



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Stevie Cox, Town Manager

CC: Citizens and Staff

DATE: January 13, 2012

REF: FYI ~ Week Ending January 15, 2012

This FYI will cover the period of January 1st – 16th, 2012. This FYI will be placed on the Town's website as well. The Town's website link is: www.townofchadbourn.com.

On January 3, 2011, the Town Council approved the award of the Contract for the Dogwood Street and Joyner Street water improvement project to Axel McPherson Construction. Town Staff is working with Engineering Services to complete the final details to start this project. Staff will continue to update you on the progress of this project.

On January 4, 2012, the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee held their quarterly meeting. At this meeting, the RTCC discussed and approved the following items:

- **Report of the CTP Needs Prioritization Sub-Committee.** The sub-committee developed a ranking criteria and recommends that transportation plans be updated by the Department of Transportation.
- **Consideration of Resolution Supporting the Freedom Roads Initiative.** Freedom Roads is a new initiative in the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources that aims to recognize the roads, rivers and ports that were critical to efforts by the enslaved African Americans seeking access to freedom.
- **Consideration of Resolution Supporting the Section of NC 211 from SR 1500 to US 17 being elevated on the Transportation Improvement Programs.** Town of St. James Councilman Bruce Maxwell has requested that the Rural Planning Organization consider a resolution

supporting the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project being elevated on the TIP.

On January 11th – 13th, 2012, Town Manager Stevie Cox and Finance Officer Patricia Garrell conducted a ride-along with the Town Meter Readers. This was an opportunity for us to see how the meters are read and look at possible ways to improve the process.

On January 12, 2012, the Columbus County Solid Waste Consortium met to discuss and review the final draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for solid waste collection. The Columbus County Solid Waste Consortium membership consists of the following local government entities: Columbus County and all municipalities in the County. A final meeting will be held in the next week and the RFP will be distributed to all potential bidders. At this time, a final date for the distribution of the RFP has not been set. I will provide additional information in the coming days.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

On January 16, 2012, the Chadbourn Christian Fellowship Alliance will hold their Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Program. The March will begin at 9 AM at First Missionary Baptist Church on South Wilkes Street. At the conclusion of the March, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program will commence immediately at First Missionary Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to participate in this program.

On January 19, 2012, the North Carolina Department of Commerce will conduct a close-out monitoring visit for the Community Development Block Grant Project that the Town completed in the Clark Street, Holland Street and Smith Street area. This project included the demolishing of some abandoned structures; rehabilitation and construction of houses; drainage; installation of a new water line; and paving of streets.

On January 19, 2012 at 7 PM, the Chadbourn Community Development Corporation (CCDC) will hold their annual general membership meeting at the Chadbourn Library. If you are interested in participating in CCDC, you may contact Kenneth Lee at: (910) 862-4397.

On January 22, 2012, First Missionary Baptist Church of Chadbourn will sponsor a "UNITY in the Community" service at 4 PM. The purpose of the service is to promote Christian fellowship and stewardship for the communities of Chadbourn and Columbus County. It is designed to bring cohesiveness of community spirit for community residents in conjunction with local churches, businesses, schools, and elected officials in light of recent local tragedies. The Special Guest Speaker will be Rev. Lester C. Holcomb, Jr., who is the pastor of Living Word Church of Chadbourn. All parents and friends of the community are invited to attend this service and bring community children with them. All proceeds of the service will be donated to Chadbourn Elementary School and Chadbourn Middle School. Attached is a letter

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and flyer about this program from Rev. Lionel Cartwright, who is the pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church and the Chaplin for the Chadbourn Police Department. If you have questions about this program, you may contact Rev. Cartwright at: (910) 309-6977.

On January 23, 2012, the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce will hold their 75th Anniversary, Annual Meeting, Celebration and Mini-Business Expo. This event will take place at the Family Life Center at Northwood Assembly which is located at 2672 James B. White Highway North, Whiteville, North Carolina. The Tapas Style Dining and Mini-Business Expo will take place from 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm. The 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting will take place at 6:45 pm. If you are interested in attending this event, you must RSVP by January 17, 2012. For more information, you may call the Greater Whiteville Chamber at: (910) 642-3171 or whitevillechamber@centurylink.net.

On February 25, 2012 at 6 pm, Zion Wall Freewill Baptist Church will celebrate the 18th Annual Minnie Dargan Scholarship Banquet and Program. The banquet and program will be held at the National Westside Community Center which is located at 650 West Smith Street, Chadbourn, North Carolina. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Teresa McClelland of St. Paul Holiness Church of Chadbourn. If you would like to contribute or attend the program, you may contact Albert Kelly at (910) 654-4427 or Girlie Frink at (910) 654-4431.

REMINDERS:

On January 16, 2012, the Chadbourn Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Town Hall will reopen on January 17, 2012.

The next **Town Council** meeting will take place on February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The deadline for submitting items for the Town Council meeting will be January 27, 2012.

The next **Planning Board** meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The deadline for submitting agenda items was January 10, 2012.

Please keep Johnny Honeycutt and all the other citizens in our Town who are undergoing hardships and sickness in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.