

Coats Corner

“a peaceful place.....a friendly face”



Coats Town Hall, 25 East Main Street, Coats, NC 27521

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A Message from the Mayor

*We are excited about all the
new changes in Coats!*

Change brings new opportunities. I would like to welcome **Walmart Express** and **Ice House America** to Coats. Walmart will be opening in mid July and will bring approximately 35 jobs and variety of merchandise that will complement our existing businesses. What a great time to enjoy the Ice House which is scheduled to be open on July 4 week. We hope you will enjoy these two new additions as well as our existing businesses!

POSTER CONTEST !!!

Beginning July 1st the Parks and Recreation Department is holding a poster contest. We would like for you to create a poster on an 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper of what the Park means to you. It can be a sports poster or just your favorite thing to do while you visited our park.

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Crime Prevention Tips

By Jeremy Hall, Chief of Police

Spring and summer is the time we all begin work on our yard and home improvement projects.

Unfortunately, spring is also a time when home improvement scams begin to rise. Some criminals make their living driving through neighborhoods looking for people, especially the elderly, from whom they can make some quick cash on. Victims of home improvement scams usually report that a portion, or all of the work for which they paid was not completed or the quality of work was unsatisfactory. Once paid, these home improvement con artists usually can't be found again.

New Place, same Friendly Faces



The Coats Town Hall has moved into its new 13,000 square foot facility at 25 East Main Street. Town Hall houses the Police Department, Administration, Public Works, and Recreation Departments. The Town Board of Commissioners will host an **OPEN HOUSE** for the public on July 11, 2013, from 6-7pm. Please plan on attending!!!!

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By Gary Denton, Public Works Director

Public Works Tips

Limb Collection:

Public Works will continue picking up limbs for the summer months. Please cut limbs up into 4 foot lengths and place next to street. Please do not put them in the ditch or on the edge of pavement. If you have questions about a certain tree or situation, please call.

Drainage Ditches:

We also will be working on drainage problems such as cleaning out driveway pipes and cleaning out ditches to get better drainage.

Street Light Outage:

If, at any time, you observe a street light out or not properly working, please contact Public Works with the number of the pole and location. The pole number is a yellow tag with black letters and numbers, and will be from 6 to 8 feet above the ground.

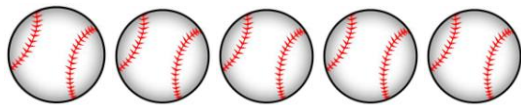
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Simple tips such as the following can help you avoid being scammed.

1. Only do business with reputable contractors or people that you know.
2. Never pay cash up front. Instead, offer to purchase the materials yourself.
3. Beware of people traveling through the area and those who claim to have materials left from another job.
4. Always get references.
5. Ask for the worker's identification and record the information.
6. Have a written agreement or estimate.
7. If you feel you are being scammed, refuse to pay and call law enforcement.
8. Never leave workers that you don't know to be unsupervised in your home, not even for a few minutes.

Recreation! Recreation! Recreation! Recreation!

By Mike Collins, Recreation Director



After 117 baseball and softball games our regular season has finally come to an end at Coats Park. We had a fun time this Spring and enjoyed all the participants. Some nights we averaged up to 500 people in the park at once with as many as 9 ballgames per night.

Now that the season is over our coaches have chosen players who showed exceptional skills, knowledge of the game, and the best attitudes. Our 12u Softball Team traveled to Pembroke, North Carolina where they competed in the 12u District 6 Dixie Youth Softball Tournament and came away with the runner-up trophy and an

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invitation to the State Softball Championship Tournament that will be held in Lillington, NC in July. Coats is the only softball team in Harnett County advancing to the State Championship in this age group.

Our 8u Boys Coach Pitch All-Star Team competed in the District 11 Baseball Tournament held in Erwin on June 22nd and 23rd. The 10u Boys and 12u Boys All-Star Baseball Team will compete in the District 11 Baseball Tournament on

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“Ordinance Highlight”

FIRE WORKS !!!

