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# Stedman Community Development Club NEWS

## Party in the Park

It is Time for Party in the Park

By: Ronald Prater

The 2018 Party in the Park will be held Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th this year. The Friday night show is bringing the band "Rivermist" from Fayetteville, NC. Rivermist is inviting all Cape Fear High School Alumni to join them for something special during their short break from the show. They are planning on taking an Alumni picture with a drone. They have also invited all alumni from Stedman High School and Armstrong High School to be in the picture.

Continuing into Saturday the event carries on as normal. We will have Arts and Craft Vendors setup from 10am-5pm Saturday along with live music, food and children's games throughout the park. Parking will be provided for a minimal fee at Camp Sandy Creek across from Stedman PH Church for the Saturday night show featuring "The Tams."

The headline bands will start playing at 7pm on Friday and Saturday night.

As always, we would like to thank all of our sponsors, the Town of Stedman and our volunteers who help make this event possible. If you are interested in helping plan, organize, work or sponsor Party in the Park, please email us at [stedmanhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:stedmanhistorical@gmail.com)

## PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

As we can all notice by the political advertising, it is election time again!

Tuesday, May 8th is the mid-term primary election, which will help determine which candidates will be on the November, 2018 General Election ballot.

There will be two ballots in the Stedman Precinct ... one for multi candidate Democrats and one for multi candidate Republicans. The ballots are not identical in terms of offices. If one Party has only one registered candidate for a particular office, then that office for that Party is not on the primary ballot. The one registered candidate is automatically on the November General Election ballot. Again, the purpose of the primary is to determine which candidate, of several within a Party, will be the Party's candidate in the November election.

Democrats: Ballot D002

Federal Offices: U. S. House of Representatives District 9; vote for one

**Dan McCready or Christian Cano**

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**Kirk DeViere or Clarence E. Donaldson**

County Offices: Clerk of Superior Court; vote for one

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County Offices: Sheriff; vote for one

**Jeff Marks or Ennis W. Wright or Denny Davis**

Republicans: Ballot R009

Federal Offices: U. S. House of Representatives District 9; vote for one

**Clarence W. Goins, Jr. or Mark Harris  
or Robert Pittenger**

County Offices: Sheriff; vote for one

**Carlton Sallie or Victor B. Starling or  
LaRue Windham or Charlie Baxley**

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## PRIMARY ELECTION NOTES

Just as a reminder, the Stedman polling place is the Stedman Community Building located at 335 First Street in Stedman.

Simple to write directions are:

\*if you are on Front Street, turn south on First Street just east of the Stedman Town Hall;

\*if you are on Clinton Road, turn south on Carol Street which is directly in front of Crumpler's Automotive, and then west (right in this case) on Jaycee Street which dead-ends at First Street;

\*if you are coming from Hillsboro Street, turn east on Front Street by the Park and then south (right in this case) on First Street past the Town Hall;

\*if you are coming north on Carol Street, turn west (left in this case) on Jaycee Street just after crossing the Sandy Creek Bridge.

There is a direction sign to the Stedman Community Building at the intersection of Carol Street and Jaycee Street.

The previous Mid-Term Primary election was held May 6, 2014. At that time there were 4,032 registered voters in the Stedman Precinct and 519 of us cast ballots, a voter turn-out of 12.87%. The total Cumberland County turn-out was 12.37%.

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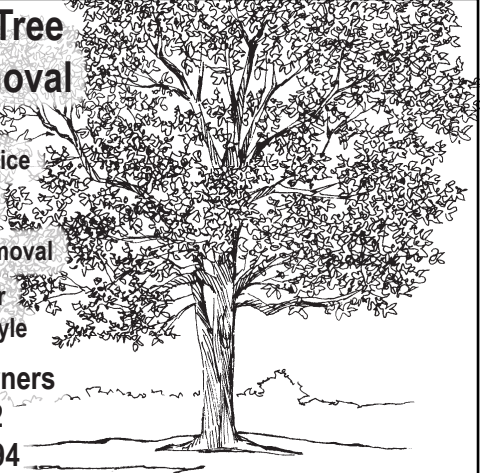
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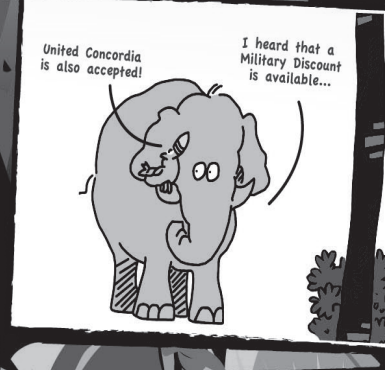
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## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

By: Kristen Prater

Hayes Chiropractic has a big announcement. They would like to welcome Hadley Mae Hayes to their family. Jared and Crystal welcomed their beautiful baby girl on March 30, 2018. She was 21 inches long and weighed 8 lbs 4 oz. Congratulations to the Hayes family!

