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**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 16-18**

**CHECK WEBSITE: www.cramerton.org or
FACEBOOK: Cramerton Centennial**

CRAMERTON FOOD BANK

Monetary donations can be made to the Cramerton Ministerial Association and mailed to 76 Riverside Drive, 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 No perishable foods can be accepted or out of date items.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 704-756-1531 if you know of someone needing assistance.

REMEMBER TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Help us reach our goal of 1,500 fans!

TOWN MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Board of Commissioners- Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – March 3, 2015

Workshop Meeting – 7:00 p.m., March 19, 2015

Planning & Zoning Board - 6:00 p.m., March 17, 2015

Parks & Recreation Committee, 7:00 p.m., March 2, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **Rollout Recycling – March 4th, 5th, and 6th, and March 18th, 19th, and 20th.**
- **Cramerton Bunch – The Cramerton Bunch will meet on March 16th at Village Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.**
- **The Centennial Celebration Committee is seeking members to help with the planning of the 100th Anniversary of Cramerton. Please visit the Town's website or www.facebook.com/cramertoncentennial for additional information.**
- **CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS REGARDING ARTIFACTS: The Centennial Committee will be meeting on Wednesdays at Town Hall, 155 North Main Street from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. If you would like to share any artifacts related to the Town's history please bring them to Town Hall. If you have any questions please call Town Hall at 704-824-4337.**
- **EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. - Four age groups which include 1 and under, 3 to 4, 5 to 6, and 7 to 12. There will be over 3,000 eggs hidden. Food, prizes, and entertainment. Sponsored by Cramerton Parks and Recreation, Life Church, and Cramerton Freewill.**
- **Town Hall will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 3rd.**
- **May 1, 2015 – Grand Re-Opening and Bridge dedication for Goat Island Park Phase II.**

Free WI - FI access is available to the public in Town Center, Goat Island and C.B. Huss Rec Center!

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Town of Cramerton Monthly Newsletter



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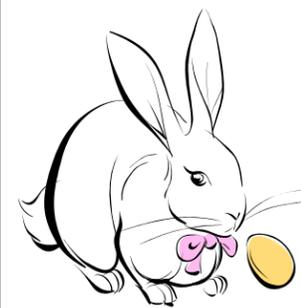
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**OPERATION MEDICINE DROP
MARCH 14TH – 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.**

Cramerton Police Department will give the public the opportunity to prevent accidental poisonings, abuse, and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The public is asked to bring any medications for disposal to Cramer Market Place, 202 Market Street, Cramerton, NC 28032. The service is free and anonymous; no questions will be asked.



**EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 10 A.M.
FOUR AGE GROUPS: 1-UNDER, 3-4, 5-6, AND 7-12
OVER 3,000 EGGS HIDDEN**

FOOD, PRIZES, AND ENTERTAINMENT
SPONSORED BY: CRAMERTON PARKS AND RECREATION, LIFE CHURCH, AND CRAMERTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH



**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
11:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M.
JOINT CELEBRATION WITH THE CITY OF BELMONT
STOWE PARK, BELMONT, NC**



**GRAND RE-OPENING GOAT ISLAND
FRIDAY, MAY 1ST
5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.**

The Grand Re-Opening for Goat Island Park is scheduled for Friday, May 1st beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please come out and play on one of the new amenities which include a 2-5 year old playground, concrete ping pong tables and cornhole boards, or take a walk around the new trail loop. Bring your dog out to the new dog park and visit some of the vendors and veterinarians.



LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves that are bagged will be picked up weekly. Leaves can be placed in any style of garbage bag. Please contact Town Hall at 704-824-4337 if you have any questions.



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Since 2010, over 1,600 sites have collected over 53 million dosage units of medication during take back events statewide. Operation Medicine Drop is an effort coordinated by North Carolina Department of Insurance, Safe Kids North Carolina, NC State Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Riverkeepers of NC and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to prevent accidental poisonings, substance abuse and to protect our waters.

“Every time we collect and destroy a dosage of excess medication, it’s a success. We’re keeping these drugs out of the wrong hands and out of our waterways,” said Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. “I commend the Cramerton Police Department for actively engaging their community in this very important initiative and I thank the public for taking responsibility to dispose of medications in a safe, secure way.”

With unintentional poisoning deaths on the rise in the state, Operation Medicine Drop and the Cramerton Police Department remind parents and caregivers to:

- Keep medicines locked up and out of reach of children.
- Always read labels, follow directions and give medicines to children based on their weights and ages. Only use the dispensers packaged with children’s medications.
- Avoid taking medicine or vitamins in front of kids, and don’t call them candy.
- If you suspect poisoning and a child is choking, collapses, can’t breathe, or is having a seizure, call 911. Otherwise, take the product to the phone and call the National Poison Help hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

Additional information on the Cramerton Police Operation Medicine Drop Event can be obtained by contacting Sgt. T.N. Jones at 704-824-7964 or njones@cramertonpd.org. For more information about the Operation Medicine Drop program, visit www.ncsafekids.org.

