Town of Angier

Town Talk

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Downtown Revitalization-Small Town Mainstreet

Have you noticed a difference in downtown Angier? In 2007, the Town was selected by the North Carolina Department of Commerce to be a participant in the Small Town Mainstreet Program. A committee was selected to oversee the design work for the landscape and streetscape of downtown Angier.

After several meetings since 2007, the committee requested that the Town Board approve a Façade Improvement Grant program whereby the Town will award a grant up to $2,000 for business owners to update and improve their building storefronts. There are several business owners who have taken advantage of this grant and have made tremendous improvements in their appearance downtown, so if you haven't been downtown in awhile, come on down and take a look at the transformation in progress! Growth of existing town businesses is necessary to prosper. If you'd like to receive more information about downtown revitalization, contact Town Manager Coley Price at 639-2071 and if you'd like to be a part of this transformation, join our meetings held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Town Hall Conference Room located at 55 North Broad Street West.

"Limitations live only in our minds. But, if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless"

Town Meeting Schedule

- **The Angier Town Board meets the 1st Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 28 North Raleigh Street.**
- **The Small Town Mainstreet Revitalization Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room located at 55 North Broad Street West. The public is encouraged to attend.**

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Friends,

The Town of Angier is moving forward with various projects related to downtown revitalization and improving the appearance of our Town., and I hope you have taken the time to notice over the past few months! The Town was recently featured on NBC 17 who filmed a segment on our downtown revitalization efforts. The film crew and reporter did a great job and we welcome them to come back to see our dream come alive over the next few months!

The Town has applied for a $200,000 matching grant through NCPARTF to do some additional improvements at Jack Marley Park. We plan to add a new gazebo, enhance the walking trail with exercise equipment, add swings and do some additional landscaping. I think you will all agree that since the renovations, the park is absolutely beautiful and all Town of Angier citizens seem to enjoy the facilities.

The new Angier Elementary School is on schedule for completion in August, 2009. The school is going to be a beautiful addition to the Town. Just a reminder that the Mega High School Reunion will be held May 1st, 2nd and May 3rd, 2009. This will be a reunion of those who attended Angier High School , Angier Middle School, and Angier Elementary School and should prove to be a great event. (Continued-next pg.)

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IF YOU ATTENDED ANGIER HIGH SCHOOL, ANGIER MIDDLE SCHOOL OR ANGIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THIS IS THE EVENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

MEGA HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
MAY 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD, 2009

CALL FOR MORE DETAILS

-919-665-6451

Letter from Mayor (continued)

Save the date of the Mega High School Reunion and watch the newspaper for details of events taking place during the weekend of the Mega Reunion! This should be a grand event for the entire Town of Angier! As the Governing Board and Staff begin working on the FY 2009-10 budget, you can be assured that we will be fiscally responsible in terms of spending your taxpayer dollars wisely. The Town is in good financial condition at this point and we continue to search for ways to conserve and use taxpayer dollars wisely while continuing to provide excellent service to the citizens. We realize that these are difficult economic times for many of you and wasteful spending will not be tolerated by those of us who are stewards of your taxpayer dollars. Should you have any special concerns or suggestions regarding anything under our control, please do not hesitate to call my office at 919-639-2071 and if I am not available at the time of your call, I will contact you as soon as possible. I'd also like to remind you that the Town Board holds a Public Forum section at the beginning of their monthly meeting.

You may address the Town Board regarding any concern, although the Town Board may not act on the matter at the meeting, your concern will be referred to the appropriate town official for further investigation.

As you know, YOUR vision, support and commitment to the Town of Angier will help us choose the best course of action for the Town's future. As difficult as these times are, we are hopeful that we will come out of this economic crisis stronger than ever.

With warm regards,

Mayor R.H. Ellington

Code Enforcement

Since hiring a full time Code Enforcement Officer in December, 2007, great strides have been taken to clean up the town of dilapidated buildings and other violations. Since December, 2007, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Hill has initiated 73 cases under the Minimum Housing and Condemnation laws. Fifty-Eight (58) cases have been closed and thirty-one (31) structures have been demolished. Also, a new roof has been placed on The House of Faith.

Police Department-Domestic Violence Information Assistance

In recent months, the North Carolina General Assembly has legislated to law enforcement more responsibility in reference to Domestic Violence. The statute states that a law enforcement officer must provide the victim of domestic violence information of how to get medical treatment, the possibility of monetary assistance with medical bills through the State of North Carolina . If you or someone you love is involved in a domestic violence situation, the Angier Police Department wants to ensure your safety and provide you with all information available to you for your medical and safety needs. You may call S.A.F.E. of Harnett County 24 hours a day Crisis Line-910-893-7233. The Angier Police Department is here to assist you in any way possible. We are located at 55 N. Broad St., Angier or you may call Harnett County Dispatch at 911 if an emergency or non-emergency 910-893-9111, and they will have an officer respond to your location or call you if a non-emergency. The office hours of the Police Department are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and you may call 919-639-2699during those hours.

