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# Stedman Community Development Club NEWS

## STEDMAN COMMUNITY POLITICS

We are going to divide this topic into two categories ... Town of Stedman and the Entire Community ...

### TOWN OF STEDMAN

Municipal elections in North Carolina are held the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in "odd numbered" years. Tuesday, November 7, 2017 is Election Day for positions in the Town of Stedman. The Polling Place will be the Stedman Community Building located at 335 First Street. The building is at the intersection of Jaycee Street (going west from Carol Street) and First Street (going south from Front Street).

The position of Mayor is up for election and the registered candidates are Mardy Jones and Ralph Vogt. Present Mayor Billy Horne has stated that he will retire following the September Board of Commissioner's Meeting to be held September 7th. His resignation will result in Mayor Pro Tem Jones assuming the position of Mayor pending the results of the election.

There are two positions on the Board of Commissioners to be filled, and there are three candidates. Harvey Cain, Wayne Mosley and Paul Pirro have registered to seek these two Board of Commissioners positions.

As the SCDC News has done for recent municipal elections, we will assemble a series of questions to be asked of each candidate and will publish their answers in the November December edition. As the election is November 7th, we will organize the questions and transmit them to the candidates such that we have time to get the finished newsletter to you on or before Wednesday, November 1st.

Suggested questions may be emailed to the SCDC News at SCDCNews@yahoo.com or postal mailed to SCDC News, PO Box 498, Stedman, NC 28391. Please do so quickly and understand that the same questions will be asked of all candidates, and we cannot guarantee anyone that we will use their specific question.

The SCDC News receives few articles from the public, and we nearly always run them essentially as received. We have in the past declined to run articles which were considered purely political advocacy in nature. We did receive a contributed article in time for this edition and the SCDC Members decided not to include it. The article was well written, very diplomatic and responsive to past SCDC News articles in which we asked "Are You Resolved?". The point made was that the writer is focused on buying within Stedman, but must shop outside the Town for alcoholic beverages, and for restaurants which serve them, because they are not available in the Town of Stedman.

The SCDC Members do not believe the SCDC News, with our volunteer staff and our every other month publication schedule is the right forum for this discussion. At minimum it is a political discussion, best held in a public meeting in the Town Hall. We do appreciate the article's submission.

### STEDMAN COMMUNITY

At recent Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Board Meetings, department finances have been a major subject of discussion. Cumberland County Fire districts receive their base revenue from the property taxes collected within their individual districts. The result is that several primarily rural districts which have low population density and low industrial development receive substantially less revenue than others. These small departments must meet the same equipment, turn-out gear and breathing assist standards as the larger and better funded departments, they just have less money to do so. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners has implemented a plan to supplement these small districts with some extra revenue, but the extra money comes with conditions as to how it must be spent. If it is not spent per the guidelines, it is lost to the department. In our extended Community, the Stedman and the Beaver Dam VFDs are in the small department category.

At two recent Town of Stedman Board of Commissioner's (BoC) Meetings, community-wide children focused recreation activities have been discussed. The first

such discussion had to do with the Stedman Baptist Church's circa 1950s building which adjoins the Stedman Recreation Center property on Circle Drive, and the second was at the August BoC meeting when data was presented about the value of property tax that is collected (for recreational purposes in the Stedman Rec Center's served area) as compared to how much is spent in the same area. The conclusion presented at both meetings is that substantial tax revenue from the Stedman Community is being used to improve recreational facilities and activities elsewhere in the county.

It is not the role of this publication to editorialize, but it appears that at least two different revenue dispersal processes are at work in Cumberland County.

Please consider these two questions:

If it is responsible government to use funds collected in the broad based Stedman Community to establish recreational facilities and programs in other parts of the county, is it not also responsible to use fire department funds collected in tax revenue surplus districts of Cumberland County to assist with infrastructure and equipment expenses of small fire departments in the County?

If it is responsible government for tax surplus fire districts to keep nearly all the fire tax collected in their districts, is it not also responsible for recreational districts to do the same?