SPRING REGISTRATION:

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: 2 AGE GROUPS AGES; (9-11) AND (12-15)
 GIRLS SOFTBALL: AGE GROUPS: 8U, 10U, AND 12U
 SOCCER (CO-ED): AGE GROUPS: (3-4) AND (5-6)
 BASEBALL: AGE GROUPS: (TBALL 4-6), (MACHINE PITCH 6-8), (MINOR 9-10), (MAJOR 11-12), AND (JUNIOR 13-14)
 *Registrations are taken until teams are full. Sometimes teams fill before the deadline. To ensure your child gets on a team, please register early. No child will be added after drafts. Payment is due when registration is submitted. If you print forms from the website, make sure to print spring registration, code of conduct and spring athletic flier.

If you are interested in coaching, contact Cristy Busler, athletic/special events supervisor, at 704-824-4231.

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE, TOWN HALL, OR ONLINE AT www.cramerton.org. Please print off registration form, code of conduct and zero tolerance and bring with fee to the Parks and Recreation office at Julian Street. **Please do not mail in your form.**

Classes and Events:

Disc Golf League: Call for details Saturday morning league.

Corn Hole League: Saturday morning in the gym: Call for additional details.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendar for some important dates throughout the year.

- **Saturday, March 28:** Easter Egg Hunt (Cramerton Middle School at 10:00 a.m.)
- **Saturday, April 25:** Arbor Day Celebration (Joint celebration with the City of Belmont) Stowe Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 1:** Goat Island Re Opening/Dedication, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Friday, May 29:** Movie at Town Center (Dusk)
- **Saturday, June 27:** July 4th Celebration (fireworks, entertainment and vendors)

Goat Island and Town Center: Amphitheater and Shelter Rentals: Available for parties, family reunions, concerts, movies, and weddings or receptions. Call for pricing or go to www.cramerton.org.

CRAMERTON PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS 704-824-4231

DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated or coached in one of our winter programs. Basketball and cheerleading has come to an end for another season. I would like to congratulate our 2015 season champions:

- 7-8 year olds: Cramerton Seminoles Head Coach: Jeremy Sherrill
- 9-10 year olds: Cramerton Hornets Head Coach: Mark Wright and Allen Huffman
- 11-12 year olds: Cramerton 49ers Head Coach : Tanner Bowers
- 13-15 year olds: Cramerton Aggies Head Coach: Forshee Blair
- All Girls: Cramerton Lady Wolfpack Head Coach: Aaron Wright and Kara Wright

GOAT ISLAND

Goat Island is almost complete and weather permitting the final stages should be completed by months end. The Grand Re-Opening/Dedication is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the Town Center side.

Welcome and dedication will begin at 5:30 p.m. with ribbon cutting following. Once the ribbon is cut everyone will have an opportunity to visit the island by walking across the new pedestrian bridge linking downtown to the island. There will be vendors, music, and food on the island for everyone. Please come out and play on one of the new amenities which include a 2-5 year old playground, concrete ping pong tables and cornhole boards, or take a walk around the new trail loop. Bring your dog out to the new dog park and visit some of the vendors and veterinarians. The April newsletter will contain a more detailed list of activities and vendors.

CaroMont Health graciously sponsored our new Fit Pavilion with nine fit stations. Demonstrations will be available during the grand opening. Come visit one of Gaston County’s state of the art outside fit amenities.

Goat Island rentals will be available after May 1st. Call to reserve your party now. Rentals are booked on a first come first served policy. Deposit and payment is required at time of reservation. Check our website at www.cramerton.org for fees.

SPRING SPORTS

February 1st marked our official start of spring registration for soccer (ages 3-6), baseball (ages 4-14), girls’ softball (ages 7-12), and girls volleyball (ages 9-15). Registrations will last until March 2nd but please call if you forgot to sign up. There may be a chance we still have some registration spots available for some teams.

**Thank you,
Cam Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Director**

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.

CAMPS

Each summer we offer athletic and science/math camps. Camps offered this summer will be: **Girls Volleyball, Girls softball, Baseball, Soccer (co-ed), and (3) basketball camps (Co-ed)**. Dates, times, and instructors will be set by April. Camp registrations will begin May 1. **Math/ Science Camp:** Instructors are Jennifer Ramsey and Marcie Mauldin. Dates to be announced.

Coat and Bicycle Program

Every year we have boys and girls that we know that do not have coats for the fall or winter or bikes to ride around town. A few years back we started a coat drive, and with a few generous donors stocked our room with nice coats. This past year alone we handed out 27 coats. Donating a coat is simple: Bring it by the Parks and Recreation Department. If you need a coat just simply stop by the office. Last year I met with Barbara Lawrence and we started talking about a bike program for those who needed or wanted bikes.

We had numerous bikes donated and twelve were given to kids. This program is more than just handing over a bike. Most of the bikes that were donated needed a few parts and some minor repairs. This program allows the kid who needs or wants a bike to help with the repairs which may include adding a hand brake, changing a flat tire, replacing a chain, replacing the seat, or painting the bike. This is a great program and the kids really enjoy working on the bikes and making it theirs. If anyone would like to donate a bike or parts, you can drop them off at the Parks and Recreation office.

Cleats and Athletic Shoes Exchange

Don’t throw your old cleats away, bring them by the rec. department and donate them to someone that can wear them.