



# Town of Zebulon

## Newsletter



### Community Recycling Day

Zebulon Public Works will be hosting a Community Recycling Day on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The event will be held in the north side parking lot at Zebulon Municipal Complex from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to drop off electronic equipment, batteries, tires, fluorescent lamps, paint, motor oil and antifreeze for proper disposal.

Our Community Recycling Day is funded by a Commercial Waste Reduction Grant from Wake County. The Town of Zebulon will receive up to \$5,000 in our effort to promote the reduction of hazardous waste in landfills. The elimination of these items from area landfills will improve soil quality and reduce toxins in our natural waters.

Residents in surrounding communities are encouraged to participate in this event. You do not have to be a Zebulon resident to drop off items. Please help us make Eastern Wake County a clean, safe environment for our families by properly disposing of hazardous waste goods. For more information about the Community Recycling Day or recycling in Zebulon, please call us at (919)269-5285.



### Downtown Overlay Study Committee

Preservation of Zebulon's central business district and the revitalization of the downtown has been a concern for many residents, land owners, civic leaders and Town staff. Earlier this year, a Downtown Overlay Study Committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility of adopting a downtown overlay district. In short, an overlay district is a mapped zone that imposes a set of requirements in addition to those of the underlying zoning district. Overlay districts have proven to be an effective tool in other communities like ours to revitalize investment interest in downtown. They serve to preserve the historic character and visual identity of the area, provide for unified and orderly development, promote and aid economic development, and encourage commercial activity.

The Zebulon Downtown Overlay Study Committee meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. in the executive conference room located on the second floor of the Zebulon Municipal Complex, 1003 N. Arendell Avenue. All meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are always invited and encouraged to attend, offer suggestions, or simply observe the committee meetings.

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## NO Grass Please!

Please do not mix grass clippings with your yardwaste and/or leaf pile. The grass clippings cannot be deposited in our yardwaste facility. Ideally, short grass clippings should be left on the lawn to decompose naturally and return nutrients and organic matter to the soil.

Here are some benefits of mulching your grass clippings:

1. Saves time - you don't have to stop and empty the grass catcher bag
2. Saves money - cuts fertilizer bills
3. Saves water - grass clippings shade the soil and reduce evaporation

Grass clippings on the lawn do not cause thatch. Thatch occurs when the lawn is over-fertilized or over-watered. Mowing your lawn often at a taller height will reduce the size of grass clippings allowing them to decompose quickly and act as a natural fertilizer for the lawn.

Remember, grass clippings should never be mixed with your yardwaste or leaf pile.

## ROLL BACK THOSE TRASH CARTS!

Recently staff has been receiving complaints about neighbors leaving their trash carts next to the curb for extended periods of time.

We wish to remind all residents to place their carts at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. on their pickup day and remove their carts, once emptied, by 7:00 p.m. on the same day.

If your trash collection is missed and the cart was at the curb prior to 7:00 a.m., please call 269-5285 to report the missed collection. Please do your part to keep your neighborhood looking nice.

## From the Fireside

Fact: Fire does not care who you are, how much money you make, what kind of car you drive or how much "stuff" you have. Fire does not care if you are white or black, rich or poor, single or married.

Here are some more facts:

- An estimated 54,500 heating fires occur each year in the US
- Heating is the second leading cause of all residential fires following cooking
- Residential heating fires peak in January and February; this peak accounts for 34 percent of fires
- Confined heating fires, those fires confined to chimneys, fuel boxes, or boilers account for 87 percent of residential heating fires
- 31 percent of the non-confined residential heating fires occur because the heat source is too close to combustibles
- Residential heating fires peak in the early evening hours between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. with the highest peak between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. This four hour period accounts for 30 percent of all residential heating fires
- Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and civilian injuries
- Ranges account for the largest share, 67 percent, of home cooking fires
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires
- 59 percent of reported home cooking fire injuries occurred when victims tried to fight the fire themselves

So, be careful and safe as you use various heating and cooking equipment in your home. Don't forget the March was "Change your Clock, Change your Battery" month, so if you haven't done it..... change the battery in your smoke detectors. Those smoke detectors in your house are real lifesavers!

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## Pictures with the Easter Bunny

April 8 4-6 pm

Zebulon Community Center

\*\*Get a free 4 by 6 photo by donating canned food\*\*



## Warrior Baseball Clinic

April 19-20 9am-noon

Zebulon Elementary School Park

\$30 Resident \$35 Non-Resident



## Easter Egg Hunt

April 9th 10 am

Zebulon Community Park



Join in the fun at our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 8 and under.

Don't be late or you will miss the action as we will start promptly at 10am.

Bring your own basket!!

The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance.

## Fall Baseball/Softball

Registration June 6-17th

\$35 resident, \$45 non-resident

*Festival* April 30th  
**ON THE LAWN**  
**Zebulon Municipal Complex**  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

There will be a great deal of fun to be had at the Festival on the Lawn, which use to be known as Arts in the Park.

There will be Live Music, Arts and Crafts, Games, Inflatables, Face Painting, Fossil Find and Great Food. Some of the performers will be Paul Miller/ Flow Circus, Zebulon Middle School Band, Belly Dancing Troupe, Dancing with Wolves/ NCSU Ballroom Dance and Spencer Davis as the DJ and the Terry Batson Band.