Stedman is in Cumberland County District 2. Our County Commissioners are Marshall Faircloth, Michael Boose, and Jimmy Keefe. AT-LARGE Commissioners are Charles Evans and Larry Lancaster. They may be reached at (910) 678-7771 ... or via E-mail: comm@co.cumberland.nc.us

## Town Of Stedman, Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Fiscal Year 2018 began July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2018. Town of Stedman General Revenue for this fiscal year is estimated to total \$608,765. Major revenue sources (above \$10,000) are Property Taxes, \$284,680; Local Sales Taxes, \$182,000; Balance Fund (transfer from savings), \$80,132; Utility Franchise Fees, \$55,000; and all other, \$6,953.

General Expenses are budgeted to be \$608,765 during FY2018. All budgeted expense categories are: Police, \$210,483; Administration, \$193,853; Fire, \$90,452; Street, \$75,320; Sanitation, \$34,557; Special Appropriations, \$3,000; and Parks and Recreation, \$1,100.

Water and Sewer Funds Revenue is forecasted to total \$548,051. Major revenue sources (above \$10,000) are Charges for Sewer, \$260,000; Charges for Water, \$210,000; Retained Earnings (savings) \$61,631; FIF Charges, \$10,000; and all other, \$6,420.

Water and Sewer Expenses are budgeted to total \$548,051. All budgeted expense categories are: Wastewater Operations, \$256,800; Water Operations, \$176,181; Special Appropriations, \$61,101; and Water Administration, \$53,969.

Powell Bill (Streets) Revenue is forecasted to total \$37,198. All revenue sources are Powell Bill contribution, \$31,000; Fund Balance (savings), \$5,658; and Interest on Investments, \$540. Powell Bill (Streets) Expenses are budgeted to total \$37,198 for work on Town streets.

## How do we say Thank You?

In the article about the Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Board meetings, we wish you to note these two sentences: "The offer of \$18,000 made to the Half Moon Fire Department for the 5-ton off road capable, fully equipped truck has been

accepted and a specific delivery date will be defined later. It was noted that a confidential donation of \$10,000 was made to the department to assist with this acquisition."

A confidential donation of \$10,000.00 has been made to the SFVD, and the question is: How do we say Thank You?

What we know is:

- the Department has to be very careful with its spending;
- the Department learned during Hurricane Matthew that a truck with the capabilities of the one being purchased was potentially a life saver in a future similar event;
- the Board considered the internal development / construction of such a truck, but found this one available from another department for less than the expected cost of doing it themselves;
- someone has donated, confidentially, over half the cost of the truck and its potential benefit to our community;
- and, we do not know whom to thank for this generosity!

May we suggest that the SVFD Board members know, and they also volunteer their time to the Department and to the Community. Perhaps we can start by telling each of them "Thank You" and while doing so, ask each of them to pass on another "Thank You" to the confidential donor when they have the opportunity to do so.

The current Board members (in alphabetical order) are: Kevin Carroll, Peggy Currie, Sonny Fogle, Dan Hayes, Thimi Kollar, Andrew Maykovich, Jerry McCall and Paul Pirro.

Thank You!

## Is it Time to Pick Grapes?

Feels like it is getting that time of year ... and we know there is a local vineyard ... and, well you can connect the dots! **Larry Jones Farms** is located on Wade Stedman Road, perhaps a mile north of the new Highway 24. Call 910 818 5304 for more information ... and enjoy!



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### Chili in Stedman

The Stedman Community Development Club is planning to have a **Chili Event on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 at the Stedman Community Building**. And ... You are invited!

We call this an event, but it is more complicated than that ... we will be serving Chili prepared by (we hope) at least 10 different people and or local companies and corn bread baked by many different people, and November is a great time for a bowl of Chili.

The Event will be a necessary fund-raiser for the Community Building. We replaced appliances in March of 2015, had a major handicap access expense in October of 2016 and another major structure expense in August. We need to replace the nearly \$10,000.00 in funds spent on these three projects.

The Event will also be a friendly competition, as we will allow our guests to judge and to vote on which Chili and which cornbread they liked most. A modest award will be presented to those getting the most votes. Those buying tickets will be able to sample different Chili recipes and to decide which they like best.

So ... please note on your calendar Saturday, November 4th ... and plan to join us at the Community Building.

Now ... for those of you who enjoy cooking Chili, please know that you are welcome to sign-up to participate ... there will be a limited number of contestants but we believe we need at least 10.

We will also be reaching out to the excellent bakers in the community to donate corn bread and other baked goods for sale.