Have you noticed the new sign at the gym in Stedman? On March 1, 2018 the existing Stedman Extreme Fitness Gym was purchased by co-owners Bryan Turcsanyi and Michael Autry. Not only has the name changed to Next Level Fitness & Tanning LLC, but there have been many changes inside as well. They have purchased new tanning beds and equipment! In addition to the changes are new and REDUCED monthly fees! They have fees for singles, couples, and families. They also offer monthly incentives for their members to have a chance to win free monthly memberships. The duo has big plans for the future of our local gym as well. They hope to have child care on certain days, personal trainer, and a women's only workout area. There are no contracts and fees involved, only monthly memberships. So, if you're ready to get started or continue your fitness journey, stop by and see what all they have to offer! They are conveniently located at 7630 Clinton Road, beside the Dollar General and across from Crumpler's Automotive.

We would like to welcome Ann Hester and Shutterbugs Photography back to the Stedman business community! Ann is a local photographer who has recently reopened her local photography business. After taking some time off, she is back and ready to meet with you for all your photography needs. She offers a variety of options to include pictures in her studio, located at 5056 Front Street, or on location. She specializes in pictures of your beauty queen, children, sports or even pets! You can contact Ann at 910-885-4918, or by email at shutterbugsncc@gmail.com. Her website is www.shutterbugsncc.shootproof.com.

While having my vehicle serviced recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Ken King. Not only did Mr. King take care of my vehicle, but also took the time to talk and play with our little Lula Mae. Mr. King talked to me about a nonprofit that he runs in addition to his job at Deacon Jones Automotive of Clinton. In June of 2012, Ken's 16-year-old son Jonah was in an accident involving a skateboard. He was not wearing a helmet. Due to the injuries, this young man lost his life. The family holds a helmet drive every year in hopes of spreading awareness about the importance of wearing helmets. They team up with "The Bicycle Man" in Fayetteville, who has been collecting, repairing and donating bicycles for over 20 years. The charity created by Moses Mathis has been carried on by his widow Ann Mathis. For more information on how you can help, please visit their website at www.jkkhelmetfoundation.com or by email at jkkhelmetfoundation@gmail.com.

Remember, if you have a local business, or a community announcement, you can always email me at kristenprater@icloud.com.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

*By: Bob Stocks, Stedman Police Chief*

Hello everyone. We finally have some warm weather. I'm seeing people out walking, running and riding bikes. All are great activities, but please be safe and be aware of your surroundings such as traffic. Bright colored, reflective clothing is highly recommended.

Recently on the Stedman Police face book page I talked about utility trailers being a popular target of thieves in the area. This is such a problem that I think it merits further discussion. In 2017, 378 vehicles were stolen in the Cumberland County area. Of that number, 122 were trailers. If you own a utility trailer, please take time to secure it. While nothing may be 100% effective, some things that help are locks on the hitch, chain or cable through the wheels and most of all, store the trailer out of sight if possible. Utility trailers are required to be registered with NC DMV and have a registration plate displayed on the trailer. If you do not have a plate on your trailer, please get one. Law enforcement officers in the area are stopping vehicles that are not displaying a plate on their trailer. The VIN number will be checked to make sure the trailer is not stolen. It's up to each officer if they issue a citation for not having a valid registration plate on the trailer.

If you travel Hillsboro Street in Stedman between Front Street and Clinton Road, this area is marked with double yellow lines indicating no passing. In the mornings and afternoons there is a lot of traffic in this area due to school traffic. Please use caution. If you are not dropping off or picking up children from the school, you may want to use Euclid Street to avoid school traffic.

And last but not least, I'm sure many of you have heard I will be leaving at the end of the school year (June 8, 2018). I have enjoyed working as your police officer the past three and one-half years. I have met a lot of wonderful people and established many new friendships. After 33 years as a law enforcement officer, it is time to do something new. I will especially miss seeing the children at Stedman Primary and Stedman Elementary schools. My involvement there has always been the highlight of my day. When I worked with NC Alcohol Law Enforcement, our philosophy was that "by protecting today's youth, we preserve tomorrow's future". I believed that to be true 33 years ago and I still believe it's true today. It has been an honor to have had a small part in that.

I was raised on a farm in eastern North Carolina and was involved in farming until 1985. When I retired from ALE, my uncle stood up at my retirement luncheon and told everyone that I would be coming to help him on the farm and I would not be getting paid. So far, he's held true to that, but that's ok. Farming and agriculture in general has always been a passion of mine. I will start my new career on June 11, 2018 with Cumberland Tractor - Kubota of Fayetteville. I am very excited about this new opportunity. If I can be of assistance to you please let me know.

## TOWN OF STEDMAN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

David E. Maxwell, Jr., CPA, CGMA and Vice President of McFadyen & Sumner, CPAs PA presented the Annual Financial Audit of the Town of Stedman's Fiscal Year 2017 Finances at the Board of Commissioner's Meeting, Thursday evening April 5th. Normally this audit report is made at the November or December meeting, but personnel changes in the Town's administration delayed this one. Fiscal Year 2017 ended June 30, 2017.

### Cash Balances:

There were increases in both categories of cash ... savings went from \$816,531 in FY2016 to \$820,344 and checking the account balance increased from \$314,643 to \$372,274. The total increase was \$61,444 to a total of \$1,192,444.

