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VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information call Village Hall at 983-0029.

Regular Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Village Hall.

Park and Recreation Committee

6:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Village Hall

History Committee

10:00 a.m. the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at Village Hall

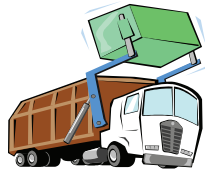
Village Changes Garbage Service Adds Bi-weekly Recycling!

The Village has contracted with Waste Industries for the last 5 years for Garbage and Recycling services. This contract expires on June 30th of this year. Waste Industries has performed this service well for the Village, and Council and Staff negotiated with Waste Industries based on service and area pricing in order to see if an agreement could be worked out that would be beneficial for both the company and the Village residents. Due to concerns over delivering the best possible service for the most efficient price possible, the Council and Staff determined that it would be best if comparisons on price and service were requested from other vendors. This RFP process took place in January and February of this year. Three vendors turned in proposals. The vendors who responded were Waste Industries Inc, Waste Management of the Carolinas, and Foothill Waste Solutions. All three companies were found to have a reputation for good service. However, there were significant differences in the pricing proposals. The Village currently provides weekly garbage pickup and monthly recycling. The rates for weekly garbage pickup are currently \$6.93 a month per household and \$2.38 a month for monthly recycling. The Village pays all landfill fees directly to Hanes Mill Landfill. During the RFP process, costs were requested for various scenarios including bi-weekly recycling pickup as well as keeping services the same. After comparing the proposals, it was determined that a new vendor Foothill Waste Solutions offered service and pricing that we felt would be in the best interests of the Village residents. The Village is currently paying approximately \$152,000 a year for garbage and recycling services. This is about \$135 per year per household and does not include

bulk pickup cost. As a comparison on the 5 cent tax rate, the Village takes in about \$94,000 a year in property taxes from residents. In order to make up the difference, other revenues are used. It is important that this service be the best we can provide for the money we have to spend in order to continue the low tax rate. Foothill Waste Solutions offered to keep services the same for \$6 a month for weekly garbage pickup and \$2 a month for monthly recycling. They also offered to perform bi-weekly recycling for \$3 a month. Therefore, the cost of the garbage and recycling contract would go down with this vendor no matter what the Council determined regarding the recycling pickup frequency. After discussing this with each other in budget workshop as well as voting on a contract during the April Council meeting, the Council voted to contract with Foothill Waste Solutions for a three year time period and add a service to the Village residents in the form of bi-weekly recycling. This can be done while reducing overall cost of the contract for the next three years and will give us time to determine if the residents use of the bi-weekly recycling benefits the Village more in cost by reducing the landfill fees even more. I am pleased that we can offer you an additional service for less cost. Please read inside for how we need to coordinate this new service and the change in vendors. There will be a change to your recycling service day of pickup. The pickup days for garbage will remain the same.

Dan Corder
Village Administrator

BULK PICKUP



As the warm weather approaches, it's time to begin preparing for the Village of Tobaccoville's annual **Bulk Item Pickup**. Collections will begin on Monday, May 15th at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until the pickup is complete. Residents are requested to have all items at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 15th. Items which have not been placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. may not be collected. Please keep in mind that the collection vehicle will only pass by your property one time during the collection period. As an additional reminder, the collection vehicles will not pick up household garbage which should be placed in your garbage cart and picked up on your regular trash day. Please keep garbage separate from bulk pickup items. Garbage will be picked up as normal by Waste Industries Inc. Also, any items containing glass must be separated from other items to reduce breakage potential.

Please note that TV's, computers and computer related electronics are now banned from the landfill! These items can no longer be picked up during bulk pickup! They must be recycled by taking them to an acceptable recycling center.

Now is the time to start cleaning out the basement and digging through the garage for free

pickup and disposal! In order to assist you with guidelines for items we will pick up, we have provided a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items. **If you have any questions prior to the pickup, please contact Village Hall at 983-0029.**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Furniture
- Major appliances
- Grills (no tanks)
- Water heaters
- Mattresses
- Toilets
- Carpet
- Lawnmowers with gas and oil removed
- Toys
- Bicycles
- Glass windows and doors

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Trash usually picked up on garbage day
- No items with any type of gas tank
- Metal drums
- Hazardous materials
- Liquids of any kind
- Paint
- Construction debris and building materials
- Asphalt, concrete, or rocks
- Yard waste, firewood, lumber, and stumps
- Cars, vehicle parts, batteries, or tires
- Propane or gas tanks
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- TV's and all computer related equipment

National Day of Prayer

Churches located inside the Village of Tobaccoville are once again co-sponsoring the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The non-denominational observance will be held at 12:00 noon at the Village Gazebo. All residents and their guests are invited to attend. The National Day of Prayer is a tradition first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775. The first Thursday in May has been designated National Day of Prayer and sets aside time to pray for guidance in federal, state, and local government. This year, Pastor Jeff Ray from Old Richmond Evangelical Methodist Church will be organizing and conducting the service.

Village Links

The Village of Tobaccoville now has a Facebook page. Residents can find it by searching Village of Tobaccoville on facebook or by using the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/VillageofTobaccovilleNC/>

The Village website is www.tobaccovillenc.org. It will be redesigned during 2017.

