

# *The Calabash* *Navigator*

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SPRING/SUMMER 2010

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## *A Message from* **MAYOR ANTHONY CLEMMONS**

2010 is set to be another exciting and productive year for the Town of Calabash. I am pleased to update you on the status of a few projects. The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is moving toward completion and approval. The Calabash Wastewater Collection System Expansion is scheduled for completion by the end of the Summer or early Fall. If you have any issues or concerns related to the sewer project, please contact Town Hall. We are waiting to hear if the Town will be awarded matching grant funds for a park adjacent to the Town Hall. If the grant is approved, I anticipate matching funds to come from donations. The good news continues with my being able to report that as the work progresses on the 2010-2011 budget, we will continue to provide current services to our citizens without a need to raise taxes.

I am especially pleased to tell you that the Town and the Merchant Association will collaborate again in sponsoring a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Town Hall Day, to be held in July, will honor those early seafood restaurateurs who pioneered the making of the "Seafood Capital of the World." There will be dancing in the streets when the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Merchant Association's Seafood Festival and Car Show rolls into Town! Details regarding these events will be in the newspaper.

While we have been fortunate these past years not to have experienced any hurricanes, it bears remembering – BE PREPARED and EVACUATE EARLY.

Don't wait for a natural disaster to happen, prepare now! Hot on the heels of hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to November 30, making preparations for possible evacuation due to any unnatural or unusual event makes sense. Take time now to prepare yourself, your family and your pets.

Know where your important papers are located in the house and secure them in a watertight container or watertight re-sealable bag. Be sure to include, for example, identification, medical records, checkbook and insurance papers plus photos (or a video) of your property that can help with any insurance claims. Review your insurance policy to determine if you have adequate coverage. Know local and county evacuation routes. Ask about school and workplace emergency plans. Ask county/town officials about area shelters and locate alternative shelter for pets. Designate a place, in a hall closet, to keep a bag of clothes, extra batteries, radio, flashlight, bottled water, non-perishable food, candles/matches and other items essential for your family. Bear in mind that without power, ATM's will not be available to obtain cash. Assemble a first aid kit. Develop a "Family Emergency Communication Plan" in case family members are separated from one another during an emergency (a real possibility when adults are at work and children are at school).

Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 29<sup>th</sup>. Use that week to go on line at [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) to learn all you can to take action.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*2nd Annual Beautification Contest*  
*Town Hall Day*  
*2nd Annual Seafood Festival & Car Show*  
*July 4th Celebration*

## Information Worth Repeating!

### Recycling in Calabash

The large blue containers located along the fence toward the rear of the Town Hall parking lot are recycling receptacles. Town residents (your vehicle needs to sport a decal – the decal, obtainable at Town Hall, is free) who elect to recycle can drop off the following items: newspapers and inserts (untied – can be in BROWN PAPER BAGS ONLY-NO PLASTIC BAGS), aluminum cans (emptied and rinsed out), glass and plastic (all plastic #1 through #6-see bottom of container for the number-emptied, rinsed out and crushed). Waste Industries (253-4177) will not accept: any glass that is not a food/beverage container, aluminum foil (pie plates or related items), toys, cardboard, pizza boxes or Styrofoam.

Rigid plastic bottles such as milk jugs, shampoo bottles, dish washing liquid and soda bottles are no longer accepted in NC landfills. Please recycle these items.

### Inspections Department

Think about wind for a moment. We just experienced a very windy winter. With the advent of hurricane season, more wind could be on the way. Our town's proximity to the ocean means that if you are installing a shed, erecting a sign or building a house, you need to be aware of how stricter building codes may impact your project. Stricter building codes are not meant to create difficulties, but in reality, by carefully following those codes, insurance rates can be kept down. And that is something that benefits all of us.

For most work, including installation of a roof and possibly a water heater, a permit is required. If you are exploring the option of opening a business in town, stop by the Town Hall and request a packet of information and forms. The packet includes instructions regarding the scheduling of fire and zoning inspections, a Business Privilege Application and the two forms needed to apply for signage. Due to the special code provisions in this area, please ask if a permit is needed before beginning any type of work.

