



TOWN OF NAVASSA
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Navassa, NC 28451

PEOPLE WORKING FOR PEOPLE

Upcoming Events

July—29th Homecoming Celebration

August—National Night Out

October—4th Fall Festival

Meeting Schedule

Stormwater Advisory Board every 1st Monday at 5:30 pm

Planning Board every 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Town Council every 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm

Utility Operation Board every 4th Tuesday at 4:30 pm

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

Parade Committee every Wednesday at 7:30 pm

WELCOME

Welcome Amy Ward to Navassa Police Department. She is currently an auxiliary police officer with Town of Northwest and has worked with New Hanover County Sheriff's Department.

The Crowning of Miss Navassa 2010

Next month, Navassa will celebrate the twenty-ninth Annual Navassa Homecoming. But no celebration is complete without its parade royalty. Saturday May 22nd at the Leland Senior Center an anxious crowd gathered to support three special young ladies in the crowning of the Queen and Princess. Following the invocation by Mayor Eulis Willis, Navassa Homecoming committee member Barbara Watson welcomed everyone because they were going to be in for a treat. After the farewell of last year's Queen Ms. Laryah Alston, Khadija Mitchell was crowned Homecoming Queen of 2010. Her escort was Emijah Willis. Escorted by Tyler Alston, Asia Bryant was crowned Queen in waiting. With her escort ShaQuan Graham, Alexis Alston was crowned Princess.

By the end of the night the girls proved why they were chosen to represent the town of Navassa. All three were required to write essays, present their amazing talent, as well as show off their inner fashionista by walking the catwalk. The Queen in waiting, Miss Bryant, went as far as to model an outfit that she designed herself. It's no surprise that one day she plans to be a fashion designer. On her way to being the country and western singer that she aspires to, crowned Princess Miss Alston, entertained the crowd by singing *Jesus Take the Wheel*. Entering North Carolina School of Science and Math with a 4.3 GPA, The Queen, Miss Mitchell recited the timeless poem by Maya Angelou, *Phenomenal Woman*.



Although not everyone gets to wear a crown, several of Navassa's young pride and joy amused the audience during the fashion show. Several children proudly modeled the latest fashions from their own wardrobe. A standout was little Troimonné Merrick who wowed the crowd with her confidence as she strutted her stuff in an egg-shell white dress.

Guided by the capable hands of pageant organizers, Terryce Willis and Earlene Walker, and other committee members the girls will spend the year representing the Town of Navassa at other community events and local parades throughout the year. This year's pageant is just the beginning of the exciting 2010 Homecoming festivities to come.

Submitted by Conswalia Green, citizen



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Recovery Act Funds Aid Energy Efficiency and Promote Green Job Growth

A few month's ago I assisted the towns of Navassa, Northwest, Bolton, East Arcadia, and White Lake with a grant application. The grant was a part of the Federal Recovery Act funding for energy efficiency, which was established to help encourage energy conservation and economic investments in counties, municipalities, community colleges and public schools. A total of \$7.2 million was available to local government agencies and \$6.3 million to public schools and community colleges. The granting process was very long and com-

petitive but on 05/18/2010 Gov. Bev Perdue announced that we were awarded the funding.

"Investing in green energy and creating green jobs is one of my top priorities," said Gov. Bev Perdue.

"These federal recovery funds will create jobs, reduce energy consumption and save taxpayers money on county and municipal utility bills."

In order to have a competitive advantage all of the towns mentioned above applied together for a total project cost of \$92,428.

Navassa will use their portion of the awarded grant for lighting upgrades, the replacement of old HVAC system and the replacement of the hot water heater. I'm very delighted to see the towns move in this direction. This is the first of many steps toward creating jobs for our community and becoming more energy efficient while doing so. Hopefully we can use this momentum to continue to make progress.