FOURTH OF JULY !!!! We all like to bring the 4th in with a bang, but can you shoot armless firecrackers? Of course the answer is no.

Take a look at Chapter 94.01,(B)18, of the Town Code of Ordinances:

“(A) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to create or assist in creating, permit, continue or permit the continuance of any unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise in the town. Noise of a character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the life or health of any individual is prohibited.

(B) The following acts among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this section, but the enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:



18) The firing or discharging of squibs, crackers, gunpowder or other combustible substance in the streets or elsewhere for the purpose of making noise or disturbance, except by permit from the Board.”

Does this mean anyone can get a permit? The answer again is.....of course not. The Town Board would likely only issue a permit to a pyrotechnics professional.

Each year thousands of adults and children are injured as a result of fireworks, so **PLEASE DO NOT** be a part of those statistics! Have a Happy 4th of July and contact your local event coordinators to check the planned festivities.

2013–2014 Fiscal Year Budget



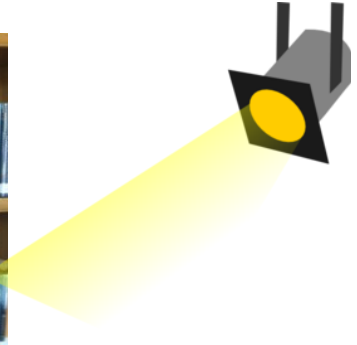
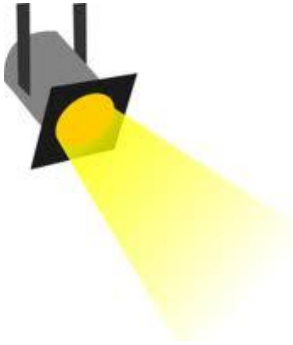
The Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and adopted the 2013-14 Budget on June 13, 2013. We are pleased the tax rate will remain at \$0.59 per \$100. There will be a slight increase to our citizens in garbage and recycling services due to our carriers increasing their rates. Increases are 30 cent for garbage and 7 cent for recycling each month.

The following are expenditures and revenues adopted for each Fund within the Town Budget:

General Fund	\$1,036,526
Water Fund	\$ 347,380
Cemetery Fund	\$ 6,275
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 64,500
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 186,293

For a detail of the complete budget, visit our website at: www.coatsnc.org

Employee Spot Light



Rebecca DallaMura

Mrs. DallaMura has been with the Town of Coats Library since December 2010. She is a graduate of Cedar Crest College where she obtained a B.S. Degree in Psychology/Minor in Religious Studies and obtained her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Drexel University. We are proud to call her "one of our own".

"People are not your most important asset. The *right* people are."

What's New at the Library?

New computers! Not only are the screens bigger, these new computers are faster than our old desktops. Come July 1st, our internet connection will be speedier than ever! And now there's no more waiting for computer passes; just walk in, sit down at an open computer, and sign in with your library card and PIN. Don't have a library card? Don't worry, it's easy to get one. All you need is a government-issued ID and a piece of mail with your name and mailing address on it. Not sure if you have a card? That's okay. Just bring in your ID and mail and we'll check for you in the system. In the event that you have an old card with fines or fees on it, we'll let you know how much you owe and what your options are in terms of repayment. The good news is that when you have your account clear, you can use computers and resources from all six Harnett County Libraries, not just ours here in Coats. So come on in on one of those sweltering days in July and enjoy an hour on the computer, or with a good book. We have plenty of those to go around. We also have free

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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
 Friday: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Saturday & Sunday: Closed



Water Quality Report

The Town of Coats has released the 2013 Annual Drinking Water Report. A copy of the report may be picked up free of charge at the Town Hall, 25 East Main Street or online at: www.coatsnc.org

Congratulations !! to our 8u Coach Pitch All-Stars Team. They were awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy in the District Tournament.

Visit our website for future newsletters and 2013-14 budget information at:

<http://www.coatsnc.org>

ARE YOU STARTING A NEW BUSINESS AND NEED OFFICE SPACE????????