### Revenue Sources:

Total Revenue was \$1,161,000 (rounded) and (again, rounded) 28% came from property taxes, 23% came from sewer charges, 19% came from water sales, 19% came from sales taxes, 6% came from service taxes, 3% was Powell Bill for streets, 2% came from fees, and there was interest and other revenue.

### Expenses and Reasons:

Total Expenses were \$1,134,000 (rounded) and (rounded) they were 41% water and sewer related, 25% public safety (17% policing and 8% fire), 13% general government, 11% transportation/streets, 6% debt service, 3% sanitation and 1% was spent on cultural and recreational issues.

### Debt:

Debt at the end of the fiscal year was \$723,300, down from \$742,100 at the end of the 2016FY.

Mr. Maxwell stated that he and the McFadyen & Sumner staff appreciated the professionalism and cooperation they receive from the Town employees.

## BETHANY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

*by Martha Tyler*

The Bethany Historical Society will again be a vendor at Party in the Park in Stedman on Saturday, May 19th.

We will be selling our "World Famous" BBQ sauce, our Cookbooks featuring over 400 local recipes and will be raffling off a 50 lb. meat bundle from Kinlaw's for \$1.00 per ticket or 12 tickets for \$10 or 25 tickets for \$20.

We look forward to this event every year and hope to see you there this year!

We are a non-profit organization with the goal of preserving our past for everyone to see or hear about. We welcome new members and we meet each month on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bethany Historical Society building (formerly Bethany Community Building) at 2105 Wade Stedman Road.

**Make change happen,  
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## SOME TROUBLING STATISTICS AND A DISCUSSION WITH BOB STOCKS

By: J. W. Hall, Jr. SCDC President

When I read Bob Stocks article submission for this edition, I contacted him to express my appreciation for his service to the Town of Stedman and to wish him success in his new profession.

Our conversation expanded in two directions:

First, Bob shared with me that he is being asked by many Town Citizens about who forced him to resign, and why. He noted that the answer to the question is that no one forced him to do so ... but the existence of the question is a sad symptom of one of the reasons he did resign. He declined to be more specific with me.

The other direction our conversation went is his concern about where our country is going in Police relations with the public in general. He recommended I read an ABC News article and I did ... and more about it below. Since that conversation, Harnett County North Carolina Sheriff's Deputy James Eric Cook was shot and badly injured and two Gilchrist County, Florida deputies died after someone walked up the restaurant where they were having lunch and shot both deputies through the window.

Regarding the professional news article:

On Saturday, March 31st, ABC News published an article written by Emily Shapiro about Police Officer deaths as of March 30 in calendar year 2018. The article is much too long to be included in this newsletter and we encourage you to read the full article which is on line at: <http://abc11.com/3286056/>

The statics and some selected comments and observations presented by Ms. Shapiro in the ABC News article are: \*159 on-duty officers were killed in the country in 2016, according to statistics kept by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

\*Officers die in traffic-related incidents more than any other situation, this year, the deaths of officers by guns has climbed to a "troubling" number.

\*From Jan. 1 to March 30, 2017, 10 on-duty officers were shot dead.

\*From Jan. 1 to March 30 of this year, 20 on-duty officers were shot dead.

"I do worry about these firearm-related deaths," Steve Groeninger, senior director of communications and marketing at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, told ABC News. "It's troubling."

"It's too soon to know if it's a trend," Groeninger added. "As [the second quarter] plays out and we receive data forms from departments who lost an officer this year, we'll be able to better assess and quantify."

\*In 2017, 46 on-duty officers were killed by guns, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The year before, it was 67, and in 2015, it was 43.

\*If this year's pattern continues at its current rate, 2018 could see 80 on-duty police deaths from gun violence.

"This has been the deadliest year for law enforcement in many, many years [so far]," said former Dallas police chief and ABC News contributor David Brown. While the trend appears to be on the rise this year, Brown said, he added that overall it hasn't reached the peaks of the 1970s, '80s and '90s.

Officers in small towns are just at risk as officers in cities, Brown said. A police officer in urban Pomona, California, and an officer in rural Clinton, Missouri, were both shot dead this month.

An especially a big fear now is police ambushes, which Brown said are increasing. The uptick has led to more officers being told to wait for cover and not quickly rush in as often when responding to crisis calls, he said.

"One of the most concerning things is not a lot of people are wanting to be police officers" due to police criticism and heightened dangers, Brown said."

Jonathan Thompson, executive director of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), said that five years ago, there were 100 applicants for every vacancy. Today, that number is down to the low 60s, he said.

\*According to The Washington Post's database cataloging fatal police-involved shootings, 264 people have been shot and killed by police so far this year. In 2017, 987 people were fatally shot by police, and as of last week, there have been four fewer shootings this year than at the same time last year.

The total societal situation in our country with all these deaths is troubling. Please consider reading the entire article.