Plan to come out and have a wonderful time. For additional information please call (919)823-0432.

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## Summer Camps

Weekly \$60 per camp  
Call 823-0432 for more  
information

- Zebulon Country Club Golf Camp
- Girls Volleyball
- NC State Soccer Camp
- Girl's Fast-Pitch Softball
- Wolfpack Cheerleading Camp
- Tennis Camp
- Warrior Basketball Camp
- Summer Fun Spectacular



## Community Center Programs

Family Movie Night 7 PM

Free Movie & Popcorn

- April 8 The Sorcerer's Apprentice
- May 13 Toy Story 3
- June 10 Race to Witch Mountain
- July 8 Yogi Bear



Free Walking: Monday-Friday  
6 AM-10 AM

## Afternoon Programs

Art for Kids

K-2 (Wed 4-5:30)

3-5th (Thurs 4:30-6)

\$25 Resident/\$30 Non-Resident

Kid's Fitness

K-5th (Wed 4-5)

\$15 Resident/\$20 Non Resident

Fitness Room Pass:

\$10 per month Residents

\$20 per month Non-Residents

Get Fit Pass: Zumba, Circuit Training,  
Sculpting & Toning

7 sessions for \$25 Resident

\$30 Non-Resident





## 2011 Spring Bicycle Rodeo

May 21 - 9:30 - 3:00

Zebulon

Community Park



The Zebulon Police Department is sponsoring a bicycle rodeo designed to teach bicyclists the skills needed to become a better cyclist.

The rodeo will be held on Saturday May, 21 at the Zebulon Community Park. This event will be from 9:30am-3:00pm, beginning with registration. Bicyclist ages 8-12 are invited to attend this event.

The event is made up of a series of stations that deal with important aspects of cycling. Each cyclist needs to bring a bag lunch, helmet and bicycle to the event. Parents are asked to stay with their children and encouraged to participate and assist in the event.

Police cyclist from the Zebulon Police Department will be at the rodeo and demonstrate the basic skills and rules of the road.

For additional information please contact Sgt. S.A. Bassett or Ofc. J. Bridges at (919)269-7455 ext. 1818 or visit the Town of Zebulon website under the Police Department page to find additional links on this event.  
[www.townofzebulon.org](http://www.townofzebulon.org)

A registration form and waiver are available to be downloaded from the website or picked up at the Police Department located at 1001 N. Arendell Avenue Zebulon.

The itinerary for the day is anticipated to be as follows:

- 9:30-10:00 – Registration and Inspection – Station #1
- 10:00 – 10:30 – Bicycle and Helmet fit – Station #2
- 10:30 – 12:00 – Various Stations and Skills Test
- 12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 – Continuation of Skills Test
- 2:00 – 3:00 – Group Ride and Certificates

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## Zebulon Community Park Tot Lot and Restroom Project

Zebulon Community Park is currently undergoing a construction project that will feature a new state of the art playground and a restroom facility in the family picnic/outdoor recreation area. In addition, the nearby stream has undergone a stabilization and beautification project, complete with re-shaping the stream bank, removal of invasive plant species, and the installation of landscaping.

The Zebulon Public Works staff has been an integral part of this project. They have recently completed demolition of the existing playground equipment and the necessary removal of trees to allow for the new construction. With this work being completed by staff the engineers estimate that the Town saved \$15,000 that could go toward the purchase of additional playground equipment.

The new playground tot lot will encourage children to utilize their imaginations as well as promote their physical abilities. Accessible sidewalks and landscaping will complete the project.

The County of Wake is administering the project through a \$274,000 Community Development Block Grant. The project is scheduled for completion in June, 2011.

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## Meeting Schedule

### Board of Commissioners

*First Monday* of each month at 7:00pm  
(If you wish to address the Board there is a public comment section at the beginning of the meeting)  
*Third Wednesday* after the regular meeting is a work session at 7:00pm (if necessary)

### Joint Public Hearings

*Second Monday* of each month at 7:00pm (if necessary) No notice is needed if you wish to speak at a public hearing

### Planning Board

*Second Monday* meeting immediately following the Joint Public Hearing  
*Fourth Monday* of the month on an as needed basis

### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

*Third Monday* of every month at 7:00pm

### Board of Adjustment

*Last Thursday* of the month at 7:00pm (if necessary)

### Technical Review Committee

*Last Tuesday* of the month at 10:00am (if necessary)

### Appeal Hearing Board

*Second Thursday* in February, May, August and November at 9:00am

## Important Numbers

Town Manager	919/269-7455 ext 1801
Town Clerk	919/269-7455 ext 1800
Planning Department	919/269-7455 ext 1810
Finance Department	919/269-7455 ext 1804
Parks & Recreation	919/269-7455 ext 1815
Police Department (non-emergency)	919/269-7455 ext 1818
Community Center	919/823-0432
Public Works	919/269-5285
Fire Department (non-emergency)	919/269-6487
Water Billing (City of Raleigh)	919/890-3245
Fire, Police or EMS Emergency	911
General Information	919/269-7455 ext 1804
Fax Number	919/269-6200

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Town Hall Building.

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