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Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

The Zebulon Police Department is looking into the possibility of starting a local chapter of VIPS. This program utilizes citizen volunteers to work with and assist the local police with several tasks and events. The program would begin with a Citizens Police Academy (which would be held at ZPD) and then grow into a full fledged VIPS program. Interested citizens would have to pass a background investigation and go through an interview process to qualify for the program. You can find more information regarding the makeup of such a program online at www.policevolunteers.org

If you are would be interested in participating in such a program please email Detective Brandon Lane at blane@townofzebulon.org

Finance Department Welcomes New Employee



Keyana Peoples

Town citizens may see a new face in Town Hall if they are in to pay a water bill or for another service with the Finance Department. We welcomed Keyana Peoples, as Accountant II, who came aboard August 5. She is joining us from the NC Department of State Treasurer, Unclaimed Property Division where she worked as a Compliance

Auditor for almost 7 years. She is a 2005 graduate of NC Wesleyan College with a degree in Accounting.

Welcome Keyana!

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Zebulon Night Out

Once again the citizens of Zebulon are invited to join in a night of fun, food, and education as we celebrate a safe community!

On Tuesday October 08, 2013 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, neighborhoods throughout Zebulon and the surrounding communities are invited to join forces with the Zebulon Police and Fire Departments to celebrate keeping Zebulon safe! The Police and Fire Departments will be hosting "Zebulon Night Out". This event will be held at the Town Municipal Complex located at 1003 North Arendell Avenue. The event will include free food, entertainment, games, displays, child identification, community watch, senior citizen, community policing programs, fire safety education, smoke alarm education, touring of the fire safety house, antique fire truck rides, and more!

The purpose of "Zebulon Night Out" is to: generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime and safety efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and our community partnerships

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Shepard School Road Sidewalk Project

The Town of Zebulon has partnered with Wake County to construct a pedestrian sidewalk along Shepard School Road from Zebulon Middle School to the Boys and Girls Club. The Project, which is being designed by the Wooten Company, consists of installing approximately 2,100 linear feet of 5' wide concrete sidewalks, 225 linear feet of bridge improvements, 1,385 linear feet of curb and gutter, and 320 linear feet of 18-inch storm drain pipe. This project is funded with \$158,480 in CDBG grant funds from Wake County, a \$100,000 construction grant from NCDOT, and \$39,620 from the Town of Zebulon Powell Bill funds. The revised schedule projects construction will commence in early November 2013 with completion of the project set for early 2014.

For more information, please contact Zebulon Public Works at 919-269-5285.

LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION

As the Fall season arrives, loose leaf piles will get bigger. Please place leaves behind the curb, not in the street or gutter, so they do not interfere with traffic or drainage. Do not mix sticks, rocks, pine cones, limbs or trash with loose leaves. Our vacuum equipment is only designed to pick up loose leaves, so your cooperation will help prevent mechanical breakdowns. Yardwaste, such as limbs and brush, should be placed behind the curb in a pile separate from leaves. Town crews will collect these materials on your normal collection day.

For more information, contact Tony Rose at trose@townofzebulon.org or 919-269-5285.

RECYCLING IS GOOD FOR ZEBULON

Everyone knows recycling helps the earth by keeping toxins and pollutants out of the landfill. With the new 96-gallon recycling cart available and more items becoming recyclable, it is easier than ever to fill the recycling cart and reduce the amount of trash in your trash cart. The following items are acceptable for placing in the recycling carts:

- Paper – newspapers, office papers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, phone books
- Paper Board – cereal boxes, cracker boxes, microwave meal boxes
- Glass – Clear, green, and brown
- Aluminum, bi-metal, ferrous and steel cans – Food cans, soft drink cans
- Plastic PET (#1), HDPE (#2), #3, #4, and #5 – milk jugs, detergent bottles, soft drink bottles, water bottles, prescription bottles, plastic bags
- Corrugated cardboard – shipping boxes

Some items require special handling and cannot be recycled in your cart. The Wake County Convenience Center located at 5051 Wendell Boulevard in Wendell will accept:

electronic equipment	paint
large appliances	batteries
motor oil	antifreeze
cooking oil	tires
hazardous household chemicals	

You can also dispose of residential construction and demolition debris at the Center. Hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily.

