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**Subject:** Town Manager's Weekly Report (#44)

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, September 6, 2013.**

- Please take note that we are now in September, which based on our newly-administered Solid Waste collection policy, allows us to pick-up bulky household trash outside of the curb cart without additional charge. This will be the case throughout the month of September, and will occur again for the month of May. However, everyone needs to know that, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> we will begin fully enforcing the new policy and fee schedule which requires any materials outside of the cart to either be contained in Town-designated yellow, logo bags (\$1.00 each or a box of 25 for \$22.00), or \$10.00 as a call-out work order if uncontained. To better communicate the new policy, the new brochure has been printed in bulk and all Town households will be receiving a copy in the mail very soon. In addition, the brochure is now on the Town Web-site as well. Also, "door-hanger-cards" have been printed up and are being used whenever we see a situation in the field indicating a lack of knowledge or violation of the policy.
- Representatives of Diamond Engineering have asked that we not address the issue of their Design engineering fees for the Waterline Project Phases I, II, and III, on the September Agenda, but rather put such discussion off to the October 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. I have obliged that request, that is why you do not see the item listed on your agenda for this meeting. I do expect that they will provide us a detailed written explanation for their position well in advance of that meeting so that it can be included with your packet materials.
- Also, we did not receive the formal written request for amendment of the balloon pay-out terms for the High School apartments loan from the original developers yet, so that item also does not appear on this Board Packet Agenda. I do, however expect that it will be forthcoming and should also find its way on the October Meeting Agenda.
- Please note that this year's North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference will be held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center, in Hickory, on October 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for registration is coming up soon (September 13<sup>th</sup>), so if you plan to attend, let us know right away and we will make arrangements. I will be attending on behalf of the Town and since it's so close by will not require any over-night stays.
- Our Dallas Historic Courthouse Foundation Volunteers manning the beer tent at the Dallas Fest were able to net just over \$1000.00 in beer sale proceeds for the capital campaign. In addition, contributions toward t-shirts, stickers and tips brought in another \$150.00 or so.
- I attended the Gaston Regional Chamber' monthly "First Friday Focus" presentation this morning at Caromont hospital. The speaker was Transportation Secretary Tony Tata, who spoke on the newly-enacted Strategic Mobility Fund and changes to the so-called "Equity Fund" which essentially prioritizes and distributes State transportation funds for road, bridge, and transit maintenance and improvements state-wide. It proved quite informative.

Thank You,

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