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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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The first six months of the Town's new Board was certainly busy and productive. While there were many initiatives passed, budgetary concerns were a priority. The 2011-2012 Budget required \$66K to be used from reserves to balance the Budget, as required by state law. Through scrutiny, discipline and hard work the Board did not have to use this reserve money; and, in addition, at the end of the fiscal year we had \$69K in surplus. This net savings of \$135K set the stage for a 2012-2013 Budget that retained quality services, included a 1-cent tax

cut and allowed for a 3% raise to our Town employees. Two of our Policemen received an additional 3% to bring them to the professional standard they deserve. The Budget hopefully will be a model for future Budgets with a more streamline and modern approach to governing.

One example will be in the Public Works area, where we will pursue outsourcing some of the tasks. Our desire is to give Buddy Dew more "boots on the ground" to help do some of the work he currently does. With additional help Buddy can

concentrate on duties targeted for the taxpayer and free him up from duties such as house-keeping of Town buildings. This approach will give Buddy needed help, make Public Works more efficient and ultimately save man hours.

I want to thank the Board of Commissioners, Town staff, and supporting Boards for their cooperation in this endeavor.

Congratulations to all concerned!

Dave Fowler

Board Initiatives in the last 6 Months

- Appointment of Tara Patterson to Commissioner
- Appointment of Boat Ramp Committee
- Renewal of Sound Bank Rental Contract for 13 Mths
- Appointment of new ILA Representatives
- Appointment of Technology Committee
- Proclamation to limit gill netting in Town waters
- Appointment of new Accountant and Auditor
- Approved Intern Latonya Jackson for Bldg Inspections office
- Approved new fence at Baptist Church
- Appointment of Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Approved addition to Western Carteret Library
- Increased fees for ordinance violations
- Negotiated a plan for a modernized website
- Approved bid for new computers for staff
- Approved re-organization of communication service plan for Town Hall offices
- Authorized Animal Planet Network to use our Boat Ramp for a TV production
- Approved Encore Pets for mobile spay/neuter clinic
- Participated in agreement with DOT to improve the intersection of Taylor Notion and Highway 58
- Negotiated reduction of speed limit on Highway 58 through Cape Carteret
- Retro-fitted Public Works truck for leaf pick-up
- Approved new roof for Town Hall building
- Approved funds to renovate Town Hall bathrooms
- Authorized new Boat Ramp signage advertising discounts to neighboring town residents
- Let bid to Johnson Environmental as consultant for hurricane debris clean-up
- Awarded bids for disaster clean-up
- Balanced 2012-13 budget without using reserves
- Saved \$135K out of 2011-12 budget
- Reduced tax rate 1-cent to 15.25 cents per \$100 valuation
- Hired Police Officer Bill McKinney
- Promoted Officer Buddy Mitchell to Sergeant
- Currently helping to facilitate Fresenius Dialysis Center to locate in Cape Carteret.

Board of Commissioners

Mayor Fowler, Administration
 Commissioner Seegers, Public Safety
 Commissioner King, Buildings & Building Inspector
 Commissioner Hunt, Finance & Budget Officer
 Commissioner Renna, Public Works
 Commissioner Patterson, Parks & Recreation

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Town Ordinance 91.02 states "it shall be unlawful for a person owning or having custody of any animal to willfully permit or allow the animal to run at large in the town; including the park areas of the town". This means that if the animal is not on your property, it is required to be on a leash.

Hardly a week goes by that the police department is not called because of a dog running loose in a neighborhood. When we respond to these calls, we make an effort to locate the dog's owner but sometimes that is not possible. We then have to call County Animal Control and have the dog picked up and taken to the shelter. While I, personally, don't like the idea of sending someone's pet to the shelter where it may or may not be claimed, it would bother me much more to later see that animal lying in the street after being hit by a car. Also, once a valid complaint has been filed with our department we have to take some type of action. We can't just ignore it and leave because we can't locate the owner or the owner is not home. Please make sure that your pets are either on a leash, within a fenced area of your yard or are under your watchful eye anytime they are outside.

Another complaint for which we frequently receive concerns is a pet being left in a parked vehicle at one of the shopping centers. In the heat we are experiencing this summer, the temperature inside a vehicle, even with windows cracked, can be deadly to an animal or child within minutes. Please keep this in mind and never leave your pet (or your child) in a vehicle even if you only plan to "run in and run out".