Please note that there are many meal fund-raisers in our Stedman Community, and all for great reasons. The SCDC did not hold a fund-raiser in 2016, but we need to do so this year. Your rental of the Community Building for your family and special occasions covers the operating expense of the building, but not enough for extraordinary expenses. This and all other meal fund-raisers in the Community are valid reasons to get out and to exchange your hard-earned money for a quality value and for a quality reason.

Many Thanks in Advance!

### Stedman Community Building Finances

Any time most of us are asked to donate our hard earned money to a "non profit" that charges a fee for a service, there is a reasonable question: they do charge for the service they offer, so why do they need more money?

On Saturday, November 4th, the Stedman Community Building will hold a Chili and corn bread meal fund-raiser and we want you to know why we need the money. The following information is calculated from the SCDC financials for the time period January 1, 2013 through the August, 2017 data available when we prepared this information.

First of all, be assured that we are not broke ... we manage our money carefully and transparently and we do have money on hand and available for emergencies. However, we believe it is prudent right now to "re-stock" our financial reserves, and we invite you to participate and to join us.

Revenue, again, over the last 56 months, primarily from building rental income and from several donations was: \$44,133. This averages almost \$9,460 per year.

Operating expenses, which include utilities, maintenance, repairs, lawn care, supplies, property and liability insurance and some other were: \$42,887. This averages almost \$9,190 per year.

So, our building operating profit is \$1,246. This averages almost \$267 per year, or a little over \$22 per month.

During this same time period, the SCDC has held four meal fund-raisers, the last one being in April of 2015, and the net funds raised totaled \$8,953 or \$2,238 average per event.

There have been three extraordinary expense events during these 56 months: cooking appliance replacement, handicap parking and access capability and emergency chimney reconfiguration. The total cost of these three extraordinary expenses is \$9,897.

Bottom Line: Total Building Revenue has been \$53,086, and Total Expenses have been \$52,784, for a Community Building "net" profit of \$302.

The Community Building is a very functional place for your family or other function and we encourage you to consider it. The Building has a full kitchen, 21 plus tables and 100 plus chairs, good HVAC, handicap rated facilities and room for the children to play outside. The rental rate is \$150 for a day's use and as you can see, that amount just covers the operating expense of the Building.

Please consider the Stedman Community Building for your next family event, and Please consider joining us November 4th for some great Chili and corn bread.

Thank You.

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## Town of Stedman Board of Commissioners Meetings

The Stedman Board of Commissioners (BoC) met June 29th to complete the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget process. The meeting was a continuation of the regular monthly meeting held June 1st.

The BoC approved the previously proposed budget, which is a duplicate of the FY2017 budget numbers. General Revenue is anticipated to be \$608,765 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. General Expenditures are budgeted to total \$608,765 for the fiscal year. A break out of all revenue and expenses (by category) will be covered in a separate article in this edition.

The BoC approved the audit contract for the FY2018 Budget Year.

Tom Poston, a General Contractor, briefed the BoC on his work to repair the Town Hall.

At some time late in June, Commissioner Christopher Blake announced that he and his family were moving outside the Town limits, and that he was resigning from the BoC.

The Stedman Board of Commissioners met Thursday evening, July 6th and our notes are:

The Public Forum had three individuals listed to speak:

\*Ken Freeman proposed that Harvey Cain be appointed to the BoC to replace Christopher Blake. He cited precedence established when Ms. Raymes was appointed to fill Pat McCall's seat. He questioned the retirement status of Jennifer Wilson-Kersh, stating she had not been employed by the Town long enough to retire. He then expressed concern related to when the Town audit results will be available.

\*Kevin Carroll advised the BoC of a recent property purchase he and a partner made. The property is partially within the Town Limits. The property is on Magnolia Church Road. Their plans are not finalized, but the property will be used for commercial development.

\*Harvey Cain questioned Jennifer Wilson-Kersh's salary payment while she was ill, her work time to qualify for retirement and whether she qualified for retirement. Attorney Yarborough informed Mr. Cain that he would discuss some of his questions with him following the meeting.

After extended discussion, the BoC approved a drafted ordinance related to children's organized playing in the streets.

The ordinance states:

"In order to protect the safety of our citizens and, in particular, our children, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any kind of ball playing on the streets, sidewalks, or alleys of the Town, including the placing of any goal, backboard, or net apparatus incidental to any such ball playing on the streets, sidewalks, or alleys of the Town, or placing such apparatus in such a manner so as to facilitate playing on the streets, sidewalks or alleys."