Submitted by
Elton Daniels, MPA
Management Advisor

New Safety Equipment added in Navassa

In the past couple of months if you drove around the neighborhood particularly Plum Street, Water Street or Park Avenue you notice a couple of new things added. One is the speed bump on Plum Street and the four new stop signs added on Park Avenue and Water Street. Now people may be asking "what is the purpose of having stop signs on Water Street or Park Avenue if there's already one there" and "why are they changing now after all these years"? Well Navassa is stepping up its transportation safety around the community. One reason is to cut down speeding in the neighborhood. In addition, probably the most important reason is to protect the citizens of Navassa especially the youth. It is common for kids to play on the street and to prevent any accidents within the community. With homecoming around the corner, the new transportation safety will reduce any accidents occurring during the festivities and ensure that people can come back home to a safe homecoming this year.

Submitted by Corderro Jones, citizen

Navassa is Taking Steps to Educate its Citizens on the Importance of Stormwater Management

The Town of Navassa hosted a litter sweep and rain garden planting on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Over thirty citizens participated in the event that was followed by a cookout. The event is part of the town's efforts to improve storm water managements and promote environmental stewardship. The Brunswick Soil and Water Conservation District donated a rain barrel that was installed at the Town Hall to serve as an educational resource for the citizens of Navassa. The rain barrel will help capture storm water runoff from the roof to be used to water the rain garden on an ongoing basis. The citizens also participated in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Big Sweep litter clean up by removing trash from a few local roadways.



Because Navassa, like most municipalities in our region, is located along the Cape Fear River, it is vital that area residents become aware of the damage that everyday activities such as washing a car on the driveway or over fertilizing the lawn can have on our local water supply. Water quality affects everyone in the Cape Fear Region because most municipal water systems get their drinking water from our local waterways. The Town of Navassa hopes that with increased knowledge of how storm water runoff affects the local estuaries, ecosystems, and drinking water individuals will modify their behaviors to help protect our valuable natural resources. Everyone is also encouraged to visit the storm water management page on the town's website to find tips that all of us can use to help protect our environment as well as numerous links to other sources of valuable information concerning storm water pollution.

Submitted by Travis Barnes, Town Planner

PLANNING BOARD



We would like to thank Beth Sheppard for all her hard work in our Planning/Zoning Department. Her internship has ended and she will be greatly missed. The Town is in the process of growing and with all growth new regulations and laws must be adhered too. The planning board is very important to the town's development. A recent vacancy on the board was filled by Ms. Beverly Hutchinson from the Lena Springs Subdivision in District One .

The board meets once a month on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. The public is encourage to attend to voice their opinion and insight on the direction that they would like to see the town head. The Town Planner works hard to make sure the Zoning and Planning rules and regulations are followed. The newly develop Stormwater Advisory Committee is an extension to the Planning Department. The Stormwater Advisory Committee meets the first Monday of every month at 5:30p.m. When you see growth in our community, remember the people that are working diligently behind the scene.

Navassa Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station



"The Brown/Moore Memorial Facility will be an 11400 sq ft state of the art fire station designed with technology in mind"

In September of 2009 the Navassa Volunteer Fire department was awarded a Fire Station Construction Grant in the amount of \$1,609,950.00 for the construction of the Brown/Moore Memorial Facility, which replaces the fire station located at 336 Main Street. The new station is dedicated in memory of former Fire Chief Clarence Brown and former Board Chair James Moore. The Brown/Moore Memorial Facility will be an 11400 sq ft state of the art fire station designed with technology in mind. The new facility will have a 5700 sq ft double drive through apparatus bay, fire protection sprinklers, vehicle exhaust removal system, fire alarm system, public lobby, kitchen, laundry room, decontamination room, training room, gym, computer server room, storage rooms, utility room/workshop, radio room, offices, sleeping dorms, and four bathrooms.

