

NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF CLEVELAND PO BOX 429 CLEVELAND, NC 27013 ■ NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

TOWN HALL CLOSING...

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Town Hall will also be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday.

TIME CHANGE...

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 1ST. This would also be a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

ELECTION DAY...

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The polls, located at Cleveland Town Hall, open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Aubrey Junker, Jr. and John I. Steele, Jr. are running for Mayor. There are six people running for Commissioner with three seats available. Commissioners Danny Gabriel and Pat Phifer are seeking re-election and John O. Brown, Travis Summitt, Leonard M. West and W. Preston Young are seeking their first term. There will also be a County-Wide Sales and Use Tax Referendum on the ballot. The Cleveland Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution supporting the one-quarter cent county sales tax referendum at their regular meeting held on October 12, 2009 and encourages the citizens of the Town of Cleveland to vote in favor of this sales tax. This sales tax would add 1¢ to a purchase of \$4.00. If approved, it would begin on April 1, 2010. The need for the new sales tax is due to the mandated need for more jail facilities and the replacement of emergency radio equipment used by all public safety agencies including the Sheriff's and Police Department, rescue, EMS, 911 and fire departments. The Rowan County Board of Commissioners has proposed a sales tax to fund these capital needs instead of a property tax increase. The proposed ¼-cent local option sales tax can only be approved by the citizens through a referendum. A sales tax would have everyone spending money in Rowan County helping to pay instead of just the property owners paying if the property tax were increased.

RECYCLING...

Recycling dates for November are the 12th and 25th. PLEASE note that the second recycling date, the 25th, is a Wednesday not Thursday. This date is changed due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. December recycling dates are the 10th and the 23rd. PLEASE note that this date has changed also, due to the Christmas Holiday. Please remember to separate your items. Effective October 1, 2009 plastic bottles are no longer allowed in the landfill. This means that you cannot throw away these items, you must recycle them. Look for #1 or #2 in the triangle. #1 plastics need to be separated from #2 plastics. Also, colored #2 plastics need to be separated from #2 milky white plastics. Recycling is for Town residents only. Items are not accepted from people who live outside of Town. If you are not a Town resident, Rowan County has a recycling drop center located at the corner of White Road and Goodnight Road. Rowan County does not charge for this service.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE...

The Yard of the Month winners for September were Ronald & Judy Ridenhour at 209 Third Creek Church Road. The winners for October were Michael & Amy Dodson at 106 Alexander Drive. The winners received a check for \$100 and a copy of the Lifestories from Cleveland, NC book. October was the last month for this contest for the year.

HEAVY TRASH PICKUP...

There will be a heavy trash pickup on Monday, November 30. Please do not place items at the curb before Saturday, November 28. Please have all of your items at the curb by 7:00 am on Monday. This is for items such as furniture and appliances. It is NOT to be used to discard excess garbage. NOTHING in trash bags will be picked up. If you have something that will fit in a trash bag, you need to put it out in the regular trash pickup on Fridays. Once your street has been picked up, no additional items will be accepted. You are limited to ONE couch, ONE lounge chair and other big pieces of furniture. If items are not at the curbside, they will not be picked up. Items NOT picked up are limbs, yard debris, boards and other building material, tires, batteries, hazardous materials such as paints, liquids, etc., or anything NOT accepted at the landfill.

DEBT SETOFF PROGRAM...

The Town is participating in the N.C. Local Government Debt Setoff Program. This program allows the Town to recover any delinquent debts by offsetting (garnishing) debtors' N.C. state tax refunds and Education lottery winnings. There is no cost to the Town as the debtor pays all fees. A notification letter is sent to the debtor at least 30 days before the garnishment is sent for collection. This is a last resort option after collection attempts have failed.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN ENROLLMENT...

The annual enrollment period runs from November 15th through December 31st on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm (except holidays). Enrollment is held at the Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center located at 1120 South Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Salisbury. Please call the Rowan County Senior Services Department at 704-216-7700 for an appointment. An appointment IS required, Coverage will begin on January 1st, 2010. If you are satisfied with your current prescription drug plan and the plan is covering your medications, you DO NOT have to do anything during this annual enrollment period.

CHRISTMAS PARADE...

The parade is sponsored by the Cleveland Lions Club and will be held Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. The parade will start at the YMCA and proceed west through Town. There is a \$10.00 entry fee. Entry forms can be picked up at Town Hall during normal office hours or by contacting Liz Steele at 704-798-3471. Forms must be returned by Monday, November 30th. If you have any questions, please call Liz Steele. Remember to bring a bag to put your candy in.

URBAN ARCHERY DEER SEASON...

The Town is participating in the Urban Archery Deer Season from January 9 to February 13, 2010. This season is an extension of the normal deer season and is for bow and arrow hunting only in the Town limits. Bowhunting has proven to be a safe, humane and effective way to deal with overabundant deer in urban areas. All normal hunting regulations for taking big-game apply which includes written permission from a landowner to hunt a given property. If landowners wish to allow bowhunting on their property, but do not know any bowhunters, the NC Bowhunters Association may be able to provide some assistance. Call Town Hall for contact information.

THE LIFESTORIES BOOK...

Looking for a Special Christmas gift? The Lifestories from Cleveland book will make a great gift. Books are available at Town Hall for \$10.00. This book contains stories from Cleveland residents past and present.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS...

The Mayor, Town Board and Town Employees wish you a safe and happy holiday season!