Chief Stocks noted that he has responded to 105 calls for service and then discussed wrecks last school year. He noted that nearly all the wrecks left no skid marks, indicating that drivers did not see what they hit in time to brake hard. It is a priority to protect children from (especially distracted) drivers, and more intense enforcement will make some drivers unhappy.

Additional discussion by Chief Stocks with Fire Chief Nobles addressed the opium related drug addiction epidemic

in Cumberland County and specifically covered carfentanyl, a very dangerous and deadly compound which is being recreationally used locally.


The status of Town Clerk interviews was discussed.

Repair work on the Town Hall has discovered termite damage, and a new contract with Dodson Pest Control was approved. Additional details of the work were covered as well.


The Board of Directors (BoC) met Thursday evening August 3rd and our notes are:

The BoC approved the site plan for the Sanchez case #17-011, located west of Stedman across from the highway 24 intersection with Fred Hall Road. The BoC also waived the sidewalk ordinance and approved the related water and sewer issues.

Ms. Sandra Wrench presented information related to Stedman Elementary School. In June of this year there were 332 students enrolled, up 20 from the previous year; 308 are presently registered for the new school term. There are 40 employees on payroll, but additional employees are at the school in any given week. Assistant Principal Susan Hunt asked people to assist with the school in any way they can. Stedman Elementary has become a green school, is getting new landscaping and there are many projects going on regularly.



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Wayne Mosley, Skip Carr and several others discussed issues at the Recreation Center on Circle Drive. The issues include: handicap accessibility, drainage problems, maintenance levels and the recent lack of up-grades and enhancements to the facility and to the programs offered. Cumberland County and the Cumberland County Parks and Recreation Department are developing a new 10 Year Plan and the concern is how much improvement for the Stedman facilities is going to be in the new plan. Children from Beaver Dam, Bethany, Vander and Stedman utilize the Stedman facility. The annual recreational tax dollars reported as being collected from these town and communities totals \$712,312.

(Editor's Note: based on discussions the SCDC News held with Parks and Rec. personnel, the FY2018 budget for the Stedman facility is \$178,101+ for normal operating expenses plus designated special project expenses. As of March 17, 2017, the Stedman Project funds had a balance available value of \$139,180+. If we add these two values, total expenses and potential project investment in the next year would total approximately \$317,000+, vs. the \$712,101+ tax value collected.)

The Recreational discussion continued with encouragement for local citizens to formulate a needs plan and an action plan and to press the County Commissioners to ensure that the needs and growth of Stedman Facility are well represented in the new 10 Year Plan.

Mr. Mosley stated that the Youth Association is talking with the Bunce Family about taking over Farmer's Day, which has been closely associated with the opening of the fall schedule of Youth Sports activities.

At some point in this discussion, someone stated that negotiations are underway to purchase the Stedman Baptist Church facility on Circle Drive. The price mentioned was \$200,000, with the funds being provided equally from two sources. In the context of the discussion, this reporter

understood the expected use of the facility would be to support youth activities.

Three repairs of a 0.75 inch diameter copper water supply line to residences on Hillsboro Street justify questioning whether the supply line should now be replaced. Additional information from PWC was requested before making a decision.

The BoC revisited the "playing in the street" ordinance adopted during the previous meeting and decided to repeal it. A more cautionary version of the ordinance will be discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioner George led a discussion of drainage issues within the Town. Decisions were made to locate an engineering firm qualified to assess the current situation and to propose a five to ten year plan of improvements and the estimated expenses.

Chief Stocks noted that the Clinton Road School Zone has been extended to include the intersection with East First Street which will permit the Crossing Guard to have control over that intersection. He also alerted the BoC that Carol Street will be closed for repairs at Sandy Creek sometime soon.

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## Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Board Meetings

The Stedman VFD Board of Directors met Tuesday evening, July 18, and notes taken from the approved minutes of the meeting are:

The FY 2017 year-end financial report was approved.

The Department has responded to 125 EMS calls and to 74 mutual aide calls year to date; the total of all responses is 301. Four new Ipads have been installed on the trucks, one on each; two were purchased by the department and two by the Fire Chiefs Association.

The department has ordered four new sets of Turn-Out gear, each assigned to a specific firefighter.

