repairing broken sections and leveling some uneven sections. Please take time out of your busy schedule to take advantage of this and exercise with family or friends.

Our sewer project is well underway and the work that has been done by different contractor crews has made a very positive impact on our sewer system.

Please be patient. As with any project, we have to work around and with them. There are a lot of spots on our streets that have temporary gravel until we can patch these places. Please be aware of this.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year as the town board looks for additional ways to improve our sidewalks and streets. Contact Nancy, Roger, Jonathan, or me if you have any ideas or concerns.

James (Jimi) Jilcott-585-1774

MCLAWHORN FAMILY THANK YOU

Dear Conway Community:

Where to begin? On December 12, 2010 we were notified of the death of our son, Sgt. Will McLawhorn who was KIA in Sangsar, Afghanistan. In the midst of such traumatic news, you as a community rallied around our family in a way that was truly overwhelming. Your support, love, encouragement, presence, and prayers have deeply touched us.

We will never forget returning from Dover and seeing yellow ribbons and the American flag on each utility pole in town. Yellow ribbons were on homes, businesses, churches, trees, fences, and any-

where you could find to display them. Merchants displayed signs of support and thanks.

In the months since then, you have continued to offer encouragement and support. The town board voted to honor Will by designating December 12th as a day of remembrance and honor. Monies were taken up and a "goody" package prepared by the Food Center recently to help with our expenses for a trip to Fort Campbell, KY to attend an Eagle Remembrance Ceremony honoring Will and eight other 101st Airborne soldiers killed in Afghanistan. You have given memorials in Will's memory to the Wounded Warriors Project and to a memorial

fund set up at Northeast Academy.

Thank you simply does not seem a strong enough phrase to express what we want to say to you. But those are the words we use in the English language. Your love for us and for our son will never be forgotten. Thank you.

The family of

Sgt. Will McLawhorn

Willie, Diane & Melanie

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The Northampton County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a July 4th celebration beginning at 5:00 pm. at the Northampton County Cultural & Wellness Center in Jackson, N.C.

There will be inflatable rides for the

children at no charge. The Mighty Saints of Soul and The Willie Peebles Band will be performing.

There will also be food that you can purchase. Fireworks by Grand Illusions will be at approximately 9:30 pm.

For more information you can contact Judy Collier, Executive Director with the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce at 252-534-1383.

See you there!

NEWS ARTICLE FROM DENNIS PATTON

The receipt of the congratulatory award letter for \$1,612,000 from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund during the week of October 20, 2008 was a very satisfying and happy moment for the town board. The Board of Commissioners had been working several years to convince that and other agencies of the need to help the town to correct a considerable amount of inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sewer collection system and to correct the problem of overflowing wastewater into Kirby's Creek. Then, during the week of December 12, 2008, the town received additional good news in the form of an award letter from the Rural Center for an additional \$632,962 to supplement the funding to repair the sewer collection system.

Most boards would be happy to receive just the first grant to help fix their system; however, the Commissioners were especially gratified to receive the second grant, and coupled with the town's matching funds of \$287,037, the town leveraged a total of \$2,244,813.00 with its funds. This made a total funding of \$2,531,850.00 to correct the problems with the deteriorating sewer collection system. In May and June 2010, the board received additional good news in the receipt of a bid

below what was budgeted for the work to be done and the signing of a construction contract with the low and responsible bidder, Reynolds Inliner, LLC. During the summer of 2010, the planned work began in earnest with the videoing and cleaning of the entire collection system to determine the condition of the collection system.

To date, Reynolds has re-lined almost 30,000 feet of the planned 35,000 lineal feet of the collection system. Almost all the "spot" repairs of the lines and manhole rehabilitation have been completed. About 30% of the service connection repairs have been completed

The Town Public Works Department has already reported to the town's engineer, Mack Gay Associates, that there has been a considerable improvement in the inflow and infiltration. The wastewater lagoon and spray field have benefited considerably from the reduction of inflow. The original planned project is close to completion and the repaving of the "spot" repairs will soon begin.

After the original project is completed, or nearly completed, it is the town board's desire to use any excess Rural Center funding to complete high priority sewer lift station

repairs or replacement. This will be planned and accomplished to the extent that the excess Rural Center funding will carry us.

Everyone associated with the project, including the town board, has been pleased with the progress and the results of this endeavor. The reduction in the inflow, eliminating the threat of overflows at the lagoon and less spraying on the spray field, determining the exact locations of parts of the collection systems, and possible repairs to high priority lift stations has been well worth the hard work and waiting by the town and it's associates.

This article was written by Mr. Dennis Patton, Program Director, Planning & Development Services with the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments. Mr. Patton has been very instrumental in helping the town apply and receive money from grants. The town board is very appreciative for all he has done to help the Town of Conway.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The town board invites you to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30th at 10 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Park.

The speaker will be Mr. Dallas Jones, a Pearl Harbor survivor.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a

time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated as a national holiday. Arlington National Cemetery holds a ceremony in which a small flag is placed on each grave.

The Conway Ruritan Club places

flags in the Town of Conway Cemetery on each grave of loved ones who served their country.

Please set aside this day to come together to remember, reflect, and honor those who have given their all in service to their country.

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.....See new schedule for clean up week

MAYOR'S MESSAGE...

Well, it seems like it has been a year or more since I have written in the newsletter. The winter months have come and gone and boy, did we have a winter. The 13.5" of snow on Christmas night was absolutely beautiful. I think it will be a wonderful memory for our young people.

The holiday season also brought on tragedy for our community as well. It is crazy how events in our lives can remain so vivid in our minds. I remember my father waking me up in the middle of the night to watch the first man walk on the moon. I remember sitting in the conference room at work in a staff meeting when hearing the reports of a plane hitting one of the World Trade Center Buildings. I remember answering my cell phone while Christmas shopping with my wife and youngest daughter only to be given the tragic news that Sgt. Willie A. McLawhorn, Jr. was killed in action.

I saw the compassion of our town dur-

ing the holiday season as we all tried to reach out to the McLawhorn family. The yellow ribbons that lined our streets, the kind words given to reporters, and the overall respect of a family's privacy in such a tragic time made me very proud to say that I am from Conway, NC. Thank you for being there for one of our own when things seemed to be as bad as they could be.

In April of 2013, the Town of Conway will be 100 years old. We would love to celebrate this milestone by putting together a history book or series of magazines that will tell the story of Conway. Pulling this off will require help from a large number of our citizens. Local historian Faye B. Davis has compiled six 4" binders of newspaper articles containing all kinds of interesting information about Conway. She has agreed to let us use as much of the information as we need, but we are also asking for your help. I know there are pictures and stories about life in our community that everyone would love to see.

During the review of the information currently maintained, we realized a tremendous need for history that pertains to Conway's ethnic community as well. Prior to the 1960's, coverage of ethnic communities was very limited.

If you have photographs that we can borrow, please write as much as you can about each; e.g., date, who or what is in the photo, and any story that needs to be told. Place the photos in an envelope with the name and address to whom they need to be returned, and either mail them or take them by the town hall.

A committee will be formed soon to make plans for this grand event. Along with the history book, we are hoping to plan a day long celebration that will include former leaders of our town, entertainment, and grand fireworks. 100 years is quite an accomplishment!

Thank you and God Bless!

Brian E. Bolton