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2. Periodic fundraisers to provide money for building improvements; in 2011 we completed a \$40,000.00 renovation project that was made possible by these fundraisers. We are presently working on a new "to do" list.
3. Our "clients" taking very good care of the building and grounds and leaving it ready for the next clients to use ... perhaps, even in better condition than they found it.

The Community Building is equipped with a full kitchen, 2,100 square feet of open central room, tables and chairs, handicap rated parking and toilet facilities, dimmable ceiling lights and abundant heating and air conditioning for your comfort.

Our Fees: \$100.00 Refundable Deposit to hold the building, and if necessary, to repair any damages we note when you return the key. The deposit is due at the time we reserve the building for you.

\$150.00 per day for the use of the building which is payable when you pick-up the key.

There is a special rate for a consecutive Friday and Saturday rental ... \$225.00.

The day is defined as mid-night to mid-night ... 24 hours.

It is essential that you understand that you are responsible for the building and for the behavior of your guests while they are on the SCDC property. Our goal is to work with our clients fairly and for them to treat the SCDC and the Community Building fairly, and that certainly includes accepting responsibility for any damages done to the building, the facilities, equipment and grounds during the time they're using it.

We wish to have very few rules, but some are necessary. Please consider these actions as prohibited:

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We are exploring means to post the rental calendar on-line, but in the mean-time, please contact Jess Hall at 910 584 3131 to check for availability.

Thank You!

## SCDC NEWS ADVERTISING

Information we think you should have if you are considering advertising in this publication:

There are 6 editions each year ... in the mail as early as we can get it ready in the odd numbered months: January, March, May, July, September and November ... We need your decision by the 15th (generally) of the preceding even numbered month ... an example of when we need it earlier is our November December 2018 edition when we want to provide election materials reasonably in advance of the election.

We mail to approximately 3,300 zip code 28391 addresses and the Autryville route which covers the Concord Church, Ava Road area, south and east of Stedman.

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## GO EAST “YOUNG MAN”

*By: J. W. Hall, Jr. SCDC President*

Several years ago, we started asking you to be Resolved to support your local Stedman businesses especially after the new highway 24 by-pass was established. We wish to thank all of you who have done so, and, to encourage you to concentrate as much business in the Town of Stedman as you can. It is important to Stedman!

We also asked you to consider whether, after the new highway opens, if it is time efficient for you to continue driving to the west and to the north of Fayetteville to “shop” vs. going east to Clinton.

It is approaching time to do your analysis. The Highway 24 loop around the north side of Roseboro will be open by the time you read this. Not completely open, but one lane in both directions will be, so you will be able to gage the time efficiency of going to Clinton.

But, I do have a concern about the potential consequences of this request. What is that expression “Be careful what you wish for”? Roseboro seems to be rebuilding its business base and restaurants appear to me to be a factor in the process. Railroad Street Steakhouse (which advertises in this publication), El Cazador Mexican Restaurant, Uncle Vinny’s Pizza are full service evening meal restaurants comparable to many in much larger population areas and I wish them success and profitable growth. If you have discovered them and patronize them, or other restaurants there, please continue to do so, and bring your friends and relatives with you. James Trading Company in Roseboro (which has also advertised in this publication) is more than a

hardware store and even more convenient now with the new highway partially open. So, consider that Roseboro is even more time efficient to reach than it has been. However, if Lowe’s, or Belk’s, or Walmart or other large-scale shopping is your mission, consider going farther east to Clinton ... and, decide if it is more efficient for you to do so than going west to Fayetteville.

And while you’re there, evaluate which businesses you wish had a location here in the Stedman Community, and let us know who they are. We will invite them to consider a location here!

## MORE LOCAL BRIDGE WORK

*from: Ronald Gentry*

I received the following from an employee of NC DoT Division 6, Bridge Maintenance: “Per our discussion, the Department currently has 2 upcoming projects in the Autryville area on Hollow Bridge Road. Bridge #42 will be let in July and Bridge #45 will be let in August of 2016 both with a 3 year completion time frame. Attached are maps of the locations, Let dates, and completion dates. The completion dates, as I explained, are open for the 3 year period after letting, and the Design Build group will be able to begin work at any time during the 3 year period.

Also located on the maps are Bridges #144, #43, & #44. Currently Bridge #144 has a construction date of 2024, and routine maintenance in the immediate future. Bridges #43 & #44 are not under any contract or future contract at this time. As with Bridge #144, these bridges will receive routine maintenance in the future.”

We know how disruptive the recent Carol Street Bridge over the Sandy Creek construction process was, and there is more to come.

### Editor’s Notes:

We can not print the maps, but their locations are below: Bridge #42 is located on Hollow Bridge Road between highway 210 on the south and the intersection with Beaver Dam Road on the north;

Bridge #43 and Bridge #44 are located on Hollow Bridge Road over the Sandy Creek area, just south of Bridge #45; Bridge #45 is located on Hollow Bridge Road directly over the South River channel;

Bridge #144 is located on Autryville’s West Williams Street (old highway 24) over the South River channel.

