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Cramerton, NC 28032

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NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS:

Can you spend one hour a month delivering a smile and a hot lunch to homebound elderly? Help is needed in the Cramerton community and training is provided. If you are interested, please volunteer with the Gaston County Adult Nutrition Program, 704-862-7676.

CRAMERTON FOOD BANK

Monetary donations can be made to the Cramerton Ministerial Association and mailed to Life Church, 501 Cramer Mtn. Road, Cramerton, NC 28032. Canned goods, dry goods and canned meat may be dropped off at the C.B. Huss Rec Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays or from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The Cramerton Fire Dept. has a drop off area. Food donations may also be dropped off at Riverside Baptist Church or First Baptist Church. No perishable foods can be accepted or out of date items. Please contact Reverend Lefler at 704-824-3182 if you know of someone needing assistance.

Town Meetings Schedule:

Board of Commissioners-
Regular Meeting Board of Commissioners, 7:00 p.m., January 7th 2014

Workshop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., January 23rd, 2014

Planning & Zoning Board - 7:00 p.m., January 21st, 2014

Parks & Recreation Committee - 7:00 p.m., January 6th, 2014

Beautification Committee - 5:30 p.m., January 6th, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Rollout Recycling – January 8th to 10th and January 22nd to 24th.**
- **Cramerton Bunch – January 20th at the Village Restaurant at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Town Hall will be closed for New Year’s Day on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.**
- **Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day.**
- **Vacuum leaf pick up continues and bagged leaves will be picked up weekly through January 31st. Please place bagged leaves at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on Monday. Do not mix limbs or other debris with the leaves.**
- **The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board currently has a vacancy. An application form can be found at www.cramerton.org or you can contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337 or Parks and Rec at 704-824-4231.**



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

All games start at 6:00 p.m.

JANUARY 3 – NORTH GASTON (HOME)	JANUARY 24 – ASHBROOK (AWAY)
JANUARY 7 – HUNTER HUSS (AWAY)	JANUARY 28 – FORESTVIEW (HOME)
JANUARY 17 – SOUTH POINT (AWAY)	JANUARY 31 – LAKE NORMAN CHARTER (HOME)

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Town of Cramerton Monthly Newsletter



TOWN OF CRAMERTON

Ronnie Worley, Mayor

Will Cauthen,
Mayor Pro Tempore

Board of Commissioners

Sam Carpenter
Demetrios Koutsoupas
Tammy Lawrence
Sandra R. Ware

Michael C. Peoples,
Town Manager

Greg Ratchford,
Chief of Police

Lance Foulk,
Fire Chief

Joel Lineberger,
Finance Officer

Wilene Cunningham,
Town Clerk

Cam Carpenter,
Parks and Recreation Director

Rodney Baker,
Public Works Director

Kevin Krouse,
Planning Director

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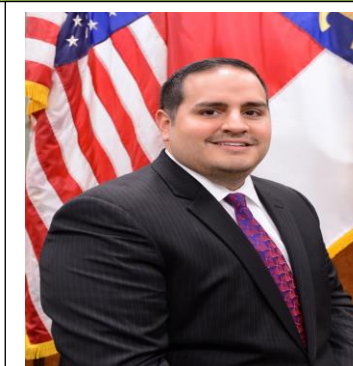
2014 ELECTION RESULTS



Mayor Ronald E. Worley



Mayor Pro Tempore Cauthen



Commissioner Koutsoupas

2014 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Town recently elected to the Board of Commissioners Mr. Ronald E. Worley as Mayor. Also elected as Commissioners were Mr. Will Cauthen (incumbent) and Mr. Demetrios Koutsoupas. Commissioner Cauthen was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.



Pictured from left to right:

- Commissioner Koutsoupas
- Commissioner Lawrence
- Commissioner Ware
- Mayor Worley
- Commissioner Carpenter
- Mayor Pro Tempore Cauthen

2014 CITIZENS ACADEMY

Town of Cramerton Accepting Applications for Second Session of Municipal Government Academy

The Town of Cramerton is currently accepting applications for its second session of the Cramerton Citizens' Municipal Government Academy. The academy's goal is to promote better understanding of and encourage participation in Cramerton Town Government. The first session graduated in June 2013.

Academy participants will spend Thursday evenings with Town staff and other special guests learning the basic processes of local government, becoming familiar with each Town department and their duties, and when and where citizens can be most effective when participating in their government. Each class session will begin at 6:00 PM and will last approximately three hours and will include presentations, discussions, group activities, and tours of Town facilities.

Classes will be held on Thursdays each month beginning February 20, 2014. The program will run through June with graduation scheduled at the Town Board of Commissioner's Meeting on June 3, 2014.

Participation in each academy session is limited to 20 people. Priority of admission will be based on: residency within the Town limits, order of receipt of a completed academy application, and those living within Cramerton's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

Completed 2014 academy applications are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 24, 2014. There is no cost for academy participation. Participation is limited to persons 18 years of age and older. Academy applications are available at the Cramerton Town Hall, by calling 704-824-4337, or by visiting www.cramerton.org.

Direct questions or comments to:

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VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Town's Beautification Committee is currently collecting information on the construction of a Veterans Memorial in Cramerton. Veterans are being encouraged to assist in the design of the memorial. If you are interested in participating in this process, please contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337.

STORMWATER

Did you know Cramerton has a Stormwater Management Program? The program which began in 2003 resulted from the U.S. EPA's amendment to the Clean Water Act which requires smaller towns such as Cramerton to comply with its regulations. The regulations focus on improving water quality because stormwater is a major source of pollution to our lakes, rivers and streams.

