

Coats Corner

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



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A Message from the Mayor

By Walter Weeks

It seems appropriate as we celebrate our 100th Farmers' Day to extend our town's growing season this year. This fall we will

be adding a Wal-Mart Express to our growing crop of businesses. It will be located at the intersection of Johnson and McKinley Streets, across Johnson Street from Hardees. Please join me in welcoming this new business.

Speaking of growth, I encourage you to visit the newly expanded Coats Museum. Thanks to the generosity of donors and hard work of volunteers, we have a much larger window through which to view our heritage.

As we enter into the season of giving and serving, please consider serving on one of our town boards or committees. A list of these committees and volunteer applications are available at Town Hall.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Town Receives \$30,000 Grant for New Town Hall

By Kenny Cole, Town Manager

The Coats Town Hall will soon be relocating to Main Street! The new 13,000 square foot facility will house the Police Department, Administration, Public Works and Recreation Departments.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded the Town \$30,000 in grant money to make minor ADA accessible upgrades to the facility. These upgrades, designed by CT Clayton Engineering, must be completed before the Town can occupy the building. Construction should take place in early November.

Halloween Tips from your Police Department

By Jeremy Hall, Chief of Police

It's that time again when children enjoy dressing up and roaming the neighborhoods, trick-or-treating in search of some of their favorite candy. Halloween will be observed on October 31st from 6-8 pm. To keep your little kids safe, just take a minute and read Coats Police Department Safety Tips for Halloween...! Have a great and safe time this Trick- or- Treat season....!!!



- Carry a bright flashlight to illuminate sidewalks, steps and paths.
- Chemical GLOW in the DARK LIGHT STICKS can be used along with Flashlights.

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Fall Leaf Collection

By Gary Denton, Public Works Director

The leaf collection program is a big challenge for your Public Works Department. This challenge consists of staying in advance of Mother Nature's blend of falling leaves in very large volumes with possible rain and frequent fall winds. Leaf Collection begins from the months of November until February.

Public Works urges residents to do the following:

- Do **not** put leaves in plastic bags
- Put Halloween pumpkins in your green

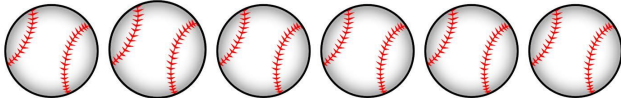


garbage cart or on a compost pile, not on leaf piles

- Please keep debris, such as flowers and vegetable plants on top of your leaf piles at the curb
- Do **not** put limbs in the leaf piles
- Keep piles away from and out of drainage ditches

Recreation! Recreation! Recreation! Recreation!

By Mike Collins, Recreation Director



Our summer baseball programs were a big hit this year with Coats Parks and Recreation hosting the Dixie Youth Baseball District 11 Tournament. We had the 8U Coach Pitch Baseball and Softball, 10U and 12U Baseball and 13U Softball all competing in post season all-star play. The 10U all-star baseball team were runner-up in the District 11 tournament and advanced to the State Championship Tournament that was held in Elizabethtown, N.C. We are so proud of these young people and the way they have represented the Town of Coats.

Our 8U Baseball Team and our 13U Girls Softball team both received the sportsmanship trophy while competing in the District Tournaments. This award is decided on by the District Director and given to the team that shows above average attitude and sportsmanship. We are extremely happy to have young boys and girls participating in sports that care enough about the game and conduct themselves in a manner that we all can be proud of.

**BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION
BEGINS IN NOVEMBER!**

Visit our Recreation Website:

<http://www.coatsparksandrec.com/> Find us on <http://www.facebook.com/> for more up to date information.



SOCCER NEWS

We are happy to announce that we have kicked off our soccer season with a record number of teams. Our 6U and 8U teams are busy practicing and games will start by the end of September. Coats is part of the Harnett County Soccer League and will be competing against Lillington, Angier, Erwin, and Dunn. Coats Parks and Recreation will also have teams competing in the 10U and 13U Division.

All home games will be played at the Coats Park and will begin at 6:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Come out and cheer for your home town team as these kids continue to learn the game of soccer and have fun while doing so.

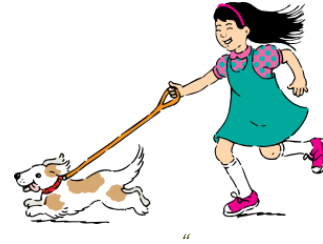
“Ordinance Highlight”

IS YOUR ANIMAL ON A LEASH?

Should you allow your dog to be off the leash outside? The official answer is, No.

“No person, owning or having possession, charge, custody or control of any animal may cause, permit or allow the animal to stray or in any manner to run at large upon any public street, sidewalk or other public property or to stray, run at large or otherwise trespass upon the private property of another.”

Animals must be on a leash, contained within a fence or an operable and marked invisible fence. An animal may be loose in its own yard. This regulation



is aimed to protect the health and safety of our citizens. Please be a responsible pet owner and abide by the law. Violations will be investigated and stiff fines may be applied.

The Town of Coats contracts with Harnett County Animal Control to enforce the Town’s Animal Ordinances. If you have an issue with an animal running loose, contact Animal Control at: 910-814-2952.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING TIMBERING YOUR PROPERTY?

Although timbering your property may be a good source of quick income, clearing your property may have devastating effects on the town’s environment, animals, as well as people, resulting in a host of problems. Often these problems are irreversible, due to the magnitude of the destruction.

The Town just recently amended the Zoning Ordinances to include Tree Harvesting and Forestry Operations.