The work on Bridges #42 and #45 was contracted in 2016 to Smith / Rowe & Company of Mt. Airy, N. C., with 3 years allowed for the work to be completed. The work at the two bridge sites has not yet begun.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer in the Stedman Community is held at the Stedman Community Building. The Day begins at 12:01 AM Thursday,, May 3rd and continues for 24 hours, ending at mid-night.

There is also a prayer service at the Ernest Freeman Park which begins at 12:00 noon on Thursday.

All citizens of the Stedman Community and visitors are invited to participate.



## SOME FEED-BACK FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS

By: J. W. Hall, Jr. SCDC President

Regarding a Community Wide TNR ... Trap, Neuter and Release ... program for cats; we heard from one person who lives in the Bethany Crossroads area. She is quite willing to support such a program and to actively participate in it. But ... surely there are others of you also. Please let us hear from you and we will coordinate a first meeting. We have also received some information about local TNR support assistance that is available, including from some veterinarians.

Regarding businesses you would like to see and to support in the Stedman Community ... several people mentioned to me restaurants that they would like to see establish in the community but no other type of business has been mentioned. The restaurants mentioned were Chick-Fil-A and Texas Roadhouse Steakhouse.

Is it possible that we are willing to drive a longer distance to shop for "items" and also to shop for these items on-line, but we want our eating experiences to be closer? Sounds logical, but several versions of a full-service dinner restaurant at the Cape Fear River landing on Person Street did not succeed.

Please comment ... talk to me ... write to me ... we will share the substance of what you say and protect your identity if you wish ... but we do seek an open community wide discussion.

We have asked if local business owners have an interest in forming a Stedman Chamber of Commerce type function but have received no calls of interest. The SCDC will be pleased to host such a program in its formation.

We did not hear from anyone regarding community garden programs or projects and the middle of May is not too late to get one started ... we just need the volunteers and the interested people.

By-the-way, we are working with Craig Watkins to get more responsive SCDC News communications processes started. If you Facebook users want to get a thread going about TNR or about local business needs, or any of these topics we will follow them and share substance via this newsletter.

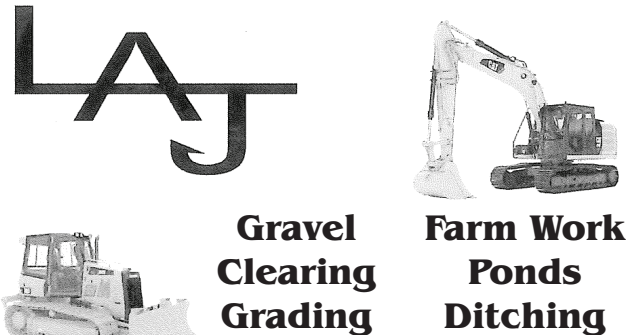
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## STEDMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Notes from the March and April Board meetings are: Finances for FY2018 ... July 2017 through the end of March, 2018:

Revenue has been \$269,350 rounded. The primary sources are Cumberland County taxes collected and disbursed (\$147,400 rounded), Town of Stedman taxes collected (\$67,800 rounded) and the Special Fire Tax (\$52,100 rounded).

Expenses for the Fiscal Year to date total \$220,050 rounded, with the largest expense categories being salaries, insurance and the truck (fire engine) payment.

The department presently has a \$49,300 rounded surplus for the year, but we must understand that the revenue stream is entering the very slow part of the year, and base expenses will continue. Chief Nobles and the Department have a goal to increase to the Department's savings account at the end of the year.

Operational Details Mentioned: The new 5-ton off-road capable Truck has made its first fire call and it operated well ... accessing a truck fire in woods where the other highway style Trucks could not safely go.

A new recruitment program is underway, and two new volunteers have joined.

The ballistic vests and helmets are officially in service, as is the newly acquired Chief's car.

The UTC (utility task vehicle) has been received, and the Fire Fighters and a donor have paid the nearly \$1,500 expense of adding necessary lights to allow it to enter service.

The Department cleared \$7,100 on its recent BBQ meal fund-raiser and bake sale.

South River EMC has donated \$5,300 to the Department which will be used to purchase two sets of turn-out gear and 15 sections of additional fire hose.

Fire Fighters are organizing fund-raising activities; additional refrigeration to support ice sales and a Yeti Cooler raffle.

Fire Fighters assisted in pine straw spreading at the Stedman Primary School and in the Opening Day Baseball parade event on Clinton Road. And, Chief Nobles participated in the Readers are Leaders program at the Primary School. The Brush Fire Truck has a newly installed Pump Motor. The Department is working with the Eastover VFD to purchase Turn-Out gear in sufficient volume to gain a discount.

Other Notes are:

The Board approved the expense budget submission to Cumberland County prepared by Chief Nobles. The submission is well over what the Department expects to be provided, but it does accurately reflect the Department's financial needs.

The Town of Stedman has a surplus automobile that is newer and has less usage than the recently acquired Chief's Car, and discussions are being held about that car being made available to the Department.

Stoney Point V F D has offered the Department an operational 1,000 gallon water capacity 5-ton Off Road Truck for \$10,000 ... less than the cost of the equipment on the truck. The Fire Fighters believe it has so much potential value that they will use their funds to purchase it, but it will add to operational expenses for the Department. The decision was to acquire the Truck.