Chief Don Miller

Wildlife Resources
919-707-0010

To report any issues with animals such as foxes, alligators, and other wildlife.

**Most importantly:
 Do not try to capture, feed or otherwise interact with wild animals!!!**

**REMINDER:
 GOLF CARTS**

All Golf Carts not registered with the North Carolina DMV must be registered with the Town of Cape Carteret.

You are subject to receive a \$50 citation for violation of this town ordinance.

**NOTICE!!
 BOAT PASSES**

**FAILURE TO DISPLAY BOAT RAMP PASS
 WILL RESULT IN A \$50 FINE**



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TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET

102 Dolphin Street
 Cape Carteret, NC 28584
 Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM
 Phone: (252) 393-8483
 Fax: (252) 393-6799
 Email: admin@townofcapecarteret.com

WELCOME!

The Fairway Restaurant (under new management)

COMING SOON!

The Fuzzy Peach Frozen Yogurt Bar (Carteret Crossing Shopping Center)

Town Crier Staff

Staff: Annette Myers, Marti Cannon, Elaine Clifton, Lynn Harkless, Ingrid Hasting, Ingrid Herman, Bubba McLean & Annie McLean, Laura Hartman, Chief Miller, Sandy & Delight Mroz, Sandy Murray, Phyllis Nastasi, Barbara Sandlin, Myra Seegers, Mary Lou Smith, Pat Wilkins, Rose Ann & Darrel Dawson & Karen Zornes

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Mary Linda Spencer, Assistant Town Clerk

Town Hall will be closed on the following days:
Monday, September 3—Labor Day
Friday, November 9—In Observance of Veteran's Day
Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23—Thanksgiving
Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25—Christmas

<u>Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates</u>	
<u>Work Session</u>	<u>Regular Meeting</u>
	Meets at 7:00 PM
July 09	July 16
Aug 13	Aug 20
Sept 10	Sept 17
Oct 8	Oct 15
Nov 12	Nov 19
Dec 10	Dec 17

<u>Planning Board Meeting Dates</u>
Meets at 7:30 PM
Aug 7
Sept 4
Oct 2
Nov 6
Dec 4

**SPECIAL! EXTRA
 LEAF & YARD DEBRIS PICK-UP**

**MONDAY JULY 30
 TOWNWIDE**

PLEASE PUT OUT THE WEEK-END OF JUL 28-29

The next pick-up will be in October.

If yard debris is placed on the right-of-way any time other than the scheduled dates shown on page 4 of this newsletter, you will be fined \$50 per day until removed

Leaf and Yard Debris Pick Up Schedule

PUT OUT

OCT 13-14
JAN 12-13
APR 6-7
JUN 15-16

PICK UP by TOWN

OCT 15-19, 2012
JAN 14-18, 2013
APR 8-12, 2013
JUN 17-21, 2013

Leaves and limbs must be in separate piles or they will not be picked up.

Limbs cannot be larger than six feet long or six inches in diameter. No trees will be picked up. PLEASE DO NOT MIX MATERIALS IN THE YARD DEBRIS. We will not pick up trash, water or soda bottles, flower pots, etc..... If these items are in the yard debris pile, it will not be picked up and you may be subject to a \$50 fine.

If you lease or rent your property, it is your responsibility to notify your tenants of this schedule.

Anyone putting leaves or limbs out other than on the scheduled dates shall be charged a minimum fee of \$50.00. The property owner is responsible for this fee regardless of who occupies the premises.

Schedule: The maintenance crew will only pick up the debris on your street once. If you put it out after it has been picked up, a notice for you to remove it will be sent. PLEASE put the debris out the weekend before the pickup.

SUMMER HOURS:

Garbage Pick-up

May be picked up as
late as 9PM

**Must be
out by 7AM
Monday**

Spay/Neuter Pet Clinic CAPE CARTERET

SPAY 2 SAVE MOBILE CLINIC Monday, August 13, 2012

Must Call 252-622-2373
To set up appointment

Next to Ribeye's Steakhouse
104 Golfin Dolphin Drive

Fees:

Dog \$95

(add'l charge if over 60 lbs)

Female Cat \$75

Male Cat \$50

Feral Cat (Reduced Cost)

RECYCLE CALENDAR AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

**WE REGULARLY POST ON OUR TOWN WEBSITE
ALL ITEMS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE**

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