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Cramerton, NC 28032

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VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Town's Beautification Committee is recruiting members for the Veterans Memorial subcommittee to assist in the collection of information and to participate in the planning of a Veterans Memorial. If you are interested in participating in this process, please contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337.

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014

10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

171 SOUTH MAIN STREET
CRAMERTON, NC

EASTER EGG HUNT, CAR SHOW, FREE FOOD,
PRIZES, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
DONATIONS OF CANNED FOOD MAY BE
BROUGHT TO BENEFIT THE FOOD BANK

REMEMBER TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

TOWN MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Board of Commissioners-
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
April 1st, 2014

Workshop Meeting, 7:00
p.m., April 17th, 2014

Special Budget Meeting, 7:00
p.m., April 24th, 2014

Planning & Zoning Board -
6:00 p.m., April 15th, 2014
(Please note meeting time
change)

Parks & Recreation
Committee, 7:00 p.m., April
7th, 2014

Beautification Committee -
5:30 p.m., April 7th, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Rollout Recycling – April 2nd to 4th, 16th to 18th, and April 30th to May 2nd.**
- **Cramerton Bunch – April 28th at Catfish Cove at 5:00 p.m.**
- **The Beautification Committee is forming a Veterans Memorial subcommittee. An application form can be found at www.cramerton.org or you can contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337.**
- **The Centennial Celebration Committee is seeking members to begin planning the 100th Anniversary of Cramerton. Contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337 for more information.**
- **Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 12th, at 10:00 a.m., 4 age groups, over 3,000 eggs to find with prize eggs in each group. Event to be held at Cramerton Middle School.**
- **Town Hall will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 18th.**
- **Annual Shred It event, Thursday, May 1st.**
- **Swimming Pool opens May 24th.**
- **Fireworks on June 28th for the Fourth of July celebration.**

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Town of Cramerton Monthly Newsletter



TOWN OF CRAMERTON

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EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12,
2014
(10:00 A.M.)
CRAMERTON MIDDLE
SCHOOL

4 AGE GROUPS, OVER 3,000 EGGS TO FIND,
PRIZE EGGS IN EACH GROUP, MONEY EGGS,
AND A SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM THE
EASTER BUNNY.

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND PRIZES WILL BE
AVAILABLE. EVENT WILL BE CO-SPONSORED
WITH LIFE CHURCH AND CRAMERTON FREE
WILL BAPTIST.



FISHING TOURNAMENT: (FREE EVENT)

Saturday, April 26th at Goat Island:
Tournament begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m. Prizes for biggest, smallest,
and ugliest fish. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a fishing permit.
Anyone 16 and younger can fish with adult who has a permit.
Pre-registration can be completed at the Cramerton Parks and Recreation
office, 8 Julian Street, Cramerton NC 28032.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Town of Cramerton and the City of Belmont
Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. Location: Corner of Lakewood
Road and lower entrance to Stuart W. Cramer High School.
Celebration is sponsored by the Town of Cramerton and the City of
Belmont. Trees will be planted adjacent of the Carolina Thread
Trail located at the Stuart W. Cramer High School.



The Town will hold a free shredding event and Identity
Theft Awareness Event on Thursday, May 1st, at the Cramer
Market Place Shopping Center from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00
p.m. Cramerton Police and Shred It employees will be on
hand to accept personal documents that will be destroyed
in Shred It's secure on site mobile shredders. Please limit
free shredding requests to no more than three banker's
boxes of documents. If you need additional information
please contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337.

**FY 2015 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GOALS & OBJECTIVES - ADOPTED: MARCH 4, 2014**

1. Strategic Project Management -

- Execute plan to complete Goat Island Park Project, Phase II.
- Completion of Codification Project.
- Partner with the Beautification Committee for the planning and funding of the Veterans Memorial.
- Continued coordination with the developers of the Village of South Fork and Villages at Cramerton Mills.
 - Increase sense of community and identity with focus on residents of the new South Fork Village Apartments.

2. Fiscal Responsibility -

- Development, adoption, and continuous update of an extensive Capital Improvement Plan.
- Responsibly manage fiscal growth.
- Ensure Financial Resiliency and Stability: Positive annual audit results.

3. Economic Development and Marketing -

- Continue to maximize and improve upon the adopted Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- Continue to foster relationships and improve communication with new and existing businesses.
- Partner with property owners to create master development plans to maximize the potential of priority vacant properties along Cramerton Gateways.
- Continue to partner with Montcross Chamber of Commerce through the participation in the Forward Together Program.

4. Intergovernmental Collaboration -

- Continue to partner with neighboring municipalities for the provision of Public Safety Services for mutual benefit.
- Partner with the City of Belmont, Town of McAdenville, NCDOT, and MPO to participate, promote, and develop the Wilkinson Boulevard Corridor Study.
- Strategize with existing organizations to promote and utilize the first class facilities of Stuart W. Cramer High School.
- Collaborate and coordinate with all organizations in Eastern Gaston County that provides Parks and Recreation programming and facilities to maximize resources for the mutual benefit of all citizens.

5. Increase Citizen Involvement and Awareness -

- Plan and implement volunteer service projects through the existing committee structure (Beautification and Parks and Recreation Committees) along with civic groups and non-profits to offer events that add demonstrable service or value to the citizens of Cramerton, while providing an opportunity for Board, Staff and Citizens to network on Town of Cramerton ideas, issues or suggestions.
- Continue increasing readability of monthly newsletter and improve the digital circulation to a broad range of citizens, media outlets, and other interested parties.
- Utilize social media, website, marquees, Blackboard Connect and other media and messaging outlets to convey Town of Cramerton key needs and events. Continue to improve relationships with the Gaston Gazette and other existing media outlets in the area. Continue to promote and conduct the Municipal Citizen Academy.