Next time you start to toss an item in your trash, please consider if it can be recycled. Every time you recycle, the world stays a little cleaner and that's good for Zebulon!

For more information on recycling, please visit our website, www.townofzebulon.org, or contact us at 919-269-5285.

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REPORTING A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

Street lights add to our neighborhood comfort and safety. If you notice a street light which is malfunctioning, please report it promptly. You may call Duke Progress Energy directly at 1-800-452-2777 or you can call Zebulon Public Works at 269-5285. Please have the following information available when you call:

1. Street address for the pole
2. Pole tag number (yellow tag on pole, at eye level, with black numbers or letters)
3. Is the light cycling on and off, always off, or is there a different issue with the light?

Repairs should be completed by Duke Progress Energy usually within 3-5 business days. Thank you for your help!

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From the Fire Side.....



FIRE HYDRANT WORK IN PROGRESS

You may not realize it, but having functional fire hydrants are not only beneficial if fires occur; they are also a big part in determining our property insurance costs. For both of these reasons, you'll see staff from the City of Raleigh and the Town of Zebulon working on fire hydrants over the next few months. We want to be sure the hydrants will work when needed.

The City of Raleigh is responsible for making sure our hydrants are operational, including repairing and replacing hydrants as needed. This year, Raleigh has identified about 80 fire hydrants which will be replaced. Perhaps you have already seen them working around Town! The new hydrants are being provided with a different hose connection which is both better and easier to use in case of a fire.

In addition, Zebulon Fire Department employees periodically inspect fire hydrants to be sure that they are working properly. This fall, our personnel will be painting hydrants as they come around and check them. As they paint them, we will be moving away from our red and silver paint scheme to a color coding system which indicates the available water flow for fires. The color on the top of the hydrants will give responding firefighting crews an idea of how much water can be obtained for fires. Having color coded hydrants is also a factor in helping to maintain low property insurance rates.

Be on the lookout for hydrant crews working throughout Town. Please exercise care when approaching these crews working in the roadway. Feel free to call us if you have any questions at 919-269-6487.

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ZEBULON POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND HOLIDAY TIPS

Open House on Halloween Night - 6-8:00 P.M.

The Open House will take place at the Police Station located at 1001 N. Arendell Ave. Police Officers will be on hand to give out anti-drug literature, light sticks, and candy. Mclean's Old Time Restaurant will also be on hand to assist with the open house and spooky surprises.

Businesses and citizens can learn how to can make themselves look less inviting to would-be criminals this Christmas season. Last, but not least the department will assist with the running of the annual Christmas Parade (scheduled for December 1, 2013 at 2:00 pm).

Sadly, the coming months are not only a joyful season of fun and excitement but, historically, crime statistics rise dramatically during this period. Criminals often see the hustle and bustle of shoppers and the increased activity in stores and shops as a time to target business owners and unsuspecting citizens for crimes such as fraud, bad checks, robberies, and break-ins (of homes and vehicles). The Police Department will conduct several educational programs and will utilize increased and specialized patrols to assist in keeping the Holiday Season safe and as crime free as possible.



Halloween Safety Tips

A few safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission can protect children who plan to go trick-or-treating this Halloween.

Treats: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for tampering.

Flame Resistant Costumes: When purchasing a costume, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label

Flame Resistant. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

Costume Designs: Purchase or make costumes that are light enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mom's high heels are not a good idea.
- Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.
- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

Pedestrian Safety: Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk, if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

Choosing Safe Houses: Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

- Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps

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where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.

