

NAVASSA RAG

Rain Garden Planting and Town Hall Beautification

Due to the high level of participation in the town's last rain garden planting among the local youth in the community and the numerous comments the town has received in support of the project, we decided to do it again! Visit the town's website in order to see a picture slideshow of the previous event. The Town of Navassa is hosting a litter sweep and rain garden planting on Saturday, October 9, 2010 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Everyone in the



area is encouraged to participate and will need to meet at the Navassa Town Hall located at 334 Main Street, Navassa, NC, 28451. The litter sweep and rain garden planting will end around 12:00 AM in time for refreshments at Town Hall. The event is part of the town's efforts to improve stormwater management and promote environmental stewardship in the area. Lowe's Home Improvement Store has been kind enough to donate landscaping materials and a rain barrel to be installed at the Town Hall to serve as an educational resource for the citizens of Navassa. The rain barrel will help

capture stormwater runoff from the roof to be used to water the rain garden on an ongoing basis, while also beautifying Town Hall. The town's stormwater management page on the town's website also has tips that all of us can use to help protect our environment as well as numerous links to other sources of valuable information concerning stormwater pollution. If you want to participate or if you have any questions contact Travis Barnes, Navassa Town Planner, at 371-2432.

FALL FESTIVAL

October is right around the corner and its time for the community's 3rd annual fall festival. The festival will be held on the ballpark. More details to come when plans are finalized.

Last year was a success with horse rides, haunted house, hay ride, games, food, and of course the candy. The festival is the vision of our Town Clerk, Charlena Alston. We would like to thank her for dedicating her time and efforts and look forward to helping her make 2010 festival a success. Please consider volunteering your time and talents by helping with this year's festival. Contact Charlena Alston at Town Hall to make the community's fall festival a success!



Meeting Schedule

Stormwater Advisory Board
 1st Monday at 5:30 pm

Planning Board 2nd
 Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Phoenix Park Advisory
 Board 2nd Thursday at
 7:00 pm

Council Agenda Meeting
 the Monday before the
 Town Meeting at 4:00 pm

Town Council 3rd Thursday
 at 7:30 pm

Utility Operation Board 4th
 Tuesday at 4:30 pm

The Town of Navassa 2010-2011 budget was approved at the July 7th Town Council Budget Meeting. This budget was set with the same tax rate as last year .20 per one hundred dollar valuation. The total budget for the town is \$1,207,888.00.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Police Department had their annual National Night Out that promotes crime prevention awareness on August 3, 2010 in the park next door to the Town Hall.

A newly established National Night Out Committee has formed with the following citizens volunteering their time and talents.

committee consist of Ashley Miller, Beverley Hutchinson, Jill Allman, Kuumba Ballard.

Councilman Antonio Burgess assisted along with the Police Department Staff.

If you are interested in joining please contact Detective Graham at NPD 910-371-0155.

In recent months there has been complaints regarding speeding and the reduction of police patrol. In a effort to address the concerns the Department will do more radar stake-outs, random check points, and increase the street patrols.

The Department is in the process of adding more staff to the force and request the citizens continue to be patience.

Concern citizens should contact the Police Department about having a community watch program started in their area.

Remember the school year has begun and to be watchful for our youth.

Public Works

How Smoke Testing Works

Smoke testing is the most efficient and cost effective way to locate and identify problems in the sewer systems.

Smoke testing involves forcing smoke filled air through a sewer line. The smoke under pressure will fill the main line plus any connections; then follow the path of the leak to



the ground surface, revealing the source of the problem.

The public works department has begun testing our sewer system. The system has been broken down into section with Broadway, Brooklyn, South Navassa, Plum, and Water St already having their sewer line tested.

When winter months approaches public works will do another section of the system.

Notification will be sent through CTY, so please sign up for this service.

The smoke is harmless and if smoke enters your home it a indication that you have a problem with your plumbing.

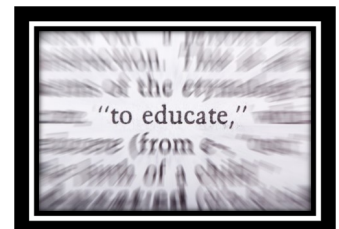
This test has been implemented in order to provide better service to our customers so please have patience as the team locate and repair the problems.



BEING ABOUT BETTER THINGS

School is back in full swing and as a community, we would like to help our young people achieve and succeed in their studies. Starting Monday, September 13, 2010, a tutoring program will be implemented to assist students in their academic pursuits. We will meet on Mondays, from 4-6PM, at the Community Development Corporation Building on Old Mill Road. Our hope is that this program will evolve into a mentoring project as well, to provide our youth with positive interactions and role models.