6. Transportation -

- Work with NCDOT, MPO, and CCOG to achieve long range transportation planning goals.
- Participate and complete the Wilkinson Boulevard corridor study with NCDOT, City of Belmont, and Town of McAdenville to promote complete streets that will be more aesthetically pleasing without losing functionality.
- Continue to support the Garden Parkway Project that will directly connect the Town of Cramerton to the Charlotte-Douglas Airport and the Norfolk Southern intermodal facility, I-485, and provide another link from Gaston County to Mecklenburg County.
- Implementation and promotion of the Town's Adopted Pedestrian Plan and Greenway Plan in partnership with the Carolina Thread Trail.

**CRAMERTON PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS
704-824-4231**

Spring is in the air. Let's hope that April brings warmer weather and brighter days. Basketball season wrapped up last month and we want to congratulate the Cramerton Tigers for capturing the 13-15 regular season title. Tournament champions were determined last month with the Cramerton Gators taking the 7-8 year old tournament, the Cramerton Blue Devils winning the 9-10 tournament, the Cramerton Fighting Irish winning the 11-12 tournament and the Cramerton Gophers capturing the 13-15 tournament. I want to thank everyone that participated in our 2013/2014 basketball/cheer season. With close to 400 kids participating on 40 teams this was one of our best seasons to date. This year at the end of the basketball season we divided our coaches up to form 4 teams and played an end of season coach's tournament over two days. This was a blast to watch and I think all the coaches had a great time playing. The winners of the coaches' game on a buzzer winning shot were the USED2BEEZ, congratulations!

Baseball, soccer, softball, and volleyball will start league play the week of April 7th. This season we will be fielding 15 baseball teams (ages 4-14), 10 volleyball teams (ages 9-15), 8 soccer teams (ages 3-6), and 1 softball team (ages 6-8). Tee ball, machine pitch, and volleyball teams will play in our own Cramerton recreation leagues and the 9-10, 11-12, 13-15 and U8 baseball and softball teams will play in the City of Gastonia recreation leagues at Martha Rivers Park.

Cramerton Night at the Gastonia Grizzlies is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014. Our spring athletic teams will be introduced at the beginning of the game as they walk across the field. Coaches and players tickets are provided by the Recreation Department. Anyone interested in coming out to the game can purchase discounted tickets from the Cramerton Parks and Recreation Department.

Youth Garden - Register now for our spring/summer youth garden series: Wanna Get Down and Dirty? Do earthworms turn you on? Then join our spring/summer youth garden with fellow gardeners every Saturday starting May 17th from 10:00 to 11:00am at the C.B. Huss Recreation Complex through Saturday, August 30th. Must pre-register by May 3rd to participate. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 704-824-4231.

SWIM LESSONS AND POOL PARTIES REGISTRATIONS

Monday, April 14 registrations begin for summer swimming lessons and pool party reservations.

Swim lesson dates:

- 1st session: May 26th-June 5th
- 2nd session: July 14th-24th
- 3rd session: August 4th-14th

Classes will be from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday for two weeks. Cost \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. 12 per class ages 4 and up.

**SUMMER CAMPS OFFERED - Athletic camps: registration fee: \$50 Residents
\$75 Non-residents**

BASKETBALL (AGES 7-12)	June 16-19 - 8am-12pm	Pre-Registration required
VOLLEYBALL:	DATES TO BE DETERMINED	
SOCCER: (AGES 7-12)	July 28-31- 9am-12pm	Pre-Registration required
BASEBALL: (AGES 7-12)	DATES TO BE DETERMINED	
MATH/SCIENCE CAMPS	RISING 4 TH , 5 TH , AND 6 TH GRADERS	July 14-17 and July 21-24
	Pre-Registration required. Cost \$100	
SPANISH CAMP:	June 16-19	

TRASH AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES

The Town of Cramerton through our contract with Waste Management can only provide one trash receptacle and one recycling receptacle to each residency. The Town pays Waste Management every month for each container that is set up in Town. If you wish to have an additional receptacle you must contract directly with Waste Management. Waste Management's number is 800-273-0438. If you have a damaged receptacle please contact Town Hall for a replacement at 704-824-4337.

SPRING CLEAN UP

A Waste Management dumpster will be available at the end of Eleventh Street from April 21st to May 5th. The following items cannot be placed in the dumpster: white goods, recyclables, or hazardous materials.

CLASSES AND EVENTS

- **Dance Out:** Wednesday's 6 to 7 p.m.
- **Zumba:** Thursday's 6 to 7 p.m.
- For more information: www.queencitydanceout.com
- **GOAT ISLAND AND TOWN CENTER:** Amphitheater and Shelter Rentals: Available for parties, family reunions, concerts, movies, and weddings or receptions. Call for pricing or visit the Town's website at www.cramerton.org.

Story Time

ON THE GREEN

Reading on the Green (Town Center)

A new exciting reading and activity series sponsored by the Parks and Recreation department and the Gaston County Literacy Council. Ready for some good 'ole family fun? Then bring a mat and a listening ear for story time entertainment with specially designed crafts for each book's theme. Register for a free box of summer reading books each month when you come. Join us every second Wednesday starting in May on the Town green, corner of Eighth Avenue and Center Street at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Dates to remember:

- Wednesday May 14 *Rain date May 21*
- Wednesday June 11 *Rain date June 18*
- Wednesday July 9 *Rain date July 16*
- Wednesday August 13 *Rain date August 20*

This event is sponsored by Gaston Literary Council who believes that literacy enriches the quality of life for individuals and our community.