Finally, parents remind your children of the difference between Halloween fun and vandalism. Remind them that damaging another persons property is a crime and that they can get into serious trouble for doing such things as soaping windows, throwing eggs, etc.



Christmas Season (Holiday Tips)

If You are Traveling Away From Home

- Get an automatic timer for your lights
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

If You're Out For The Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

If You're Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check, debit or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Never leave your purse in your shopping cart, thieves often walk by and simply remove

your wallet from the purse and you never notice until checkout.

- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

If A Stranger Comes To The Door, Beware

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead. If you feel the least bit nervous or intimidated, don't answer the door and don't hesitate to call the Zebulon Police Department to have the person checked out. Also, remember that a Zebulon Town Ordinance makes it illegal for someone to solicit at your door during hours of darkness so if it's after dark simply call the Police and they will handle it.

Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. Think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody - except criminals.

Take A Holiday Inventory

The holidays are a good time to update - or create - your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment, and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!

Please feel free to contact the Police Department at 919-269-7455 with any questions or comments.

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PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Disc Golf Course Changes & Improvements

Staff has worked closely with local disc golfers to make improvements to the Zebulon Community Park Disc Golf Course. The Zebulon Disc Golf Club secured funds to design and install a sign at each tee pad mapping the holes. The signs are a significant improvement, especially for new users.

In addition to new signage, staff has renumbered the golf holes in order to help the flow of park users. Disc golfers should park in the main parking area to the right when entering the park. Hole #1 and a practice basket can be found to the right of the basketball courts.

Whitley Park Playground Renovation

The Town of Zebulon has received the Healthy Weight Implementation Grant of \$92,476 from the John Rex Endowment to provide the youth in the community with play equipment that will engage them physically, socially and creatively. In addition to the installation of new play equipment, access to existing play equipment will be made ADA accessible. Project renovations are expected to begin this fall and a projected completion by the end of 2013.

Community Park Walking Trail

The third and final phase of the Community Park Walking Trail is scheduled to begin this fall. Funds were provided by the John Rex Endowment in 2011 through the Healthy Places, Active Spaces Grant. Phases one and two paved the existing walking trail through the wooded area which now connects to a paved walking loop around Ball Field A. Phase three will pave a walking loop around Ball Field B.

Family Movie Night

There will be a FREE movie served with popcorn and juice boxes. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Movie Night is always held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 PM.

October 11	November 8
December 13	January 10

Health Fair

Saturday, October 12	10AM- 2PM
Zebulon Community Center	Free
Blood Pressure Check	Diabetes Screening
Fitness Demonstrations	BMI & Body Fat Screening

Individual Nutritional Counseling & MORE

For more information call 919-823-0432. Sponsored by The Town of Zebulon, Wake County, Victorious Life Christian Center, and Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic

Trunk or Treat!

Come dressed in your costume and join us for fun, music, and CANDY! Trunks and volunteers needed! Call 919-823-0432.

Friday, October 25	5:00-7:00	Free!
Zebulon Community Center		

Veterans Day Celebration

We invite all Veterans to attend a reception honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Please respond with your intent to join your fellow Veterans by calling 919-823-0432.

Friday, November 8	9:00AM
Zebulon Community Center	

Princess Party

Join our Princess and enjoy a fairytale party with your friends. Wear your princess best! Register by Nov. 1 Ages 4 -8

Saturday, Nov. 9	10:00 AM-Noon
Zebulon Community Center \$20 Per Princess	



Pictures with Santa and Santa's Workshop

Drop your children off for an afternoon with Santa's helpers. They will enjoy a fun filled evening of games, crafts, and Christmas movies. Preregister by Monday, Dec. 2 Ages 4-10

Friday, December 6	Zebulon Community Center
4:00-9:00 PM \$25 Resident/\$35 Non-Resident	

Free Photograph with Santa by Leslie Privette!

Friday, December 6	Town Municipal Complex
5:30-7:30 PM Free!	