Anyone interested in giving of their time or talents would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at peaceblessingsgrace@gmail.com with any questions. I would like to extend a special thank you to CDC for providing the space and support of this program. –Elizabeth Ewell



Navassa Environmental Plan & NCLM Green Challenge

In February of 2010, the Navassa Town Council adopted a resolution to participate in 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.

As part of the town's participation in the Green Challenge the town started to draft an Environmental Plan for municipal operations that was recently adopted in August. The Environmental Plan 2010-2015 describes various environmental initiatives the town will pursue over the next five years. These initiatives include: energy conservation, water conservation, green building, recycling and waste reduction strategies, environmental education for municipal employees and the public, land conservation, and green office supply procurement policies. The plan was created through the hard work of the town's Environmental & Stormwater Advisory Committee. In order to see more about the progress on these initiatives, check out the new "Environmental Initiatives" webpage on the town's website at www.townofnavassa.org.



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane Season begins June 1st and continues through November 30th. Here is a list of basic emergency supplies. It is recommended that you store enough supplies for at least 3 days if possible 7 days.

- Easy to carry water tight container (for all of your items)
- Water- 1 gallon per person
- First aid kit
- Mosquito repellent/sunscreen
- Pre-cooked, non-perishable foods, like canned meats, etc.
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates, cups, utensils, paper towels
- Aluminum foil, oven mits, trash bags
- Baby supplies
- Anit-bacterial hand wipes or gel
- Flashlight with extra batteries



PROJECT UPLIFT

“Helping Others, Help Themselves”



Project Uplift is a job training and empowerment program created and administered by Countywide Community Development Corporation, a IRS-designated (3) non-profit organization located in Navassa, North Carolina. Countywide CDC’s mantra is “Helping Others, Help Themselves”.

The overall goal of Project Uplift is to prepare participants, facing serious barriers to employment, for jobs in the construction, healthcare, office administration, cleaning and custodial services, and other industries and positions in Brunswick County and surrounding areas.

Project Uplift is a customized, 10-week classroom and hands-on training program conducted at our collaborative partners (Brunswick Community College and Cape Fear Community College) facilities. After completing the classroom and lab training, the participant has the option of advanced on-the-job training, additional education, and employment. Project Uplift also offers counseling in financial literacy, money management, resume writing, interviewing skills, and other employability skills. Project Uplift raises the level of confidence and self esteem of its participants and helps to increase their employment, retention, and earning potential. As a result, the program improves the quality of the workforce, reduces welfare dependency, and enhances the productivity of area employers and businesses.

For further information regarding Project Uplift, please call Toni Melvin Whitaker, Program Manager at (910) 383-1724 or email: toniwcwcdc@aol.com.

HOPE

Home Ownership Preparation Education

“Opening the Door to the American Dream”

Thinking of buying your first home but not sure where to start? Buying a home is probably the largest investment you will ever make. Empower yourself with information that will help you make smart decision and become a successful homebuyer.

Understand the home buying process and be prepared for the important choices related to homeownership.

The HOPE workshop series are 10 hours and participant must complete the series in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Certificates are required by certain lenders who offer down payment and or closing cost assistance to first time home buyers. Each participant receives a workshop manual.

There is a \$35.00 fee for the workshop. We believe this a small and wise investment which will prepare and inform you for long-term home ownership.

To register or to get more information regarding the workshop please call Toni Melvin Whitaker, Program Manager at (910) 383-1724 or email: toniwcwcdc@aol.com.

Hope Workshops

Our certified housing counselor and financial counselor will work with you to:

- Determine what you can afford
- Develop a budget and saving plan
- Find the right mortgage product for your needs
- Address credit problems that could prevent you from getting a mortgage
- Create a customized Action Plan with specific, manageable steps to help you



Navassa Volunteer Fire Station Update

Construction continues on the new fire station. The Department is still on target to occupy the new building in mid December. There has been a question asked several times as to why more local construction labor was not utilized.

To answer the reoccurring question, the department was required to use a competitive open process for awarding bids. Specifying only or directly hiring local labor would have been too restrictive and not have encouraged open competition.

With this being said the Department could not go out and just hire local labor for the project. The Department solicited a general contractor through an open process to oversee the project and required the general contractor to select the subcontractors through a competitive process.

All sub contractors are also required to follow various rules concerning buying American made products and ensuring wages meet industry standards for our area.

The Department plans on conducting an open house tour in late December or early January to allow the public an in depth look at the facility.

