


Navassa Rag



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Navassa Receives Award from the NCLM Green Challenge


In October of 2010, the Town of Navassa was awarded for reaching the Advanced Level of the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Green Challenge. The Green Challenge recognizes cities and towns that have made significant achievements in reducing natural resource consumption and also provides a means for municipalities to exchange information and ideas related to environmental initiatives. By participating in the Green Challenge the Town of Navassa is demonstrating its desire to become more sustainable by pursuing measures designed to conserve natural resources, emphasize the benefits of energy conservation, protect natural habitats and open space, promote environmental stewardship, and help educate the public about environmental issues. These and other environmental initiatives are due to the hard work of the Navassa Environmental and Stormwater Advisory Committee. The committee looks forward to working on other exciting projects in the upcoming year and you can keep track of the town's environmental initiatives by visiting the town website at www.townofnavassa.org



Travis Barnes, Town Planner

Happy Holidays
In the hustle of everyday living, let's remember to take a moment to breathe. The Mayor and Town Council along with the Town's Staff would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous and safe holiday season.



Welcome Aboard

The Town of Navassa would like to welcome David Illgen to the Navassa Planning Department where he is currently working as the town's Planning and Sustainability Intern. David recently graduated from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington with a Masters degree in Public Administration. Previously David has experience working with the National Estuarine Research Reserve, the North Carolina Coastal Federation, and the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries. The town is excited to utilize David's expertise in assisting with the update of the town's CAMA Land Use Plan, the creation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and numerous other planning projects.

PLANNING BOARD REQUESTS YOUR INPUT ON UPDATING THE TOWN'S CAMA LAND USE PLAN

Beginning in 2011, the Navassa Planning Board will start updating the Town's CAMA Land Use Plan and we need your help. According to the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management, a land-use plan is a collection of policies and maps that serves as a community's blueprint for growth. These plans are a fundamental element of coastal management in North Carolina. The Coastal Area Management Act requires each of the 20 coastal counties to have a local land-use plan in accordance with guidelines established by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC).

Each land-use plan includes local policies that address growth issues such as the protection of productive resources (i.e., farmland, forest resources, fisheries), desired types of economic development, natural resource protection and the reduction of storm hazards. Once a land-use plan is certified by the CRC, the Division of Coastal Management uses the plan in making CAMA permit decisions and federal consistency determinations. Proposed projects and activities must be consistent with the policies of a local land-use plan, or DCM cannot permit a project to go forward.

At the local level, land-use plans provide guidance for both individual projects and a broad range of policy issues, such as the development of regulatory ordinances and public investment programs. Land-use planning provides one of the best opportunities for public involvement in the N.C. Coastal Management Program. By getting involved as your coastal community develops or updates its land-use plan, you have an opportunity to help shape the policies that will guide CAMA permit decisions in your community – and the growth of your community in the future. We need your participation and would love to hear what your thoughts are on improving the quality of life in Navassa through increased economic development opportunities, future growth, and enhanced environmental protection. The Planning Board meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall located at 334 Main Street. Please come help shape the future of your community!

Submitted by Travis Barnes, Town Planner

Public Hearing on Adoption of Text Amendments to Town Ordinances

The Navassa Town Council will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, in order to consider the adoption of text amendments to the town's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. The text amendments are needed improve development review procedures and correct existing errors in the ordinances. Copies of the text amendments are available at the Town Hall for review. Members of the public who wish to comment may attend the meetings to speak before the Town Council. These comments will be considered in the decision-making process. If you would like to submit written comments or you have any further questions contact Travis Barnes, Town Planner, with the Navassa Planning Department at 910-371-2432 or via email at tbarnes@townofnavassa.org.



Public Hearing on Adoption of Navassa Stormwater Ordinance

The Town of Navassa will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, in order to consider the adoption of the Navassa Phase II Stormwater Ordinance. The town is required to adopt the stormwater ordinance as part of the State of North Carolina's requirements for the town's Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Navassa is required to have a Stormwater Ordinance in place due to the town's proximity to the coast and to the City of Wilmington. The Stormwater Ordinance will help implement illicit discharge detection and elimination programs, establish post-construction stormwater management programs, and provide other means for the town to better protect our local waterways from pollutants carried by stormwater runoff. This ordinance will significantly affect future development within the town. Currently the town's website already has a great deal of information on stormwater pollution for the public to review and a draft of the stormwater ordinance can be downloaded at (<http://www.townofnavassa.org/stormwatermanagement.html>). Written comments on the draft stormwater ordinance may be submitted to Travis Barnes, Town Planner, at tbarnes@townofnavassa.org or can be delivered to the Town Hall.

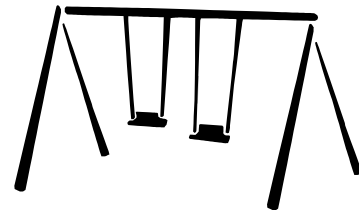


Navassa Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Planning Board Requests Your Input on Creating a Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Beginning in 2011, the Navassa Planning Department will be working with the town's advisory boards and planning consultant Howard Capps in order to create a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the town. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will include an inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities, a current and projected demographic analysis of the town, development of recreation standards and a needs assessment, recommendations, and an implementation plan. A series of public meetings will be held in order to gather information and ideas from the public. The town will also be distributing a parks and recreation survey in order to get feedback from citizens. If you would like to see more recreational opportunities here in Navassa, please come out and support these planning efforts at the public workshops and complete a survey. The survey can be picked up at the Town Hall or can be downloaded from the town's website at www.townofnavassa.org. Additionally, the creation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will improve the ability of the town to compete for grant funding for capital improvements to the Phoenix Park and other park facilities in town.