### ADDITIONAL RECYCLING SITES:

Seaside Convenient Site on Rt. 904 in Sunset Beach (open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Tuesday and Sunday) – 579-9932. Fees vary. Recycling is free. Brunswick County Landfill, Landfill Road, Bolivia – 253-8101, open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Branch-Brush-Leaf Pick Up Program

It seems that the curbside yard debris pick up program has been very successful! Many residents are taking advantage of the service. Town Service personnel want to thank those residents who have been following the directions – remember, use **CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS ONLY, BLACK BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. While the black bags have been removed, this practice will stop soon.** Also, **ONLY** grass clippings, pine needles and leaves will be collected (no plastic flower pots or other ornamental debris). Tree limbs, not over 4 feet in length or over 4 inches in diameter can also be left curbside. Please do not include – vines, tree stumps or vine-covered branches. This is a service for residents only; contractors providing tree and brush trimming and mowing services are responsible for the removal of all materials they cut. Residents can continue to utilize the Persimmon Road Town Yard Debris site. If you don't already have one – stop by the Town Hall to obtain a free decal for your vehicle. Remember – do not put any plastic bags into the dumpsters and do not leave any wooden landscape timbers, rubber or plastic edging, flower pots or lawn ornamentations.

**BURN PERMITS:** *According to State Statutes, as long as the Town offers a yard debris curbside service, burn permits WILL NOT BE ISSUED.*

**HELP!:** *To aid in stormwater drainage, either before or after a significant rain, rake leaves and other debris from catch basins and culverts in front of your house or driveway.*

**NOTICE:** *Beginning January 2011, new regulations regarding the disposal of PCs, laptops, monitors, keyboards and other computer components will take effect.*

## Thanks from the Calabash Volunteer EMS

When asked to contribute to the newsletter, Mr. Troy Thorup, the Calabash Volunteer EMS Board of Directors Secretary, provided the following: "The Calabash Volunteer EMS wants to thank the community and surrounding townships for their continued support. We have made a lot of positive changes in the past quarter including new Board members and we are looking into electing a new Chief. With a new direction and a new administra-

tive assistant, we are in better control of our financial future. We feel we have a great group of volunteer EMT's that work hard with little recognition for the service they provide to our community and our gratitude extends to them as well. A special thanks to the Calabash Elks Club for their donation. Our Thrift Store on Beach Drive continues to do well and we appreciate the support and donations of our customers."

### WANTED!

Enthusiastic, civic minded, curious, concerned, motivated and, energetic Town and ETJ residents to serve on the Board of Adjustment or the Planning and Zoning Board. If you can spare a few hours a month and are interested in learning more about what makes the Town tick, apply today to become a Board member! Submit a resume and/or a letter of interest to the Town Clerk.

### Beautification Month

If you have a green thumb and you love to garden, then get ready to be the next winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beautiful Yard Contest! May is Beautification Month and this year's contest has been expanded to include commercial sites. The contest is open to everyone-including ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) residents. Judging will be based on color, creativity and overall appeal. Call Town Hall for more details and to enter your yard!

## CALABASH TOWN OFFICIALS

#### **Board of Commissions**

Mayor	Anthony Clemmons
Mayor Pro-Tem	Forrest King
Commissioner	John Melahn
Commissioner	William "Bill" Dixon
Commissioner	Joseph "Jody" Nance
Commissioner	Mary Knight

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Chairperson	Sonia Climer
Regular Member	Charlie Daniels
Regular Member	Martin Keefe
Regular Member	J.W. Brown
Regular ETJ Member	Vacant
Alternate Member	Patricia Lewellyn
Alternate Member	Bobby Lewis

#### **Town Hall Holiday Closings**

May 31 (Memorial Day)  
 July 5 (July 4th)  
 September 6 (Labor Day)

#### **Planning and Zoning Board**

Chairperson	J.W. Brown
Vice Chairperson	W. Gary Cooper
Town Member	Alton Watts
Town Member	Martin Keefe
Town Member	John Thomas

#### **Town Hall Staff**

Town Administrator	Hiram Marziano, II
Town Clerk	Kelley Southward
Tax Collector	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	Sid Silvers
Town Services	James Morgan