What exactly is stormwater? Stormwater runoff is rain water that flows over driveways, lawns, sidewalks and streets and as it moves picks up and carries pollutants such as pesticides, cleaners and oil which then flow directly into our water sources. Stormwater is not treated; anything that goes into a storm drain goes directly to the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

What can you do to prevent stormwater pollution? Periodically we will provide homeowner tips in the newsletter that you can incorporate to prevent pollution and help protect our water.

Leaves, acorns, grass clippings and other debris contain high concentrations of the nutrients phosphorus and nitrogen, which are the most common cause of lake pollution in urban areas. Leaves make their way into our lakes, rivers and streams when rain washes them down the storm drains. Although leaves may seem harmless, once they get into the water, the leaves release nutrients that contribute to the growth of algae. Leaves also clog our storm drains which can contribute to flooding. What you can do..... During leaf season, rake leaves close to the curb **but not in the street** so that the Town can pick them up with the leaf vacuum. Leaves may also be bagged and placed at the curb for pick-up.

COAT AND SHOE DRIVE

If anyone is interested in donating coats, jackets, cleats, or tennis shoes, please call the Parks and Recreation office at 704-824-4231 to find out more details or e-mail ccarpenter@cramerton.org. For parents that need help, please contact Cam Carpenter. All inquiries are confidential.

BICYCLE DONATION DRIVE

Don't throw away your old bike, donate it to the Parks and Recreation department so we can fix them up and donate them to the many kids around Cramerton that would like to have a bike. Please contact Cam Carpenter at 704-824-4231 to fill out a confidential form requesting a bike. Several bikes are already available to be donated.

CLASSES AND EVENTS

- Kid's Dance Classes: Monday's and Tuesday's: 1:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- Dance Out: Wednesday's 6 to 7 p.m.
- Zumba: Thursday's 6 to 7 p.m.
- For More information: www.queencitydanceout.com
- Disc Golf League: Call for details regarding Saturday morning league
- Cornhole League: Saturday morning in the gym. Call for additional details.
- 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.

CRAMERTON PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

704-824-4231

Happy New Year! I want to take this time and thank every parent, coach, volunteer, and player that participated in one of our programs or special events this past year. 2013 was indeed a busy and productive year for our department.

Goat Island Park Phase II has a completion date scheduled for December 2014. Project will include pedestrian bridge linking downtown to the island and Lakewood, 2-5 year old playground, additional swings, dog park, permanent cornhole and table tennis board games, loop trail, and observation deck on the Town side. Half of phase II funding will be made possible through state and local grant funding.

Staff is also working on a Recreational Trails Grant to construct restrooms, add additional parking and pave parking lot at Goat Island, and construct a new kayak/canoe portage on the north end of the river. This grant if awarded will run in conjunction with the NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian Grant that the Town received to construct approximately a mile in paved greenway running from Goat Island to the Villages at South Fork.

Staff and the recreation advisory committee are in the early stages of planning and revamping Central Park. Surveys are available online and at the offices to determine what you would like to see happen at Central Park. All ideas are welcome.

January begins our youth basketball leagues. This year we have teams ranging from 3 years of age to 15 years of age. Close to 400 youth are participating in basketball or cheerleading. If interested in watching one of these fine young boys or girls participate come out to the gym Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays you can visit the recreation gym or the auxiliary gym at Stuart Cramer High School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Youth Baseball, girls' softball, girls' volleyball and co-ed. Soccer will begin registration February 1, 2014.

Staff, along with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, has been planning our special events calendar for 2014 over the past year. The 2014 events calendar will be included in the February newsletter.

Please remember if you have a question, comment, or ideas, give us a call. I'm personally looking forward to 2014 and the challenges we will face and the new programs and events that will take place.

Cam Carpenter – Parks and Recreation Director

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION STARTING DECEMBER 2, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 2014

- MONDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY: CLOSED
- THURSDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

***ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY: 8:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m. - Closed Wednesday

BULK ITEM, APPLIANCE AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The Public Works Department collects discarded household items and yard waste on Mondays and Tuesdays. Yard waste is collected on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You should place these items at curbside for collection by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays. Please do not mix these items together or put in Waste Management cans. Please do not mix logs over 6 inches round in any brush piles, cut limbs 4 to 6 feet long and place parallel to roadside to ensure the crew will pick them up. All hedge clippings, pine needles, pampas grass and leaves must be bagged for weekly pickup. If you have questions, please call Rodney Baker, Public Works Director, at 704.718.8006. If any citizen has any recycling issues that include tires, computer equipment, batteries, antifreeze or motor oil please contact Gaston County Recycling Center at 704-922-7729.

VACUUM LEAF PICK UP

Please understand that leaves are picked up on a schedule that is subject to change. Leaves are picked up as time permits. Please do not put leaves in the street or in storm drains. This is against the law. All leaves should be placed at curbside just behind the curb. **If you would like for your leaves to be collected on a weekly basis, please place bagged leaves behind the curb on Monday mornings for collection. Do not mix limbs or other debris with the leaves. The vacuum leaf pick up service will end on January 31st.** If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337.



DEFIBRILLATORS DONATED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT BY THE McADENVILLE FOUNDATION
The Town would like to thank the McAdenville Foundation for the donation of two defibrillators to the Cramerton Fire Department.

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL AKERS FOUNDATION DONATION

A \$5,000.00 DONATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE AKERS FOUNDATION FOR GOAT ISLAND PARK PHASE II.

C.C. DAWSON BRIDGE PROJECT

The bridge over the South Fork of the Catawba River that separates Lakewood Road and North Main Street is currently scheduled to be completed in April 2014.