

# **NEWSLETTER**

TOWN OF CLEVELAND PO BOX 429 CLEVELAND, NC 27013 ■ JULY/AUGUST 2010

## **FROM THE MAYOR...**

The Mayor, Commissioners, and Town staff wish the Citizens of Cleveland a most happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Have fun, keep safe, and join us in giving thanks for our Freedom and the fact that we are American Citizens.

On August 11, 2010, Cleveland will host the 2010 Salisbury-Rowan READS program at Cleveland Elementary School. The program will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Last year's program was a great success and we hope that many of our citizens will again bring their children to the event.

Alert. "The Irish are coming, The Irish are coming!" As a part of the October 16, 2010 Cleveland Heritage Fest, the Town will be hosting 7 visitors from our Twin Town of Killyleagh, Northern Ireland. They will be here for 10 days and during this time we hope to show them how we live, work, and play in Cleveland and the rest of Western Rowan County. In preparation for their arrival, I am asking that each Cleveland citizen do all he or she can to "spruce up" their yards and property. There will be more information about this visit in the next town newsletter and in the news media.

John I. Steele, Jr.  
Mayor

## **TOWN HALL CLOSING...**

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.

## **BUDGET...**

The budget for 2010 – 2011 is as follows:

General Fund	\$ 765,650
Water Fund	\$ 211,700
Sewer Fund	\$ <u>202,625</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,179,975</u>

The tax rate will remain the same at .21¢ per \$100 valuation.

## **RECYCLING...**

Recycling dates for July are the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. August dates are the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. REMINDER, if your items are not separated in separate containers, your recycling will NOT be picked up. Do not place any recyclables in small plastic bags.

## **YARD OF THE MONTH..**

The Yard of the Month program has begun. May's winners were Nancy & Jim Brown of West Main Street. June's winner was Lottie Moore of School Street. The winners received a check for \$100 and a copy of the Lifestories of Cleveland, NC book.

## **HOUSE WATCH...**

Before you go on vacation this summer, come by Town Hall and complete a house watch form. Information included on this form is your name, address and telephone number, the date you will be gone, a list of vehicles left in the yard, the name and telephone number of your alarm company (if any), the name, address and telephone number of anyone who may be coming to your house to water plants, take care of pets, etc., While you are away, a Cleveland Police Officer will check your home for any unusual activity. It only takes a few minutes to complete this form and will give you peace of mind while you are away. This service is available to Town residents only and is provided to you at no charge.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM...

The City of Salisbury and Rowan County are supporting the READS summer reading program again this year. The towns and cities in Rowan County are involved. This program will run for 5 weeks from July 14<sup>th</sup> until August 11<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7 pm. The program will have story-time sessions every 5 – 10 minutes with the stories being read by a Mayor, Council Member, Commissioner, Town Board Member, City/Town Manager and School Officials. There will be a book giveaway, door prizes, refreshments and more. The schedule is listed below.

July 14 – Rowan Public Library – 201 W Fisher Street, Salisbury

July 21 – East Branch Rowan Public Library – 110 Broad Street, Rockwell

July 28 – Spencer Library Park – 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Spencer

August 4 – South Branch Rowan Public Library – 920 Kimbrell Road, China Grove

August 11 – Cleveland Elementary School – 107 School Street, Cleveland

### HIGH GRASS...

The Town has an ordinance that requires all lots (vacant or otherwise) to be mowed. Owners of lots in violation are notified by mail. If the notice is disregarded and the Town is forced to mow the lot, the owner is sent a bill for the cost of mowing plus a \$50 penalty. If the bill is not paid, a lien is placed on the property. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### POLITICAL SIGNS...

There are several political signs still standing in Cleveland. A political sign is considered a temporary sign and it cannot be displayed for more than 60 days.

### HERITAGE DAY...

The third annual Cleveland Heritage Day will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6 pm. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

### LEASH LAW...

Just a reminder that the Town of Cleveland honors the Rowan County leash law. For the safety of your pet and the safety of others, do not let your pet roam the streets. To report a loose or stray dog, you can contact Rowan County Animal Shelter at 704-216-7768.

### WATER LEAK ADJUSTMENT POLICY...

One monthly adjustment per calendar year will be allowed on a leak with a receipt of a plumbing bill or parts as proof of repair. The adjustment will bring the sewer bill back down to the average, however, no adjustment will be done on the water bill. If you have any questions, concerning this policy, please contact Town Hall.

### BACK TO SCHOOL...

Rowan – Salisbury School students return to class on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### COMMUNITY NEWS...

The Cleveland Post Office collected 490 pounds of nonperishable food items for our local food bank.

Christ Episcopal Church is sponsoring a program to help the children at Cleveland Elementary. They are collecting school supplies and new and used school uniforms, shoes and backpacks. There is a drop box at Town Hall.