Substantial Discussion focused on the Department's Building needs.

A summary of these discussions is:

The Department is in need of additional inside vehicle storage capability, especially for water tank vehicles, and this capability needs to be established before hard winter returns;

\*The existing Department Station has a useful life as a Station of at least another 10 years and the Station grounds can accommodate additional vehicle storage;

\*The Department is financially capable of adding vehicle storage, but not of funding a new Station;

\*The Department has two collateral options to secure financing; the existing Station and land and the property on Gum Tree Lane, and there is at least one Bank interested in providing the funding;

\*The need and use potential for a new building goes well beyond vehicle storage, as was learned during the Hurricane Matthew experience;

\*The ideal situation is to build the new vehicle storage building behind the existing building, with road type access around both sides of the existing Station;

\*Analysis indicates that a structure measuring 71 feet by 40 feet will provide the space needed and room for additional storage / usage, and that such a basic building, set on the proper depth of foundation and flooring concrete, and with the needed doors can be built for \$87,000;

\*Additional costs will include the drive way foundation and surface, the electrical wiring, the HVAC system, plumbing infrastructure and other, likely resulting in a total cost that could reach \$115,000;

\*The building will also have operating expense implications;

\*The Board agreed that the decision time is short, that some more details need to be defined, but action assignments were made to get the project started.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is May 15th.



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## STEDMAN RECREATION CENTER ACTIVITIES

By: John Rea

### COOL KIDS COOK!

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### YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Attention Middle or High School Students....are you looking for volunteer hours for school. Are you interested in building your resume? The Stedman Recreation Center has volunteer hours for you. We are always looking for volunteers for special events and/or programs around the center. All between the ages of 14-17 are encouraged to contact the center for additional details! 14-17 yrs.; Free

### CAPE FEAR REGIONAL SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

We will be partnering with Cape Fear High School to host several sports camps throughout the summer. Don't miss out on a great opportunity! Stop by or call the recreation center for more details.

### JEWELRY CLUB

Aspiring young designers will love this class! Kids will join us in creating a variety of jewelry including necklaces, bracelets, and earrings! Participants will then get to take their entire newly made jewelry home to keep. Pre-registration is required one week in advance.

5-12yrs; Fri.; May 18, July 27; 6-8 pm; \$10/child

### CHEER & TUMBLE CLASS

Cheerleading promotes coordination, fitness and confidence. Learn all you need to know to prepare for middle school and high school cheerleading. This class will concentrate on cheer, motion technique, dance, jumps, tumbling and stunts.

4-12 yrs; Mon.; 6-7 pm; \$25/month

### SENIOR FITNESS

Are you above the age of 55 and looking to get healthy? The Stedman Recreation center will be offering a FREE workout class twice a week to help you achieve your fitness goals. We will be showing a variety of senior workout videos that you can follow along with!

55+; Tues. and Thurs.; 1 pm; Free

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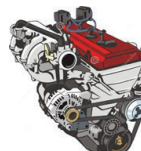
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## THE STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

The Stedman Board of Commissioners (BoC) met Thursday evening, March 1st and notes taken from the Approved Minutes prepared by Christy Horne are: Stedman Historical Promotions' member Jane Horne presented information showing 2017 past expenses and 2018 proposed budget for the Party in the Park. She is requesting a \$2000 donation from the Town to help support the 2018 Party in the Park scheduled to be held in May. The BoC approved the requested funds.

Stedman Athletic Club President Louis Wood spoke regarding a previous meeting of the club. He stated that he reviewed areas of concern with James Parker of the Cumberland County Parks and Rec department. Parks and Rec employees have worked on repairing the fields and walking trails and areas of safety issues. The Stedman Athletic Club is actively raising money to improve conditions in the ballfields of Stedman and the Stedman Parks and Recreation department, but he is unsure of what the Club is legally able to do. He is requesting guidance from the Mayor and the BoCs.

Town Attorney Tim Smith apologized for not having a draft policy for street acceptance ready for review. Mayor Jones stated that Samantha Grossman from Little & Young representing the Long Branch subdivision has been making inquiries and he feels it is important for the Town to have an official written policy concerning street acceptance. The Attorney will work on a policy for the Board to review which will include the manner in which subdivisions petition the Town for acceptance.

Commissioner George spoke regarding the status of the Engineering RFQ's that were sent out. The Town has received 4 responses that need to be reviewed. There was discussion as to the locations with drainage issues that should take precedence within the Town. The Board voted unanimously to address the drainage issues along Euclid, and Front Streets as these have the greatest need and impact within the Town. An engineering firm will be selected from those gathered and estimates of costs associated with the above drainage issues collected in order to determine the scope of the project or projects.

Commissioner George spoke regarding the current roadway policy that exists in the Town. Stedman does have a Subdivision policy on the books that states that the streets must adhere to DOT standards. Attorney Tim Smith reiterated that there needs to be a clear policy that every street abides by these standards as well as having a written procedure in which streets are presented for acceptance by the Town. There was discussion and questions about the DOT standards for different types of roads and subdivisions. All of this should be addressed in the policy being drafted by the Town Attorney.