One additional part-time employee has been hired.

Cumberland County still owes the Department \$11,402.19 from taxes collected in FY ending June 30, 2017.

The offer of \$18,000 made to the Half Moon Fire Department for the 5-ton off road capable, fully equipped truck has been accepted and a specific delivery date will be defined later. It was noted that a confidential donation of \$10,000 was made to the department to assist with this acquisition.

The Stedman VFD Board met Tuesday evening, August 15th and our notes are:

The July financial results were reviewed and approved. The revenue month was \$9,014+ and expenses were \$12,792+ vs. an annually averaged month's value of \$25,400+. It is early in the tax collection process, and expenses are being very carefully controlled.

Two new volunteers have joined the department, and one new employee has been hired.

Learning from the work and elements faced during Matthew, the department has ordered six sets of water rescue and firefighter safety equipment for the department's boat.

Chief Cashwell is heading up building repair work, including work on the front door.

Medical testing (FIT, TB and PFT) of the firefighters is nearly complete.

The Department's web site ... **StedmanFire.com** ... is up and operating and special recognition was given Jess Cashwell for her work. Work is also underway to establish a visual presentation of the Department and its equipment and capabilities.

Additional discussion noted that with the receipt of the \$11,400+ final Cumberland County tax payment, the Department was able to contribute \$20,000 to its savings account in FY2017. Staffing levels have been reduced to three (3) people on duty, and the crews must be certification matched such that there is at least a qualified driver, a qualified EMT and a qualified firefighter in each crew.

Chief Nobles has prepared a survey he wishes as many as possible to complete. As of the meeting, 49 people had participated. The questions are:

Do you currently live in the Stedman Fire District?

Do you have working smoke detectors in your home?

Do you have a working Fire Extinguisher?

Do you have a visible address sign in your yard?  
Have you ever attended one of our monthly Board meetings?

Would you be willing to volunteer in your Community?

Can you list a few of the services that you are aware that we provide?

How would you rank the service we provide for our Community?

Do you know how to perform CPR?

You may access the survey via the Stedman Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page or by accessing your personal Survey Monkey account and searching for the Stedman Volunteer Fire Department Survey, or by entering <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D5GWGXJ> into your browser.

Cumberland County Emergency Services Department has launched a new emergency notification process to replace the existing system which will be discontinued in late August. The system is called Cumberland Alerts, and anyone who has a home or work address within Cumberland County is urged to sign up for it. To sign up, visit [www.co.cumberland.nc.us/alerts](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/alerts) and create a user account. You can then select the communication means you prefer be used. Your Cumberland County physical address (home, work and/or other) is required, as the alerts may vary based on where you are located within the county and the nature of the alert. When an alert is issued, a notification about a potential concern or safety hazard will be sent to potentially affected subscribers, and the system

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The SVF Department's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, September 19th at 7:00 PM at the Station on Clinton Road. Four Director's positions are up for election and the annual status report of the Department will be presented. All citizens who live within the Stedman Fire District are invited to attend.

## Words of Wisdom

**By: Stedman Police Chief Bob Stocks**

I hope that everyone has had a fun and safe summer. The first day of school is August 28, 2017. We will observe the same traffic pattern at Stedman Elementary and Stedman Primary as last year. If you are new to the Stedman schools, we will send a letter home with your child on the first day of school that discusses the traffic pattern. If you still have questions, please call us. Our student enrolment has grown over the past few years and with this growth, traffic has increased. Last school year at Stedman Elementary approximately 50% of our students were car riders. At Stedman Primary approximately 80% were car riders. This creates heavy traffic around both schools especially in the afternoon. If you are not picking up a child at Stedman Elementary in the afternoon between 2:00p and 2:20pm, we ask that you use Euclid Street as an alternate route to Clinton Road.

I'm sure you have seen the new lane configuration on Clinton Road by now. We have two travel lanes and a center turn lane. We are hoping the center turn lane will reduce rear end collisions. Passing in the center turn lane is unlawful and will be enforced.

North Carolina law requires us to turn our headlights on if our windshield wipers are on. It's not as much about seeing as it is about being seen.

I would like to thank all of you that have called 911 when you see suspicious activity. By working together, we can keep our community a safe place to live and raise our families.

