



March

# TOWN OF CLEVELAND NEWSLETTER

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April

## INVITATION TO ANNIVERSARY OF TWINNING

You are invited to the anniversary celebration at the Town Hall of the February 8, 2008 twinning of Cleveland, NC with the Town of Killyleagh, Northern Ireland (County Down), United Kingdom.

On the evening of February 8, 2008, Cleveland Town Commissioners Mary Frank Fleming-Adkins and Dr. John I. Steele, Jr., accompanied by other citizens of Cleveland, attended a Twinning Ceremony at the Hamilton-Rowan Castle in Killyleagh, Northern Ireland. This Ceremony established a twin-town relationship between Cleveland, North Carolina, USA and Killyleagh, Northern Ireland (UK). For those present it was a moment never to be forgotten as citizens of two municipalities, and nations, came together to establish a bond of friendship between two towns. Of note is the fact that Killyleagh located in County Down, Northern Ireland is the area from whence many of Cleveland's forefathers emigrated in the 1750's.

In recognition of this year old municipal relationship and the beginning friendships made, the Mayor and Town Commissioners are inviting the citizens of Cleveland to meet with them, after the Town Board Meeting of April 13, 2009, to view slides and pictures pertaining to the Twinning Ceremony; as well as hearing stories of the various events experienced by Cleveland Board members and fellow citizens while visiting Killyleagh and Northern Ireland. Citizens are encouraged to attend the Town Board Meeting which begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. and then to participate in the subsequent social hour.

Light refreshments will be served.



### RECYCLING

Rowan County will no longer accept bottles that have a neck smaller than the body of the container. These are soft drink and water bottles. Please remove the lids to these bottles before you place them in your recycling bin. The recycling center will not accept the bottles with the lids on them.

Recycling dates for March are the 12th and 26th.

April's recycling dates are the 9th and 23rd.

### TOWN HALL CLOSING

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, April 10th for Good Friday.

### YARD SALE

On Saturday, June 6th the Town will host the first Town Wide Yard Sale. Each household can participate in the yard sale simply by placing the items you want to sell in your front yard. There is no cost to you and you keep all your profits.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to turn your clocks up one hour on March 8th.

### SPRING FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars now for the 6th Annual Spring Festival held at the Town Park. The hours are from 11 AM to 9 PM with fireworks beginning around 9:15. There will be games, rides, vendors and entertainment.



# HOUSEHOLD WATER CONSERVATION

The following chart provides an estimate of typical household water consumption and savings based on use by a family of four. In the United States, a single family household is estimated to use approximately 70 gallons of water per day. However, the amount of water each household actually uses varies according to factors such as age and efficiency of plumbing fixtures and appliances, family size and household income.

Water Use	Percent of Indoor Use	Average Use gals/day/person	No Reduction gals/day	20% Reduction gals/day	30% Reduction gals/day	40% Reduction gals/day
Toilets	27	18.5	74	59	52	44
Washing Machine	22	15	60	48	42	36
Showers	17	11.6	45	37	32	27
Faucets	16	10.9	44	35	31	26
Other Household uses	4	3.5	14	11	10	8
Leaks	14	9.5	38	***	***	***
<b>Water Savings per household</b>			<b>0 gallons</b>	<b>71 gallons</b>	<b>94 gallons</b>	<b>120 gallons</b>
<b>Water savings per household (includes leak repairs)***</b>			<b>0 gallons</b>	<b>109 gallons</b>	<b>132 gallons</b>	<b>158 gallons</b>

## Strategies for Reducing Household Water Use

Below are a few suggestions on how you can reduce your household water use for each of the major water uses identified above.

**Toilets:** The amount of water used per flush varies depending on the size of the toilet tank. To determine the size of your tank, simply remove the lid and read the volume printed inside. To conserve water, fill up a two liter soda bottle or other plastic bottle, and place in your tank; each time you flush you will be saving water equal to the size of the plastic bottle in your tank.

**Washing Machines:** An easy way to reduce water used by laundry by 50 percent is to wear clothing items twice before washing them. Additionally, only wash full loads and look for Energy Star appliances which use 20 percent less water when replacing machines.

**Showers:** Reduce the amount of time you spend in the shower and even more water by turning off the flow when lathering.

**Faucets:** Installing a faucet aerator is an easy and effective way of saving water without changing water pressure or performance. Aerators are inexpensive and relatively simple to install.

**Leaks:** Read your water meter both before and after an hour of not using any water in your home. If a change is registered by your meter, you have identified a leak. A likely source may be a toilet—approximately 20 percent of toilets leak. To check for leaks, add a drop of food coloring to the water in the toilet tank. If color appears in the bowl after a few minutes you have discovered a leak which needs repair.