



TOWN OF CRAMERTON

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TOWN OF CRAMERTON MISSION STATEMENT

With "Pride in our Past and Faith in our Future", the Town of Cramerton's mission is to earn the respect of all our citizens through our commitment to providing the best possible essential services in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible way, by our conscientious government team devoted to a "citizen first" policy.

Message from Michael Peoples, Town Manager:

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and please feel free to contact me at Town Hall, 704-824-4337 or email me at mpeoples@cramerton.org

NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR CRAMERTON RESIDENTS: The Town of Cramerton has recently enlisted the services of the NTI Group and their product *Connect-CTY*. This new service gives the Town the opportunity to contact each and every household in our community at the same time. The Town will use this service to inform you of emergency situations, utility outages, community meetings and programs, parks and recreation programming notices, and other valuable information.

Connect-CTY will be responsible for collecting household telephone numbers only! The service also provides every household an opportunity to add four additional means of communication, which include cell phones, work phones, text messaging, email, and pagers/PDA. For more information on this service, you can visit their website at: www.connectcty.com

If you would like the Town to be able to communicate with you via any of these other services, please provide us the information via mail, which you could include in your utility bill, the drop box located outside of Town Hall, or by email to mpeoples@cramerton.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER AND OTHER TOWN INFORMATION VIA EMAIL??? IF SO, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON YOUR UTILITY PAYMENT OR SIMPLY EMAIL mpeoples@cramerton.org

WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD? The Town is in the process of completing an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan will map out the direction for Parks and Recreation development for the next five to ten years. The Advisory Board will also have a large role in recommending specific items for Goat Island. If you are interested, please contact me at mpeoples@cramerton.org

HOLIDAY SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES: Garbage Collection will not be affected by New Year's Day.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONCERNS? If Waste Management misses your household garbage collection or recycling goods, please contact Ms. Julie Felton at 704-853-7852 or jfelton@wm.com. Waste Management is responsible for the collection of household garbage and recycling for the Town of Cramerton once per week on Wednesday or Friday depending on your location.

Utilities Department Certifications: Cramerton employee David Barnes received his Grade C Water Distribution certification, Michael Sams received his Grade II Wastewater Collections certification, and Dustin Hawley received his Grade I Wastewater Collections certification. Congratulations to these employees who have worked real hard to receive this training to improve utility services for the Town of Cramerton.

MAYWORTH (CRAMERTON) SCHOOL PROJECT: The renovation of the Mayworth School into 40 senior housing units has started. Landmark Development is the new owner of the building and they have contracted with Rehab Builders to complete all renovations. The auditorium will be completely renovated and leased back to the Town for community use. The Town also received a \$50,000 donation from the Landmark Group to go towards the Town Center Project. If you or someone you know is interested in living in one of the 40 new apartments, please contact Landmark Development's Director of Property Management, Blair Mass at blair@landmarkdevelopment.biz or by phone at 336-714-8939. The renovations should be completed by December 2008.

MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS: The Town of Cramerton is under mandatory water use restrictions. Currently, the Town of Cramerton has instituted the third phase of mandatory restrictions. The Town falls under the same regulations that the City of Gastonia places in effect because we purchase our water from Gastonia. Please keep up to date by reading the local paper, which will feature more information. The restrictions are as follows:

- Watering of yards limited to handheld container or hose with automatic cutoff between the hours of 7:00pm-5:00am, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only.
- **Use of irrigation systems is NOT ALLOWED!**
- No washing outside areas such as streets, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, home and office exteriors, etc...
- No operating or introduction of water into any non-recirculating ornamental fountains, pools, and ponds.
- No washing of vehicles.
- No filling of newly constructed or completely emptied swimming pools.

Penalties and Remedies: \$100.00 civil penalty for first offense, \$250.00 for second offense, and \$500.00 for third offense, misdemeanor charge, and termination of service.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT TOWN HALL:

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting	January 8, 2008	7:00pm
Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting	January 17, 2008	7:00pm
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting	February 5, 2008	7:00pm

NOTE: ALL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM

Planning and Zoning Board Meetings are held every Third Tuesday at 7:00pm at Town Hall
Beautification Committee Meetings are held every Second Tuesday at 5:30pm at Town Hall

VACUUM LEAF COLLECTION ENDS JANUARY 11th. You may also bag leaves for collection on Monday. Please remember to keep leaves out of the storm drainage system!

Cramerton Parks and Recreation Upcoming Events

Director's Message:

We are currently working with McGill and Associates on the design and permitting process for Goat Island. Construction will begin sometime in the Fall of 2008. We are applying for the Get Fit Community grant and Recreational Trails grants in January 2008. These grants will be worth a combined \$135,000.

New C.B. Huss Recreation Complex Hours for Winter (January 2nd through March 1st)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8AM-8PM
Saturday: 8AM-2PM
Wednesday: CLOSED

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Our 2007-2008 Basketball/Cheerleading season is off to a fast start. We currently have 32 basketball teams and 2 cheerleading teams. Our teams range from the ages of 5 to 12. We have over 300 participants this year!

Basketball games begin in January and will conclude with a final tournament at the end of February.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Hope everyone came out to enjoy this year's Christmas Parade. If you didn't, you missed a great event. We had over 75 entries including the South Point Marching Band and the Forestview Marching Band. Following the parade, the Town celebrated a Christmas Tree Lighting.

Commissioner Jeff Ramsey purchased the Christmas tree and dedicated it to Bill and Myra Guy, longtime Cramerton residents.

The Breakfast with Santa event was an overwhelming hit. We had a great breakfast and gifts for over 25 children.

PARK UPDATES

If anyone is interested in helping us clean up around Lakewood and Riverside Park and Greenway, please contact us at the C.B. Huss Recreation Complex at 704-824-4231 or via email at ccarprec@bellsouth.net.

During January, we will be clearing some small trees and cutting out underbrush at Riverside Park and Greenway. Lakewood Park will be close to make room for the introduction of Goat Island and new trail connection proposed in the 2008 Recreational Trails Grant. This will include the construction of an asphalt paved greenway from Goat Island, through the existing Lakewood Park, heading North towards the new Lakewood Subdivision and US 29/74.

FITNESS ROOM

If you are planning a New Year's resolution that involves losing a few pounds and getting in better shape come check out the Town's fitness and cardiovascular rooms located at the C.B. Huss Recreation Complex on Julian Street. Cost is \$10.00 per month for Cramerton residents and \$5.00 for senior residents.