## SCDC News Status Report

**By: J. W. Hall, Jr. for the SCDC**

This is edition number sixty two ... 62 ... of the SCDC News, and at six editions per year, we are in our eleventh year of producing and distributing this Stedman Community focused "newsletter". The point we wish to make is that it is time for some new perspectives from some additional contributors ... some volunteers!

Please consider what contribution you could make:

\*Are you willing to participate in a review of the original "ground rules" for the project and which of them should be changed? ... which should be deleted? ... which added?

\*Are you of the opinion that we need some new "categories" of reporting ... or the deletion of some?

\*Are you willing to take responsibility for writing or reporting one of the recurring article categories?

\*Is there a onetime Stedman Community article that you've always wanted to write and to submit?

\*Are you willing to consider a regular administrative duty?

\*Are there projects you would like the newsletter to undertake, and are you willing to work on them?

We have a small staff, we wish to have a larger one ... and we welcome your interest.

We do have very loyal advertisers, mostly local as you would expect, but some from farther away. This publication could not exist without their financial support. There are no overhead expenses or salaries to pay, so the costs are essentially all printing and mailing ... but they add up. In 2010, these direct production and mailing expenses were \$10,700.00; in 2013 they totaled \$13,000.00; and in 2016, \$13,900.00. So, if you find value in this publication, please make sure the businesses who make it financially possible know it ... please do as much business with them as possible! And, tell them that you see and read their SCDC News ads!

If you're willing to participate in creating and publishing this Stedman Community Newsletter ... join us at a future SCDC Monthly Meeting ... the second Monday evening of each month at the Stedman Community Building, 335 First Street, 7:00 PM ... or contact me at 910 584 3131.

Thank You!

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Four Director's positions are up for election and the annual status report of the Department will be presented. All citizens who live within the Stedman Fire District are invited to attend.

## Calendar of Special Events

- Labor Day is Monday, September 4th
- Rosh Hashanah is September 21st
- Yom Kippur is September 30th
- Columbus Day is October 9th
- Halloween is October 31st ... please drive carefully
- Community Building Chili Event is November 4th
- Election Day is November 7th

Your comments are solicited.

You may reach  
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## Strickland's Store Hours

The Ralph Strickland Family wants the Stedman Community to know they have decided to close two of their locations on Sundays. The Bethany Crossroads location will maintain its open on Sunday schedule, but the locations on Highway 210 and on Cedar Creek Road will take the day off starting in September. We support our locally owned businesses!

## Stedman Recreation Center Activities

By: John Rea, Recreation Center Supervisor (910) 433-1440

### Friday Night Food, Fun & Fellowship

Looking for a night out with friends? Come to the Stedman Recreation Center for a grand ole' time! All participants must register and registration ends three days before the date of the program! Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss out! Sept. 29- Summer End Cookout  
55+; Fri.; 6:30 pm; \$5

### Cool Kids Cook!

Aspiring young cooks will love this class! Young Chefs will join us in preparing a variety of foods. Participants will then enjoy their family-style meal. Pre-registration is required one week in advance.

5-12yrs; Fri.; Oct. 6; 6-8 pm; \$10/child

### Zumba

This unique fitness program is sure to have you grooving along to Latin tunes all while getting a top notch workout. You will get hooked on this exciting hour of calorie burning, body energizing high intense program.

13+; Mon.; 7-8 pm; Fri.; 6-7 pm; \$5/class

### Kids Movie Night

Register your child for an exciting night including dinner and a movie. That's right...it's a night out for Mom and Dad! Pre-registration is required one week in advance and late registrations will not be accepted. (Early drop-offs/ late pick-ups are not accepted.)

5-12yrs; Fri., Nov. 3; 6:30-8:30 pm; \$5/child

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Stedman Recreation Center Coat Drive

With Winter just around the corner, lets help those in need. We are asking for new or gently used coats to be donated to local charities or families. We will accept donations from September 1- October 31. All items can be dropped off at the Stedman Recreation Center.

### 13th Annual Fall Festival

Bring your children out for a night full of fun filled activities. There will be carnival games, face painting, inflatable's, costume contest, and the monster egg hunt for those who wish to venture our with their flashlights. For those with a sweet tooth we will be having Cake Walk! Concessions will be available.

All ages; Thur., Oct. 26; 6-8:30pm; Free

### Stedman Recreation Center Food Drive

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, let's help those in need. We are asking for non-perishable food items to be donated to local charities or families. We will be accepting donations from October 17- November 18. All items can be dropped off at the Stedman Recreation Center.