Operation North Pole

Santa's Helpers will be making phone calls to Zebulon children on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Parents should call 919-823-0432 for more information. Forms (available at www.townofzebulon.org) should be submitted by Friday, Dec. 13. FREE! Ages 3-7

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Youth Lacrosse

Learn about a new sport in Zebulon with Coach James Riedel. Learn the basic skills and techniques of Lacrosse. Sticks provided. No experience necessary! Ages 7 to 12

Thursdays 4:30-6:00 PM

Session 1: Sept 19 - Oct 24

Session 2: Oct 31 - Dec 12*

\$30 Resident \$40 Non-Resident per session

*no Lacrosse on Nov 28



Youth Basketball

Leagues Offered

5-6 Year Old Coed 7-8 Year Old Coed

9-10 Boys and 9-10 Girls 11-12 Boys & 11-12 Girls

13-14 Boys and 13-15 Girls 15-17 Boys

All ages determined as of January 1, 2014

**ALL CHILDREN WILL PLAY IN THEIR AGE GROUP!
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Registration will be held October 7-18

\$40.00 Resident \$60.00 Non-Resident

For additional information contact Tim Hale, at 919-823-1815.

Discover Your Style Middle and High School Art

Students will be exploring color, shape, line, texture, and form by creating 2 and 3 dimensional art. For all skill levels. A \$5 class fee for materials may apply. Certified Instructor Michelle Matheny instructs.

* No class Nov. 11.

Mondays Sept 2 - Oct 28 4:00-5:30 PM

Mondays Nov 4 - Dec 16 4:00-5:30 PM

\$40 Resident \$45 Non-Resident per session

Art Adventures Elementary School Art

Discover and explore your creativity with instructor Karen Barnhardt. Class will introduce students to a world of arts and crafts. Class designed for children ages 6-12 years. Materials provided.

Tuesdays Sept 24 - Oct 29t 4:00-5:30 PM

Tuesdays Nov 5 - Dec 10 4:00-5:30 PM

\$30 Resident \$35 Non-Resident

Movin and Groovin in the Park

Tuesdays Sept 17 -Oct 15 5:30-6:30 PM

Zebulon Community Park FREE

There will be a 20 minute warm up followed by a community walk and cool down!

Activities led by ZPRD & 4H from 5:30-6:30 PM!

Sponsored by Wake County Human Services and the Town of Zebulon

Get Fit Pass

Purchase the Get Fit Pass and you can attend any of these classes. Each pass is good for 7 sessions!

\$25 Resident \$30 Non-Resident

Or pay \$5 per class

Zumba Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7 PM

Trekking Tuesdays 9-9:50 AM

Yoga Wednesdays 9-10 AM

Thursdays 6-7 PM

Kettlebell

Strength Training Thursdays 9-9:50 AM

Line Dancing

Join instructor Inga Beck for a fun time with your friends. Enjoy old favorites and learn new dances!

Wednesdays, Oct 2 - 23 10 AM \$5 per class!

East Wake Healthy Weight Loss Series

Discover how your food and activity choices can help you achieve lasting weight loss (and, for some, lower blood pressure or better control diabetes). Join Lydia Lloyd, a Registered Dietitian and Licensed Nutritionist, for the series which will include information about: the pitfalls of dieting, how food controls you, sources of hidden calories, which exercises burn more fat and much more! You'll even participate with a fitness session led by Elizabeth Spender Smith, Certified Personal Trainer & Fitness Instructor. Each participant (ages 18 and older) will receive confidential, periodic assessments of their progress. Registration is limited so sign up TODAY! 10 person minimum; 20 person maximum

Tuesdays, Oct 1 - Nov 5

Registration is required by Sept 26 6- 7 PM
Zebulon Community Center

Cost: \$5. Limited scholarships are available. Contact Sheila Long at 919-823-0432 for more details.

Sponsored by Wake County Human Services and the Zebulon Community Center.

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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

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.