The dates for the public park input meetings are:

1. Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall
2. Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall
3. Monday, January 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall
4. Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall



It's Been Another Memorable Year

If Thanksgiving 2010 crept up on you and it feels that Christmas is coming too soon, then you are not alone in thinking that it seemed that only yesterday we were celebrating the New Year. Although it's very exciting to plan for the upcoming year we can't help but to reminisce about goals accomplished, annual town events we attended, vacations that ended too quickly and of course the people we loved who left us too soon. Two thousand ten has been a full year indeed.



As soon as the year began the Town of Navassa organizers threw their efforts into planning the annual events. One of the first events to take place was the search for the young ladies who would represent Navassa as Queen and Princess. With many eligible young, intelligent girls to choose from, Khadija Mitchell and Alexis Alston won the titles, serving as two dynamic examples of young Navassa.

This year's festival did not disappoint. The thing the Navassa town parade does better than other events is that it wakes the town with sirens, rhythmic drum beats, and cheers. It brings people to the streets with folding chairs and to the windows just to see what's going on out there. It's been on our calendars for decades now and is an event and day of festivities that cannot be ignored.

In October, on the eve of Halloween, the Fall Festival entertained little witches, princesses, and super heroes just to name a few. Organizers and parents created a night perfect for the children to be able to safely run around outside, play games, and eat as many chips, hot dogs, and candy as they could stand.

Two thousand and ten is not over yet. The most festive part of the year is upon us, Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's the time when we are giving thanks for everything and everyone in our lives. This time of the year, we put down the cell phones and turn off the televisions because it's about family. It's about looking across the table of macaroni cheese and stuffed turkey to joke with your cousin about that story from twenty years ago.

Although, our town's theme is people working for people, this year has been a year that neighbors stood with their neighbor. Not only did everyone get the chance to support a cause or event offered by the town, but several times this year each of you rushed to support your neighbors by lending your shoulder to lean on or to cry on for those beloved people in our town who passed this year. There was always someone who brought a hot pan of chicken and rice or their signature chocolate cake reminding you that you were not alone.

Everyone has had their turn to give of themselves this year whether helping to clean up someone's yard or frying fish at the ball field. It's been another memorable year of doing what we do best, working with each other for each other. So with big hearts and even bigger goals we open our doors for 2011 with plans to make it as special as all the years past.



By: Conswalia Green

LIFE SAVING COMMENDATION

When the call was made that a possible suicide was in progress Chief Taylor, Detective Wendell Graham, Officer Kevin Smith of Navassa Police Department, and Officer Rick Lawson of Northwest Police Department sprung into action saving an individual life. Assisting the officers on that call was Navassa Fire Department Chief Donnie Williams, Firefighter Carlos Dorsey, and Leland EMS.



Mayor Pro Tem and Town Council gave Life Saving Commendation at the November Town Meeting to Navassa and Northwest Officers. We appreciate your hard work!



Officer Rick Lawson of Northwest PD Mayor Pro Tem Ballard and Chief Taylor



Officer Kevin Smith, Mayor Pro Tem and Chief Taylor

WELCOME



Sgt. Graham introduced the new auxiliary Police Officer James Conway to Council and the public at the November Town meeting. Officer Conway is also a resident of Navassa. Welcome aboard!

REMEMBER SAFETY!

The holiday season is upon us and the Police Department would like to remind you not to Drink and Drive. It's not just your life you are putting at risk but the other drivers or pedestrian.

Schools will be closed in observance of the holidays so please be watchful for our youth and obey the speed limit on the streets you are traveling.



Chief Taylor and Mayor Pro Tem Ballard

Promotion Given

Detective Wendell Graham was recently promoted to Sergeant. Acknowledgement was made at the November Town Meeting. Council along with staff would like to congratulate Sgt. Graham on a job well done.

Councilman Merrick who serves as the Police Liaison, Town Administrator Claudia Bray, Mayor Pro Tem Ballard and Chief Taylor are pictured.



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Just Us Girls (JUG)

Just Us Girls is a unique empowerment program dedicated to the positive development of “tweens” and early teenaged girls. ***JUG*** is designed to empower, uplift, build self-esteem, and create a positive life vision in young girls between the ages of 9 and 14 years old. The program aims to help build self-esteem while helping to impact and influence the decisions that they make as they transition from elementary, middle school, and high school.

Just Us Girls also strives to inspire, motivate, and encourage young girls to be the best that they can be. ***JUG*** helps girls develop the social, emotional, intellectual tools that helps them avoid negative traps such as teen pregnancy, low educational achievement, and violence. The broad-based program is gender specific because there are unique situations that early adolescent girls need to master in order to successfully develop into independent, self-sufficient, and confident young women.

JUG is a four-week roundtable discussion group that focuses on some of these topics:

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| *Self esteem | *Body Image | *Self Identity |
| *Peer Pressure | *Gossip | *Girl Bullying |
| *Teen Violence | *Stress/Suicide | *Cyber Bullying |
| *Cliques | *Teen Pregnancy | *Etiquette |
| *Public Speaking | *Nutrition and Health | |
| *Eating Disorders | *Age Appropriate Clothing/Makeup | |
| *Inappropriate Usage of the Internet | | |
| *Feelings about School/Transitioning into middle school/high School | | |



Each participant will receive a certificate after successfully completing the 4-week session. ***JUG*** will host a tea party to celebrate each participant’s success.

For more information about this unique rite of passage program, please contact Toni Melvin Whitaker, Founder, at (910) 599-0348 or toniwhit@ec.rr.com

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To register for this program, please call

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