

Mayor Anthony Clemmons **PARTING WORDS**

My time as mayor is coming to a close. It is difficult to find the words that best describe how much I have enjoyed working every day to do the best job I could to make this town a great place to live, work and do business. This town and its residents will always hold a special place in my heart.

I thank everyone for providing me with a wealth of memorable moments over the course of my twenty-one years as both an elected and an appointed official. I am pleased that the town is in excellent financial shape. A personable and experienced new Town Administrator has joined the team. The idea for a community park is now a reality. The sewer project is complete. Town Hall Days, with their varied themes, have been so successful. Events such as the Christmas parade, car show and July 4th celebration have showcased to thousands of people all that the town has to offer.

Two years ago the size of the town grew with the annexation of those neighborhoods south of the Calabash River; from Bonaparte Retreat I to Landing II. I am pleased and thankful that a remarkable group of people, the Unified Incident Command Team, is in place and prepared to insure the safety of citizens in the event of a hurricane or emergency. I thank Town Hall staff for their support and dedication to duty. I extend special thanks to members of the Community Service Committee for their hard work. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve all of you. I wish everyone a very happy holiday, a Merry Christmas and I hope that you all will keep bright the *“Spirit of Calabash.”*



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VOLUNTEERISM IS BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE

If you are interested in politics, looking to give back to your community and want to work in a collaborative environment, calling Town Hall will get you all that plus a whole lot more. The Community Services Committee, Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning, Long Range Planning and the Damage Assessment Team all have vacancies. Bring your vision, energy, creativity and commitment to help make this town all that it can be.

2011 COMMUNITY SERVICE MEMBERS



*LEFT TO RIGHT: Judith Riley, Ruth Hubbel, Frances Clemmons, Carolyn Schreiber.
SECOND ROW: Commissioner Mary Knight and Daria Buccilli*

Volunteerism had its start during the early days of our country when colonists, fighting for survival, learned that working together was necessary to overcome obstacles. That lesson became ingrained in future generations. The tradition of volunteers fighting fires dates back to 1736 when Ben Franklin founded the first volunteer firehouse. The 1800's was a time of increased volunteerism activity: the YMCA and the YWCA were founded, and during the Civil War women spent countless hours sewing and preparing supplies for soldiers. The Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Lions Club and the predecessor to the United Way were all established in the early decades of the 20th century. By 1940 twenty-eight cities had volunteer bureaus. The efforts of thousands of volunteers during World War II helped meet the needs of soldiers both at home and abroad. With the aftermath of the war came a different focus: aiding the disadvantaged in America and overseas. The rich and textured history of volunteerism continued with the establishment of the Peace Corps and the declaration of the War on Poverty in 1964.

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Use the TOWN MAINTENANCE YARD at 619 Persimmon Rd. to drop off yard debris and electronic items for recycling.

Drop-off Hours & Days:

Mondays 8 AM–12:00; Wednesdays & Fridays 1 PM–4 PM

Do NOT put plastic bags, wooden landscape timbers, rubber/plastic edging, flower pots or lawn ornaments in the dumpster. Dumpsters are for resident use only; private contractors need to make other arrangements. Your vehicle needs a Town Decal in order to have access to the dumpsters.

Electronic Disposal: Computers, keyboards, monitors, televisions, radios, fax machines, copiers and telephones, to name a few related items, can be taken to the Town's Persimmon Road Maintenance Yard for disposal. As of July 1st., electronic items are no longer permitted in landfills (convenience sites will NOT take these items). ONLY the Bolivia landfill site will accept such items for recycling. There is no charge. That site is open Monday to Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Yard Debris Curbside Pickup continues to be very successful. Town Services personnel tour all town streets at the beginning of every month, picking up grass clippings, pine needles, leaves and limbs. Just bear in mind: put yard debris in CLEAR plastic bags and do not include vines, stumps, vine covered branches or tree limbs over 4 feet in length and/or diameter. Be sure to leave your yard debris curbside for collection during the first week of the month. If you miss the pick-up, kindly store the bags in a manner that is convenient for you and in a place so the bags and/or yard debris is not visible from the street.

Campfires and Outdoor Cooking Fires are permitted in town. Burning yard debris is not permitted. If you want a bonfire, call Town Hall for a permit.

Get a Town Decal at Town Hall so you can dispose of electronic items and yard debris at the Town Maintenance Yard and drop off recycling in the receptacles located in the Town Hall parking lot.

Newspapers and Cans along with glass and plastic, can be deposited for recycling in the large blue containers located in the Town Hall parking lot. Newspapers can be in brown (not plastic) bags. Rinse out aluminum cans, glass and plastic containers. **Not accepted:** any glass that is not a food/beverage container, aluminum foil (pie plates and related items), toys, cardboard, pizza boxes and Styrofoam.

The nearest county convenience center is located on Highway 904 in Sunset Beach. Their number is (910) 579-9932. They are open Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Fees may apply.

Yard Sale Anyone? Before setting up, come to Town Hall and get a permit. The fee is \$5. Residents can hold TWO per year. Two off-site directional signs are allowed. Yard sales can be conducted from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Sewer Questions or Problems? Call the Public Utilities Administration Field Operations at 910-253-2657. Dispatchers are available Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They direct calls to either the appropriate Public Utility person/department or another department if necessary. An after-hours caller can use the voice mail to obtain emergency numbers. You can email Public Utilities at util@brunscoco.net. For questions related to sewer assessment payments, call the Revenue Department at 910-253-2729. Public Utilities also has a Customer Service and Billing Department. That number is 910-253-2655. There are 3 options: #1 (Maintenance—call this number for such situations as a sewer leak or odor); #2 Administration and; #3 Customer Service and Billing. You can email Public Services Customer Service and Billing at utilitybilling@brunscoco.net. You can access more information on the county's website (www.brunswickcountync.gov) or by calling the main number (910-253-2000).