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## Fisher Cemetery Rules, Regulations and Guidelines

After discussions with several people, the below draft Fisher Cemetery Rules, Regulations and Guidelines are presented to the Stedman Community for comment during the remainder of 2017. Any adjustments deemed necessary will be made and the resulting document will be posted in several locations at the Cemetery in early 2018.

Draft:

These parcels are to be used only for the purpose of interment of human remains; one person per parcel. Two cremation remains may be interred in one parcel.

It is the responsibility of the parcel owner(s) and of his or her agents and service providers to:

\*Acknowledge and agree that the cemetery hours are between sun up and sun down each day;

\*Consult with a representative of the Fisher Cemetery Committee of the Stedman Community Development Club, Inc. if in question, to correctly locate their parcel before any parcel preparation work is initiated;

\*Ensure that all the preparation work is done within the defined boundaries of the parcel, and is done during normal business hours;

\*Ensure that within two weeks following the interment service, the surrounding parcels are returned to their proper maintenance condition and all flowers and interment related materials are removed from the service parcel;

\*Accept that above ground vaults may only be erected in designated locations;

\*Erect no new monuments, markers, boundary identifiers, vault or mounds, nor plant or establish any hedge, flowers or any plant life other than grass which rises or may be expected to rise above the surface of the ground. Any permitted parcel identifier or marker work which is done must be completely within the

parcel(s) boundary(ies) as defined by the deed (if one exists);

\*Acknowledge and agree that new grave markers must be flat tablets (marble or granite or brass) installed flush with the surface of the ground, and they must comply with any and all Rules, Regulations and Guidelines established by the Fisher Cemetery Committee of the Stedman Community Development Club at the time of interment;

\*Acknowledge and agree that the Fisher Cemetery Committee of the Stedman Community Development Club has, at all times, the right to grade and to improve the parcels and to remove any items which do not conform to the terms of the deed or which do not comply with established Rules, Regulations and Guidelines established by the Fisher Cemetery Committee of the Stedman Community Development Club.

These Cemetery Rules, Regulations and Guidelines are essentially identical to those which have been applied to new parcel purchases since 2005. However, until now they have not been applied to parcels purchased prior to then. We believe it is time to establish one set of guidelines which apply to the entire cemetery and to enforce them. The real challenge will be the enforcement ... and cooperation within the Community is essential to that working properly.

Your comments are solicited.

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The Stedman Community Development Club meets the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 7:00 pm and the general public is invited to attend these meetings. Generally the meetings are over by 8:00 PM. For the remainder of 2017, one or more of the SCDC Officers will remain in the building until 8:30 PM (at least) to discuss these Rules and Regulations with anyone interested.

# Calendar of Events

## Stedman Masonic Lodge

meets the first Monday evening at 7:30 PM  
at the Lodge on Carol Street  
September 4th, October 2nd and November 6th

## Bethany Historical Society

meets the first Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM  
at the Bethany Community Building  
September 5th, October 3rd and November 6th

## Senior Citizens Club

meets the first Thursday  
at Stedman Recreation Center, 10:00 AM

## Stedman Board of Commissioners Meeting,

meets the first Thursday evening  
at the Stedman Town Hall on Front Street, 7:00 PM

## Stedman Antique Tractor Club

meets the first Thursday evening  
at 7:00 PM 729 Hollow Bridge Road  
September 7th, October 5th and November 2nd

## Stedman Community Development Club

meets the second Monday at 335 First Street, 7:00 PM  
September 11th, October 9th and November 13th

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9925

meets 2nd Tuesday at the Post in Bethany, 7:00 PM  
September 12th, October 10th and November 14th

## Stedman Historical Promotions

meets the third Monday at 7:00 PM  
at the Stedman VFD Station  
September 18th, October 16th and November 20th

## Stedman Fire Department Board

meets the third Tuesday evening  
at 7:00 PM at the Fire Station  
September 19th, October 17th and November 21st

## Bethany Fire Department Board

meets the fourth Tuesday evening  
at the Fire Station, 7:00 PM  
September 26th, October 24th and November 28th

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  
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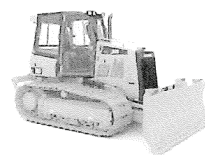
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