Commissioner George and Mayor Jones spoke regarding the status of the Carol Street waterline update related to the bridge repairs. PWC has begun working to replace and relocate a 2" water main that was disturbed by DOT during the Carol Street bridge repairs. This is an improvement that should alleviate any future disruptions in water service that arise due to repairs or maintenance.

The Town's Water Shortage Response Plan is due to be reviewed and updated for 2018. The BoC approved the current plan with no changes.

New Town emails have been set up for the Mayor and individual Commissioners.

Chief Stocks reported on the status of speed bumps.

Several sets of speed bumps have been located in the Town Shop. Windwood Drive, Azelia and Raspberry are the areas of the most speeding complaints.

Discussion among Justin Nobles (SVFD Fire Chief), Doug Nunnery and Chief Stocks will determine the best locations to install the speed bumps. The Board approved needed expenditures.

Chief Stocks reported that there was a Code Red Drill at Stedman Primary School and included the Fire Department in the drill. There will also be a Code Red Drill at the Elementary School on Friday (March 2) at 9:00AM. They did discover issues with locks on some doors that need to be addressed. Commissioner Mosley had questions regarding local daycares. They do not participate in Code Reds since they are not schools, but Chief Stocks does have diagrams of these areas and has been over policies and walked the premises with those that are interested. The Chief also stated that he has contacted Frank West regarding City Limit signs that are still missing in areas of Stedman after completion of the Highway 24 road project.

The Chief reported 84 events for the month of February that include domestic violence, shoplifting and other crimes. Mayor Jones reported on the status of the Town 2016 - 2017 Audit. David Maxwell reports the audit has been submitted to the State for approval and he will be here in April to report on the Audit findings.

The Mayor reported on the status of the Town Hall building. In the process of replacing windows in the building due to water damage, extensive termite damage has been discovered in the building and will need to be repaired. Commissioner Mosley noted Cumberland County Parks and Rec considers Ernest Freeman Town Park maintenance to be the Town's responsibility, but Parks and Rec will deliver needed mulch to the Park.



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Commissioner Pirro is looking into the possibility of grant money from Walmart Corporation for needed items for the Park and will report as information is available.

The Stedman Board of Commissioners met in Special Session Monday, March 12. The following notes are taken from the approved minutes of that meeting as prepared by Christy Horne.

This special meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners was held to discuss the following two items: Consider the Results of the Town of Stedman Feedback Survey - The results of the Town feedback survey regarding possible Cumberland County Parks and Recreation budget items was discussed and prioritized. Everyone felt there was a good response to the survey and the top 8 requested options were ranked according to preference.

Consider Cumberland County Parks and Recreation FY19 Budget Items - There was conversation concerning a letter that was sent to the Mayor from Tracy Jackson who is the Assistant County Manager for Cumberland County. They are requesting the Town of Stedman submit a list of proposed Parks and Recreation projects to be considered for the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. This list should include a brief project description, a cost estimate for the project and a priority level ranking from high to low. The proposed budget request should also have board approval prior to submittal. Using information gathered from the Town feedback survey, the Stedman Athletic Association and other sources, the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners devised the following list of projects to submit to the office of the County Manager for consideration and approval.

The list, anticipated cost and the priority rating score (1 through 5) are:

New Concession Stand with Detached Restrooms  
\$150,000 #1

New Playground / Playground Equipment  
\$25,000 #2

Picnic Tables & Benches Around Rec Center  
and Ball Fields  
\$15,000 #2

Walking Trail Resurfaced  
\$25,000 #1

New Gym Equipment (wrestling mats, rolling cart  
for gym equipment, new volleyball poles &  
nets, score board)  
\$40,000 #2

Walkway with Handicap / Rescue Accessibility  
\$100,000 #1

The total value of these projects is \$355,000.00.

The Stedman Board of Commissioners (BoC) met Thursday evening, April 5th and notes taken from the Draft Minutes prepared by Christy Horne are:

The Town received 4 submittals from Engineering Firms. The Mayor, Commissioner George and the Town Clerk examined all 4 of the qualification packets and ranked them based on numerous factors including experience, project understanding, personnel qualifications, location and cost control measures. Their consensus was to recommend that the Town go with Fleming and Associates for an estimate on future Town drainage projects and the BoC approved their recommendation.

David Maxwell from McFayden & Sumner presented the 2016-2017 Annual Fiscal Year Audit Report to the Board and a separate article in this edition details his presentation. The Town received a request from the Cumberland County planning staff to consider maintaining sidewalks for a

proposed development which is located outside the Town limits but within the Stedman MIA (municipal influence area). The Board did not vote to accept the sidewalk maintenance for this development.