Volunteerism

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Fast forward to today and the 83.9 million adult volunteers who are helping to build stronger communities by lending a hand. The Community Service Committee will be the focus of this newsletter. Subsequent issues will showcase the Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, Long Range Planning, and the Emergency Management/Damage Assessment Team.

The Community Service Committee is a group of eager and energetic residents. With their bright smiles, they are always ready to help out at Town functions big or small. Members have prepared and served food for such events as Town Hall Day and assisted Town Hall staff with various projects. If you were down at the waterfront on July 4th you probably saw them providing information about the Town's Heritage Brick fundraising project for the community park as well as organizing and facilitating children's games. They are Santa's helpers during the Christmas tree lighting festivities. Whenever and wherever they are needed, no matter what the task, this group of volunteers demonstrates a wonderful sense of camaraderie and community. Thank you Community Service Committee members for helping to make the town a better place! If you see a need, don't wait around for someone else to make the difference – be that someone.

**Outgoing Commissioners
John Melahn, Forrest King and
Bill Dixon are lauded and
thanked for their hard work and
dedicated service to the residents
of the Town of Calabash.**

CALABASH COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE

The once overgrown lot at the corner of Persimmon Road and Traders Lane is beginning to take shape. Trees have been removed to make room for parking and recreational areas. Soon a pavilion/picnic shelter will be built. Come Spring residents will be able to play horseshoes, bocce ball and shuffleboard. The Mayor, commissioners and staff are working on selecting playground equipment. All the work, which is being funded with a 50-50 matching grant, must be completed by September of 2013.

The purchase of every **HERITAGE BRICK** is an opportunity to help the Town reach its matching fund goal. The personalized bricks will be prominently featured around a flagpole. Stop by Town Hall for more information about the bricks. We are happy to report that engraved bricks will soon be displayed in Sanborn Hall awaiting installation at the park.

The support received from numerous individuals (town residents as well as folks living outside town limits) and business owners is appreciated and their contributions will greatly assist in the completion of the park. A \$2000 donation made by the Calabash Elks Lodge #2679 is earmarked for playground equipment—another donation that is much appreciated.

The park would also benefit from such donations as a flag pole, flags and the services of a licensed plumber and electrician. Anyone interested in helping with these items and services, please call Town Hall.

New Town Administrator

Fair, honest, down to earth, a jack-of-all trades, that is how the Town's new administrator, Chuck Nance, describes himself. This family man of three, his children are Dylan, Lacy and Emma, along with his teacher wife Sheila, are from Rutherfordton, NC. His love of the outdoors includes hunting and camping. Chuck is already right at home surf fishing in Sunset Beach for red drum. While he has yet to catch one, he plans to keep on trying! He brings a wealth of experience, including land use planning, zoning, code enforcement and grant writing, to his new position. Chuck sees the job as an opportunity to get back to doing things he enjoys; working with government boards, citizens and problem solving. Stop by Town Hall to meet Chuck and swap fish stories!

Calabash Town Officials

Mayor Elect
 Mayor Pro Tem
 Commissioner Joseph "Jody" Nance
 Commissioner Elect
 Commissioner Elect
 Commissioner Elect

Board of Adjustment

Chairperson Vacant
 Regular Member Charles Daniels
 Regular Member J.W. Brown
 Regular Member Marty Keefe
 Regular ETJ Member Ken Drennan
 Alternate Member Bobby Lucas
 Alternate Member Patricia Lewellyn
 Alternate ETJ Member Vacant

Planning and Zoning Board

Chairperson Sonia Climer
 Vice Chairperson John Thomas
 Town Member Charles Daniels
 Town Member Emily DiStasio
 Town Member Joshua Truesdale
 Town Member Vacant
 ETJ Member Vacant

Town Hall Staff

Town Administrator Chuck Nance
 Town Clerk Kelley Southward
 Tax Collector/Accounting Carolyn Silvers
 Code Enforcement Official Stanley W. Dills
 Office/I.D. Assistant/LPO Barbra Bianco Hagan
 Town Services/Animal Control Bill Danford
 Town Services/Code Enforcement James McCartney
 Town Services James Morgan, Jr.
 Town Services Sid Silvers
 Town Services Corky Marshall

Town Hall Holiday Closings

November 11, 2011
 November 24 & 25, 2011
 December 23 & 26, 2011
 January 2, 2012
 April 6, 2012

WHEN CALLING TOWN HALL: (910) 579-6747

Ext. 1 Building/Inspections
 Ext. 2 Taxes
 Ext. 3 Fire Inspections
 Ext. 4 Customer Service/Animal Control
 Ext. 5 Town Clerk
 Ext. 6 Town Administrator
 Ext. 7 News/Events/Emergency Information

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Friday, December 2 is a date to circle on your calendar. Lights, food, music and Santa Claus will reign! There will be a parade with decorated golf carts and the West Brunswick High School Brass Ensemble. And in the spirit of the holiday, those in need will benefit greatly from your donations to such organizations as Comfort Socks (providing new socks to homeless shelters); Brunswick County Family Assistance (in need of food items and most especially new kids' clothing) and the Marine Corp League Toys for Tots.

Christmas In Calabash

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CALABASH COMMUNITY NEWS, HIGHLIGHTS & UPCOMING EVENTS