The Town currently has available space for lease next to Town Hall located on 25 East Main Street. Space is in move in condition! Contact us at 910-897-5183.



from the Staff at Town Hall !!

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June 29th – July 3rd. We are proud of all the teams that have been chosen to represent the Town of Coats and support them as they compete.

Soccer Registration begins on August 1st and will continue to accept registrations through the end of the month of August. We strive to promote programs within the department that meet the needs of the community. If you have an idea for a program or sport you would like to see in our department, then drop us a note at coatsparksandrec@yahoo.com .

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This contest is open to kids 5 years of age up to 12. The winner of this contest will have their poster enlarged and it will hang in our new Town Hall for everyone to enjoy. Your entry can be a pencil drawing, crayons, water colors or anything you want to use. You can drop your entries off at the front desk of Town Hall during the week from 8am-5pm, or mail them to Coats Parks and Recreation, POB 675 Coats, NC 27521. A winner will be announced August 1st.

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open Wi-Fi that's on 24/7/365, so bring in your laptop, tablet, or smartphone and take advantage! The library is open from 11am until 6pm Monday through Thursday and 11 am to 3pm on Fridays.

Don't forget that the Summer Reading Program for kids is happening on Wednesdays at 2 PM at Coats-Erwin Middle School through July 24th. No registration necessary! Find all the Summer Reading Program events at www.harnett.org/library/SRP2013/srp.htm There are programs for toddlers to teens!

Coats Chamber Events- Enjoy Some Family Fun

101st Coats Farmer's Day - October 11-12, 2013
 July 16th, 7:00pm - Blackman Grove Boys at Smith Farm
 August 20th, 7:00pm - Won 4 Christ at Smith Farm

Contact the Chamber at: 910-897-6213 or email: chamber@coatschamber.com for more information.



CHECK GOVDEALS.COM FOR TOWN SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Planning Board meets the 1st Thursday of each month.
 The Board of Commissioners meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Town Boards and Committees

Board of Commissioners

Walter Weeks, Mayor
 Dr. Linda Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem
 Allen Mosby, Town Commissioner
 JC Allen, Town Commissioner
 Jerry Beasley, Town Commissioner
 Don Pleasant, Town Commissioner

Planning Board

Max Mathews, Chairman
 Vicky Abate
 Ed Lauder
 Carolyn Spears
 Magdalene Pleasant
 Debbie Greider

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JC Allen
 Jay Smith
 Yamil Aponte
 Laura Weeks
 Robert Barefoot

Cemetery Committee

Margaret House
 Michele Godwin
 Dovie Beasley
 Diane Denning
 Sondra Smith

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Hours:

8-5 Monday -Friday
 Closed 1-2 Lunch

Holiday Closing:

July 4, Forth of July
 Sept. 2, Labor Day

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Town Information

Trash Collection:..... Fridays
 Recycling Collection:..... Every other Friday
 Leaf, Limb & Furniture Collection: Weekly
 Water Bills: Due the 10th of the month

Town Staff:

Kenny Cole, <i>Town Manager</i>	910-897-5183 Ext. 24
Gary Denton, <i>Public Works Director</i>	910-897-5183 Ext. 34
Jeremy Hall, <i>Chief of Police</i>	910-897-5183 Ext. 28
Mike Collins, <i>Recreation Director</i>	910-890-4946
Cortney Kerns, <i>Town Clerk</i>	910-897-5183 Ext. 33
Margaret Strickland, <i>Deputy Clerk</i>	910-897-5183 Ext. 22
Zoning	910-897-5183 Ext. 24
Trash Collection	910-897-5183 Ext. 22
Water Service	910-897-5183 Ext. 22
Animal Control	910-814-2952
Library	910-230-1944
Police (General Questions)	910-897-5183 Ext.29

(Police officers): Ken Storricks (Sergeant), Michael Blackman (Corporal), Ryan Sasser, Chad Garvin **(Public Works):** Rodney Pleasant **(Library):** Rebecca DallaMura, Linda McNeil.



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