The \$1.6 million comes through the Assistance to Firefighters grant program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Citizens riding by may have noticed that the old building has been removed. Most of our firefighting vehicles have temporarily relocated to the Brunswick Corp boat plant located approximately two miles from the site of the old station. Construction on the new building is expected to start mid summer of 2010. We are hoping to occupy the new building around December of 2010. The Department has selected Bobbitt Design Build out of Raleigh for the design and build construction of this facility. The temporary move during construction will have no impact on the current insurance rating by the NC Department of Insurance.

Photos of our temporary station



REMINDERS

- Public Works Department hours during the summer are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm
- The drop box for utility payments is located outside near the flag pole
- Please make visible your address for Emergency Services
- Please keep around meter box clean so public works can have easy access
- Burning permits are issued through Leland Fire Department

District Two and Three

District Two (Nemo)

Public Works Department has completed the rocking of Beluah Lane and Victoria Lane was recently paved. Councilman Burns always stresses the importance of communication and would encourage all citizens to participate at the Planning Board meetings and Town Council meetings. Mr. Walter Ballard is the representative for this district on the planning board.

The citizens in this area have always shown their support by volunteering to help when asked to work with the Litter Sweep/Stormwater event, Homecoming Celebration events and the Fall Festival event. Gregory Westfield from this district serves on the Storm Water Advisory Board and was very helpful with the Rain garden event that was held in April.

The concerns regarding the ditches along Magnolia Drive have not fall on deaf ears and will be addressed when equipment and staff are fully operational again.

District Three (Phoenix Community)

Councilman Michael Ballard the representative from this district was recently inducted as a new member of the Wall of Honor. Councilman Ballard always expresses his district concerns. The Phoenix Park Advisory Board is overseeing the development of the park in that area. The participation that is received from the planning board members Al Beatty who is the chairman and Robert McMillan are a tremendous help with the development of our to town.

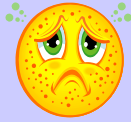


Dorsey Jones from that district serves as the representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee which is an extension of the Technical Advisory Committee that helps with transportation issues. Ms. Ella Beatty also serves on the Storm Water Advisory Board that serves as an extension to the planning board. The Town is in the process of getting the necessary water/sewer easement with the help of Ms. Cynthia Bell for this project. The Phoenix water project will hold a bid opening June 7th.

There has been some concerns about the drainage along Cedar Hill Road and the town hears the complaints. We have Councilman Ballard addressing the issue with DOT. The town is not allow to do any maintenance on any state roads and when request are received it may appear that they are being ignored but law prohibits the maintenance of state roads.

PUBLIC WORKS

“The Homecoming Celebration week is approaching and this will increase the work load for public works please do your part by disposing of trash properly”



The town staff wishes Nathaniel Andrews who is fondly known as “Butch” a speedy recovery. He has worked for the town over 25 years and is currently out on medical leave. As a result the department is operating with 2 full time employees and 1 part time employee and ask that you have patience because they are short staffed.

Welcome Steve Pagley who was hired as the new Public Works Supervisor, this position was held by Alonza Davis who has retired but works as a part time contractor for the town. Steve has 22 years of experience and has supervised a staff of 52 at his previous employer the Town of Carolina Beach.

As the town grows the staff will also grow and new procedures and by laws will be incorporated to help the staff better serve the citizens. Because the summer days are hot the department has changed their work schedule 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Homecoming events

Thursday, July 8th

Block Party/Carnival from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
on the baseball field

Friday, July 9th

Carnival 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm on the baseball field

Oldies-Goodies Dance 10:00 pm to 2:00 am at
IB Station in Phoenix Community

Saturday, July 10th

Homecoming Parade 10:00 am
Festivities begin 11:30 am on ball field—There
will be a carnival, food, softball games, and entertainment

Sunset Cruise (boat ride) 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
\$25.00 include food and drinks
Boarding at 6:30 pm at the foot of Market & Water
(downtown Wilmington)

After Party at the IB Station 10:00 pm-2:00 am

Sunday, July 11th

Sunday Worship service (Church of Choice)

A Golden Moment 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at
Brunswick County Senior Center in Leland