The Town Clerk reported that there have been some minor disruptions in payment processes due to the office having to shut down for building construction. She also reiterated to the Board the need for pictures for the Town website and to check their Town email for the test emails she sent out. Also, would like to give a praise to Doug Nunnery the Maintenance Supervisor for his dedication and efficiency in doing his job to the best of his ability. The Town had a water main break on the Thursday before the Easter holiday weekend that impacted much of the Town late in the afternoon and Mr. Nunnery was quick to assess the situation and call PWC to address the issue and get water back to those affected. Mr. Nunnery continues to go above and beyond and takes great pride in his work.

Chief Stocks reported on the status of the speed bumps. They are ready to be installed on Windwood and are waiting for the notice signs that have been ordered. The signs should be delivered next week. There were 88 calls for the month which included the breaking and entering at an apartment on Clinton Road. This incident was 3 teens who were all apprehended thanks in part to a neighbor who called in the incident and reported to police information on the location of those involved. On March 19, Chief Stocks participated in training at the Cumberland County Sheriff's office on the National Incident Based Reporting System which all law enforcement must be proficient on by January 1, 2019. This change impacts the way crimes are reported and should make reporting more uniform on a national level. Lastly, on March 20 he was visited by Lt. John Legette from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and told he would have to start investigating misdemeanor larcenies in the Town. The Town does not have the resources or manpower to investigate crimes.

SVFD Chief Nobles reported 107 calls during the January/February period. He advised people to not leave any fires unattended since this can be a hazard and the Fire Department will put out any unattended fires. Chief Nobles thanked the Town for supporting their bar-b-que fundraiser and they made around \$7,100. He also reminded everyone that the T-Ball parade will be on April 14 at 8:30AM and will begin at the Stedman Baptist Church and end at the Recreation Center.

Mayor Jones discussed the water main break that impacted the Rosewood subdivision and other areas of the Town the Thursday before the Easter holiday. It was resolved by PWC around 4 – 5 hours later. We appreciate their quick response. The Mayor also advised everyone concerning the ongoing construction with the Town Hall building. We hope to have all the construction completed shortly. Attorney, Tim Smith has drafted a policy concerning road acceptance, conditions and maintenance for the Board to approve and or revise during the May meeting. The Mayor stated there has been further contact with Long Branch subdivision regarding the Town accepting their streets for maintenance and having a policy in place should help resolve this matter.

Commissioner George questioned the Attorney regarding the status of the interlocal agreement with the County. Attorney, Tim Smith stated he hopes to have the draft signed by the County Attorney by the May meeting.

Commissioner George stated that PWC has completed all work on the Carol Street water main at this time. Commissioner Mosley thanked the staff and Doug Nunnery for getting the mulch that was needed in the Town park delivered and put out.

## CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3rd

Cinco de Mayo is Saturday, May 5th

Mother's day is Sunday, May 13th

Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 19th

Memorial Day is Monday, May 28th

Flag Day is Thursday, June 14th

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17th

Sandy Creek (Stedman P H Church) Fireworks,  
Sunday, June 24

## MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

Every Sunday afternoon Bethany VFD Station,  
Cub Scout Pack 710 meets

Every Monday evening at Cokesbury  
Boy Scouts meet at 7:00 PM

Every Tuesday evening at Cokesbury  
Cub Scout Pack 701 meets at 7:00 PM

Every Thursday afternoon at the Stedman  
Community Building Brownies meet at 6:30 PM  
during the school year

The Stedman Museum at the Old SCL Depot is  
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## SCHEDULE OF REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

### Stedman Masonic Lodge

meets the first Monday evening at 7:30 PM  
at the Lodge on Carol Street  
May 7th, June 4th and July 2nd

### Bethany Historical Society

meets the first Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM  
at the Bethany Community Building  
May 1st, June 5th and July 3rd

### Senior Citizens Club

meets the first Thursday at  
Stedman Recreation Center, 10:00 AM  
May 3rd, June 7th and July 5th

### Stedman Board of

### Commissioners Meeting,

meets the first Thursday evening at the  
Stedman Town Hall on Front Street, 7:00 PM  
May 3rd, June 7th and July 5th

### Stedman Antique Tractor Club

meets the first Thursday evening at 7:00 PM  
729 Hollow Bridge Road  
May 3rd, June 7th and July 5th

### Stedman Community Development Club

meets the second Monday at  
335 First Street, 7:00 PM  
May 14th, June 11th and July 9th

### Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9925

meets 2nd Tuesday at the Post  
in Bethany, 7:00 PM  
May 8th, June 12th and July 10th

### Stedman Historical Promotions

meets the third Monday at 7:00 PM  
at the Stedman VFD Station  
May 21st, June 18th and July 16th

### Stedman Fire Department Board

meets the third Tuesday evening  
at 7:00 PM at the Fire Station  
May 15th, June 19th and July 17th

### Bethany Fire Department Board

meets the fourth Tuesday evening  
at the Fire Station, 7:00 PM  
May 22th, June 26th and July 24th

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**M**en's Art and Craft Show. The show was held at the Stedman Community Center and was a great success. The show was held on Saturday, April 27th, and was open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The show was a great success and was a great way to raise money for the club. The show was held at the Stedman Community Center and was a great success. The show was held on Saturday, April 27th, and was open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The show was a great success and was a great way to raise money for the club.

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