"Little Free Library" At Village Park

Starting in April there was a community wide book drive to collect books for a "Little Free Library". People were asked to drop off their lightly used books at the Dollar General store on Doral Rd. in Tobacoville. The book drive will last until April 30th.

This is a Girl Scout Gold Award Project by Elise Colburn. She needs the community to donate **new or gently used books** so they can be shared by the community. A "Little Free Library" will be constructed and placed at the Village Park. Community members will be encouraged to borrow and replace books as they read them. Both children's and adult books are welcomed. The books will be available for borrowing any time the park is open. There have been over 50,000 "Little Free Libraries" constructed world-wide.

"Take a book, leave a book"



2017-2018 Budget Update

The Village budget preparations for the next fiscal year are already in progress, and the Council has held several budget workshops. The proposed budget for 2017-2018 will be presented to the Council on May 4th. After that, budget adoption can only take place after a public hearing which typically takes place in June.

As of June 2017, the Village will have paid off 10 years on an existing 15 year \$450,000 loan on the Village Hall which was completed in 2007. As of June 2017, the balance on that loan will be approximately \$150,000. Even with debt, the Village has excellent fund balances. As of April 1, 2017, the General Fund balance is around \$1,299,661. Powell Bill Funds (street funds)

total \$778,157. Restricted funds total \$184,781 and Services fund balance is \$69,538. Total fund balance as of April 1st, 2017 is \$2,332,137.

The upcoming budget will not require a tax increase and does include reductions in garbage and recycling cost while increasing recycling services. The Village is also changing vendors for employee health benefits in order to reduce cost while maintaining similar coverage for its employees. No major projects are expected to be performed during the 2017-2018 budget cycle. There are funds provided for the adequate maintenance of Village Park and all facilities, as well as continued service at the same levels as previous years.

Recycling Bulletin!!!!

Effective July 1st of 2017, your recycling will move to a different day in order to begin the bi-weekly recycling service. While your garbage will continue to be picked up on either Monday or Tuesday, your recycling will be picked up every other Wednesday. If you are on the Monday garbage route, you will roll your recycle cart to the curb starting Wednesday, July 5th and then every other Wednesday thereafter. If you are on the Tuesday garbage route, you will roll your recycle cart to the curb starting July 12th and then every other Wednesday thereafter. Foothills Waste Solutions has bought all existing carts so there is no need for any cart delivery to take place. The only change in the service is the supplier, and the change to Wednesday recycling depending on your route. Personnel with Foothill Waste Solutions will be placing their company logos on your carts when they take over the service, so please be aware that they will have to handle your carts to do this. If you have questions about this, please do not hesitate to call Village Hall at 336-983-0029.

In Memoriam...

The Village of Tobaccoville was incorporated in 1991 through State law which created a Village Charter. Instrumental in this drive was former Council member and Mayor Terry Shore. Terry served on the Steering Committee for Incorporation and as a Council member on the 1st Village Council along with Henry Beck, Grover Blackburn, Ken Bradstock, and Lena Hauser. Terry served as Council member from 1991 to 2001 and Mayor from 2001-2003. Terry passed away on March 30, 2017. He is gone from our presence, but he will not be forgotten for the time and effort he gave to public service. Terry was 75 years of age. Other original Council members, Grover Blackburn and Henry Beck passed away in prior years.

Shortly after incorporating, the Village formed a History Committee. Those Committee members have gone about the preservation of Village History very surely and quietly over the last 26 years. Original members were Susan Petree, Dot Hauser, Joyce Payne, and Doris Booze. Doris passed away in 2003. Committee member Susan Petree passed away on April 8, 2017. Susan was 97 years old. She will be remembered for the work she did for the Village and for the time she gave her community. Original members Joyce Payne and Dot Hauser are still serving on the Committee along with recently added member Pat McCormick.

Remembering where we started is important to realizing how we got to where we are now and how each of us through service to the community can help us prepare for our future.

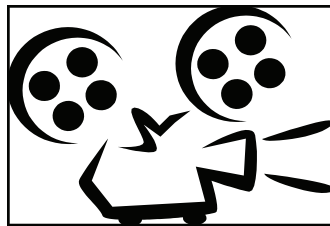
PARC News and Event Plans

The PARC Committee has actively been seeking to expand its membership, and would like to extend an invitation to any resident who might be interested in serving on the Committee to attend a meeting or help out at an event. The PARC is responsible for planning and coordinating Village recreational events and making recommendations to the Council concerning Park and Recreation. The PARC is busy right now planning the events for this year. Those events planned for this year include two Movie Nights (June 2 and September 15th) and a Tree Lighting Ceremony November 27th.

The movie "Sing" has been booked for the feature film show on June 2nd in Village

Park. The September movie has not been decided on yet. Please monitor our facebook page and the website for the announcement once that is finalized. The PARC has been tasked during their meeting in April on coming up with a list of ideas for other events during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Since the Anniversary Celebration was held last year, it will not be held again this year. That event was moved to an every 5 year basis.