Website Update

By the time you read this newsletter, the Town's new website will have been updated. This has been an extensive project and we are very happy with the results.

We will be working hard to keep the website updated with current and upcoming news, events and information, so please be patient with us while this project unfolds.

www.Angier.org

Library Update

The Angier Public Library hosted Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party on March 7, 2008. The event featured music by Stacy Clareman and door prizes.

The second annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Carnival, sponsored by the Angier Library and Friends of the Library, will be held on March 28th at Jack Marley Park. The event hours are from 12 noon until 2 p.m.. The Easter Bunny will stop by to bring 5,000 candy and toy-filled eggs and special eggs containing impressive prizes to children up to 12 years of age.

There will be a bounce house, a giant slide and a train for the children to enjoy. The Angier Friends of the Library will be selling concessions at this event. Hop on over and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny for only $2.00! For more information, call the Angier Public Library at 639-4413.

Library Hours: Monday , Wednesday and Friday-9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday– 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday-9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

The Easter Bunny will be hopping to the Angier Public Library on Saturday, March 28th! Call 639-4413 for more information!

Public Works Department

The Town of Angier has just entered into an agreement with Billings & Garrett for the upgrade of its Wastewater Treatment plant. The project includes converting the wastewater treatment plant into a pump station capable of pumping 2 million gallons a day. Harnett County will now treat all of Angier's wastewater. Construction should begin around March 16, 2009 and last approximately 270 days.

In the coming months, the Town of Angier will be paving streets around town as the Town's budget will determine.

Sewer Cleanouts

The seasons are changing and you will soon be mowing grass and working in your yards. Please be careful when you are mowing not to damage the sewer cleanout caps located in your yards. These are generally located near your water meters. They are usually 4" in diameter and are used for the maintenance on your sewer lines when you have a sewer line back-up. If these are damaged or broker, debris or excess water could enter the sewer mains and cause a blockage, thus resulting in a sewer spill which could be harmful to the environment. When excess water enters the sewer system during rainfall events or inflow and infiltration, the end result is that the Town has to treat more wastewater at its plants resulting in an increase in chemicals and electricity. This could have an effect on your sewer cost increasing due to the treatment of excess water. So, please help us maintain current costs and if you see a broken cleanout cap, replace it or call the Public Works Department and report it at 639-2071.

National Day of prayer

On Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 7:30 a.m., there will be a ceremony at Jack Marley Park in observance of National Day of Prayer. Please plan to join us as we join in the National Day of Prayer Task Force's mission to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in the seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family.

F.Y.I.

We're on the web!

www.angier.org

For up to date local government information, please bookmark our website address!

Town Hall Office Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. In case of emergency, call 910-893-9111 and a Public Works employee will be contacted.

Town offices will be closed in observance of Easter on Friday, April 10, 2009.

Please roll your garbage containers to the curb prior to the night before your scheduled pick-up.

Note that your container's handle MUST face your house and the lid MUST face the street when you place it out by the curb. If you have questions or if your garbage is not picked up on the scheduled day, please do not hesitate to contact Customer Service at 639-2071.

Planning Department

The Town of Angier is in the process of reviewing a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Draft, which once adopted by the Town Board, will replace the existing Zoning Ordinance. A UDO consists of combining all of the Town's Ordinances, such as Subdivision, Zoning, Flood Damage Prevention and Development and Specifications all into one document. This document will be more user friendly and will provide for better growth and development for the future of the Town.

Workshops are expected to begin regarding the UDO early in 2009 for the Angier Planning Board and Angier Board of Commissioners.

A public hearing will be held prior to adoption by the Angier Board of Commission-

Planning Board meeting schedule: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Angier Municipal Building.

Parks and Recreation

We had a good basketball season with 177 boys and girls participating. T-ball, baseball and softball registration is going on now until March 23, 2009. Practice will begin around April 1st and games are tentatively scheduled to start on May 4th, with opening day activities scheduled for May 9th. Angier Parks and Recreation is now operating out of their new offices located at 61 N. Raleigh Street (old EMS building) Please note: Registrations are only taken at the Town Hall located at 55 West Broad Street North. Pets are allowed at the park as long as they are on a leash and under control, with the exception of sporting events. If you bring your pet to a sporting event, you will be asked to leave. If you see someone damaging park property or behaving inappropriately, please contact law enforcement. Remember: this is your park; let's keep it clean and nice!

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