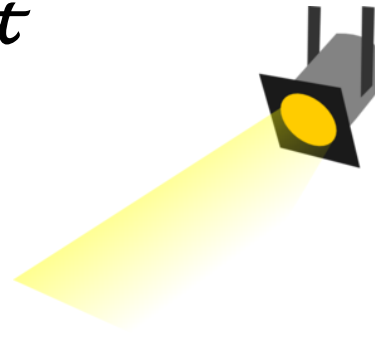
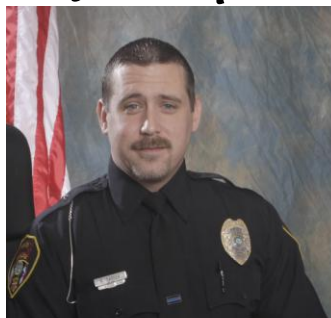
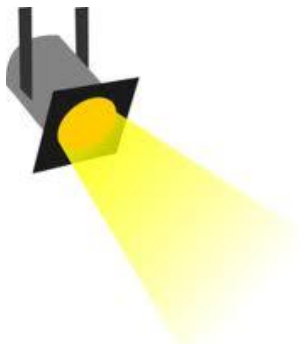
The Town seeks to monitor timber harvesting activities within the Town Limits. The Town shall review all timber harvesting operations that occur on any parcel within the corporate limits of the Town. It is the intent of the Town not to discourage legitimate Forestry operators, but to monitor and control clearing activities unrelated to Forestry, for example, general land clearing or land clearing for future development.

The Town will not only consider the fundamental rights of property owners, but shall also weigh the intended long-term use of land and overall safety, health and welfare of the community.

Harvesting of timber may take place only after a permit has been issued by the Town.



Employee Spotlight



Ryan Sasser

Officer Ryan Sasser has been with the Town of Coats Police Department since November 2011 and in law enforcement service for three years. He is a graduate of Central Carolina Basic Law Enforcement Training program (B.L.E.T.) and the Police Department Division of Criminal Information terminal agency coordinator. He is a lifelong resident of Harnett County and is married with four children. We are proud to call him "one of our own".

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

VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

Did you know that Coats has a library? It does! We are located on 243 South McKinley Street. We offer many different types of materials for you to use in the library as well as online resources for you to use at home. So why is the library a bargain? Well consider this: If you rent three DVDs a week from a video store at \$3.00 each, that's \$9.00 a week. Over a year, your cost would be \$486.00.

Or, you can borrow these movies from us with your library card for free! If you check out one book a week from the library instead of buying new hardcover books, you'll save \$780.00 in a year. Since everyone's budget has to go further these days, taking advantage of our community's resources is a great way to save money and have fun. Obtaining a library card is free for anyone who lives or works in Harnett County, and not only can you borrow from the Coats Public Library, you have

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Library Hours

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

TOWN LITTER SWEEP

Soon the Town will have thousands of visitors attending the 100th Farmers Day Event. **Lets clean up!**

The Town Board of Commissioners each dedicated a day to volunteer to help clean our community. Now, let's do our part.

The Public Works Department will be collecting the following items at the roadside:

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Visit our website for future newsletters and 2012-13 budget information at:

<http://www.coatsnc.org>

Coats Chamber Events- Enjoy Some Family Fun

2012 100th Farmers Day Event:

Coats will celebrate its 100th Farmers Day on October 12th and 13th.

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

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

Parks and Recreation Committee

JC Allen
Jay Smith
Yamil Aponte
Laura Weeks
Robert Barefoot

Cemetery Committee

Margaret House
Michele Godwin
Dovie Beasley
Ann Beasley
Ted Penny
Diane Denning
Sondra Smith

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Hours:

8-5 Monday -Friday
Closed 1-2 Lunch

Holiday Closing:

November 22-23, Thanksgiving
December 24-26 Christmas

Web Address:

<http://www.coatsnc.org>

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
Karen Wooten, <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):** Craig Parrish, Chester Mathews, Rodney Pleasant **(Library):** Rebecca DallaMura, Linda McNeil



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DAIL 911 FOR POLICE AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Halloween from page-1

- Trick-or-Treat only in familiar neighborhoods.
- **DO NOT** cut across stranger's yards or driveways.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes, and they should fit properly.
- Avoid wearing your mask while walking from house to house.
- Always use the front door; **NEVER** go to the back of a house.
- Stay away from any animals that you don't know.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Don't eat any candy until it's inspected for tampering under bright lights.
- Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, unwrapped, has puncture holes, or is homemade.
- Small children should not be allowed hard candy they may choke on.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the police.
- **BE POLITE AND SAY "THANK YOU"**.

DRIVERS

- Drive and go slow, slow, slow all evening.
- **NO ONE** should drive a vehicle while wearing a Halloween mask.
- CAUTION: Young trick-or-treaters may dart out in front of you.
- Obey ALL traffic signals, both as a driver and a pedestrian.
- Adult Halloween parties should have a designated driver.

Happy Thanksgiving



from the Staff at Town Hall !!

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access to all the materials in each of the other five Harnett County Public Library System branches. Plus, our helpful and knowledgeable librarians can help you discover even more books that you might enjoy! All the values here were calculated using the Library Value Calculator at the Harnett County Public Library website (<http://www.harnett.org/library/value2.htm>).

Go see for yourself how much you actually save (or could save) by being a member of the library!

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Clean Metal: *Bicycles, etc. All clean metal must be separated from other bulk items.*

Paint cans: *Paint cans should be opened and the paint allowed to dry. With the lid removed and contents completely dry, paint cans may be placed curbside.*

Furniture & Large Items: *Chairs, table, couches, mattress & box springs, lawn furniture, grills (no propane tanks), microwave ovens, push lawnmowers(gas and oil must be removed), large children's toys, etc.*

White Goods: *Stoves, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters. (contents and door/lids must be removed on all items)*

Place the items at the street before October 10 !