The Committee would like to know if you are interested in helping out or joining the PARC Committee. Please contact Administrator Dan Corder at 983-0029 to get an application for membership.



June Movie
"Sing"
September Movie
Film To Be
Determined

Movies In
The Park
Selected Dates are
June 2nd and
September 15th
Rain Dates are
June 3rd and
September 16th

Comingled Recycling Guidelines

Help Notice The Signs!!

We have had a lot of questions lately about the recycling service. **For your convenience , we are printing these recycling guidelines in the newsletter.** We encourage you to use the recycling service and if you have a question you need answered you can call Village Hall at 983-0029.

- Use the 95 gallon roll cart that is clearly marked "Recycling."
- Recycling is currently picked up once a month, either on the first Monday or first Tuesday of the month depending on the day your trash is picked up. This will change to every other Wednesday effective July 1st, 2017. Do not bag recyclables before placing them in the 95 gallon cart.
- Should trash be found in the recycling container, it will not be picked up.
- Place the roll cart at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on the day of your pickup.
- Do not leave recycling material outside of your rollout container.

Materials That Are Allowed

- **Metal Cans (Aluminum, Bi-Metal & Steel):** Includes soft drink, beverage and food cans. Please empty and rinse out cans.
- **Paper Products:** Includes newspapers, office paper , computer paper, magazines, junk mail, shiny paper inserts,

cut up cardboard, paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes) and paper grocery bags.

- **Plastic Containers:** Includes all plastic bottles and jars #1 thru #7: soft drink bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, etc. Check the bottom of the container. If you see the recycling symbol with a #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 in the center, it is acceptable. Remove all caps, rinse, and flatten before putting in the recycling container. You will get greater volume in the roll cart.
- **Glass Beverage Bottles and Food Jars:** Includes clear, green and brown glass. Please discard caps and lids, and rinse out container..

Materials That Are Not Allowed

- **Plastic grocery bags, egg cartons or styrofoam:** only plastics labeled 1 thru 7 are allowed.
- **Coat hangers, lids, or other scrap metal:** if it is not a food or beverage container it is not allowed.
- **Books:** hard cover books
- **Glassware:** ceramic glass, drinking glasses, mirrors, window panes or plate glass, and light bulbs.



The Village placed two attractive "Welcome to Tobaccoville Village Limit" signs on either end of Doral Drive. They have a green background with white lettering and the Village Seal on them. Our residents take pride in this community and the Welcome Signs have been a symbol of the pride in our community. However, one of them has all of a sudden gone missing (stolen and removed by persons unknown.) These signs are paid for out of Village taxpayer money as are road name signs which we must replace if removed or damaged. If you see someone removing a road name sign or Village maintained sign, do not hesitate to call the Sheriffs Department or the Village Hall at 336-983-0029. Please help to stop unauthorized thefts which cost our taxpayers in sign replacement costs. Other consequences of missing signs are missed deliveries and possible misdirection of emergency personnel when needed by a resident. Missing direction signs such as stop signs, warning signs etc. can cause accidents and injuries. The Village maintains all street name signs within Village limits and some welcome/directional signs. NCDOT maintains most directional signs and traffic signal devices on the state maintained roads in Village limits. You may report missing signs to Village Hall at 336-983-0029 and we will report it to the proper agency representative.

Park Rentals

The Village Park has three wonderful facilities which can be rented for various functions at reasonable rates for both residents and non-residents. Rentals for the Community Center and the Picnic Shelter and Gazebo can be made 7 days a week except on holidays. All Sunday rentals must start after 1 p.m. for the Community Center and after 1 p.m. for the shelters. There are a few other conditions that apply to the available rental hours for each facility. The Alice Watts Tuttle Community Center contains a main room, 2 conference rooms, restrooms, lobby, fireplace, and storage area. Amenities include a sound system, TV, stage, round and rectangular tables, chairs, etc. A wireless internet connection is also available. It is a perfect

place to have a reunion, reception or other event. Our staff will set the facility up to your specifications and we will provide an attendant for all facility rentals. Resident rates for the Community Center are as follows:

- Main Room -\$35 hour
- Conf. Room-\$25 hour
- Kitchen-\$30 flat fee
- Entire Building-\$60 hour
- Security Deposit-\$100

A minimum rental for the Community Center is 2 hours. For example a resident can rent the main room (which handles a crowd of 100 people easily) and the kitchen for 4 hours for a total of \$270. This includes the security deposit of \$100 which is returned after the rental if the building is clean and undamaged and vacated on time. Our Picnic Shelter and Gazebo rates for residents are as follows:

- Picnic Shelter-\$15 hour
- Gazebo-\$15 hour
- Both Facilities-\$30 hour
- Security Deposit-\$25

Rentals of the shelters must be for a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 5 hours and end 1 hour prior to gate close. Rates for residents for all our facilities are less than the non-resident rates. All of our contracts and pictures of our facilities are listed on our website on the PARK page at:

www.tobaccovillenc.org

There are some additional requirements for each facility rental. There are rules that apply to each facility which must be honored in order to get back the security deposit. If you have a question about the availability of any of our facilities, please call Village Hall at 983-0029 and we will be happy to assist you with your questions

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