Submitted by Chief Donny Williams



A Season To Remember

As August came to a close, so did the images of summer, like those of the Annual Town of Navassa Homecoming Parade -- Broadway and Main streets lined with people sitting in folding chairs, trying to cool off with a cold bottle of water. With all of the trappings of a true celebration there were dancers, drummers, music, motorcycles burning rubber, shiny cars with neighboring town queens and politicians sitting in sunroofs, floats with our golden aged citizens, and the most anticipated float, that of the Queen Khadija Mitchell and her court.

One of the last big gatherings of the summer drew parents and their children to the town hall with endless games and complimentary hot dogs, chips and soda on August 3rd. The National Night Out brought townspeople and their officials face to face for an entertaining, relaxed evening out. New and old neighbors mingled while their children played old-fashioned games with the hoola hoop and the tug of war that kept everyone laughing for hours.

As the cooler temperatures of September roll in we often look back and ask ourselves, "Where did the summer go?" I heard someone say that before he knew it he'd looked over his shoulder and there was July behind him. What he really meant was did the family cookouts, the impromptu get-togethers, and the long sunny days really end so quickly? As they say time flies when you're having fun. If you're asking yourself this question then you indeed had a memorable summer spending time with family, friends, or even that time alone sitting in your lounge chair on your porch or under that shade tree in the yard.

Although a couple of our neighbors and their families suddenly lost loved ones this summer even they too are counting their blessings that still as this season comes to a close we have each other and our community's support. That's one thing people in this town know something about, coming together.

The year is not over yet, so as we walk into the next season, look forward to not only shorter and cooler days, but also the same excitement and surprises such as those from the Autumn Fall Festival held at the Navassa Ball Field in October.

Submitted by Conswalia Green, Citizen



Update on EPA Brownfield Cleanup of Former Estech Site:

Brownfield's are generally defined as abandoned or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination. Brownfield's vary in size, location, age and past use. They can range from a small, abandoned corner gas station to a large, multi-acre former manufacturing plant that has been closed for years (CERP 2009).

The former Estech Site is in the process of being cleaned and returned to productive use. The Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the former and current property owners, are removing previous contamination from the property. Citizens can expect to see moderate to heavy truck traffic on Old Mill Road beginning in October, 2010 and ending in January, 2011. The trucks will be hauling excavated soil from the site to be properly disposed of and will also be bringing new clean soil to the site.

There could be as many as 100-150 truck loads a day. The trucks will operate from 6 AM to 7 PM on Monday through Saturday, although traffic will be substantially less on Saturdays. The EPA is overseeing the environmental cleanup and will ensure that the process is safe and efficient. There are strict protocols for the Brownfield remediation and there is minimal risk to the public.

If you have any questions about this process please contact Tonya James, Community Involvement Coordinator with the EPA, at 404-562-8633 or via email at james.tonya@epa.gov

For additional information please visit the Town of Navassa's website and click on the Brownfield Management tab on the left-hand side of the homepage.

Submitted by Travis Barnes, Planner



ENVIROCON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

Equipment Operator

Envirocon is looking for equipment operators for a construction project in the Navassa, NC area. The Equipment Operator will skillfully operate various types of heavy equipment (92,000 lbs. tracked excavator, D-5 dozer, skid steer loader, 3-5CY articulating wheel loader, etc.) associated with dirt-work construction as well as soil stabilization equipment. The Equipment Operator must be able to demonstrate safe operation of assigned equipment based on changing operating conditions. Mine reclamation experience preferred but not required.

Laborer

Envirocon is seeking Laborers to execute general construction tasks for a construction project in the Navassa, NC area. The Laborer position is an entry-level position.

PROJECT LENGTH: 5 MONTHS

- **PLEASE, NO WALK-IN'S**
APPLY ONLINE AND THE HIRING MANAGER WILL CALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE BACKGROUND BEST FITS THIS PROJECT.

Check the companies website for more information regarding the job
the Town has no hiring authority just passing on the information.

APPLY ONLINE AT www.envirocon.com

Brunswick County Youth Basketball

Rookies—1st & 2nd Grade

Junior Varsity—3rd & 4th Grade

Varsity—5th & 6th Grade

ALL PARTICIPANTS MANDANTORY SKILLS ANALYSIS HELD AT LELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Nov 19th—Rookies/Junior Varsity
Rookies—6:00-6:30 pm
Junior Varsity—6:30-7:00 pm
- Nov 22nd—Varsity
Varsity—6:00-7:00 pm
- Nov 23rd—Makeups

Registration

Brunswick County Parks & Recreation in Bolivia at the Government Complex Building M

Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Tel: 910.253.2670

Registration fee \$40.00 each

www.brunscoco.net

