

## Jim Palenick

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**Subject:** Town Manager's Weekly Report (#9)

Mayor & Board of Aldermen:

Please accept the following as the **Town Manager's Report for the Week-ended Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

- As of today, the contracted renovation of the bathrooms at the Gym is virtually complete. A couple soap dispensers remain to be installed and a parking stop-block is to be relocated; then, pending a final, "punch-list" walk-through, the work will be closed out. The Bathrooms are fully useable and open. They also now meet ADA standards for accessibility.
- On Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Town crews will be installing the new play structure equipment at both Cloninger and Jagers Park. A supervisor from the equipment supplier, "Gametime", will be assisting the electric crew installation at Jagers and the Public works crew at Cloninger, as they focus their full day's efforts on the installation. The swingset installation near the Gym will occur promptly once the other two installations are complete.
- Earlier this week the Town received the formal written permit approval, from the NCDENR, for Phase I of the Water-line reconstruction project. With this in hand, we can actually now solicit and award bids for this portion of the Project. It is my further understanding that Progressive Engineering is approximately half-way through completion of the design engineering on Phase II as well, and Phase III will follow immediately thereafter. Be reminded, however, that we are unable to issue our Debt financing for the project until all Three Phases are permitted, meaning that we will have to "front" the cost of work done in advance of the financing. We have anticipated this, though, and both the "Reimbursement Resolution" the Board approved and the magnitude of the Water/Sewer Fund Balance will allow us to keep moving without delay or interruption.
- The Town participated in a voluntary OSHA (Operational Safety and Health Administration) safety inspection on Tuesday involving most of our facilities. The process was actually originally scheduled for two days (both Tuesday and Wednesday) but went well enough that it could be concluded on Tuesday. All preliminary reports suggest that we are doing a good job with only minor issues to be addressed. We will provide further information and updates once we receive the final report.
- The tree removal (106 Hoke Drive near Dallas-Cherryville Hwy) that was to be concluded some 4-5 weeks ago by the identified low-bidder, Treescape, had to be re-contracted this week when Mr. Philbeck of Treescape informed Doug Huffman that his firm could not fulfill the work as bid and were withdrawing. As a result, we have now awarded the work to the next low-bid, S&W Tree service of Bessemer City, who have assured us that they will now get the work done promptly and at their original bid of \$2,200.00
- Last weekend's motorcycle Toy Run through Town turned out to be very successful and without incident. Because of the exceptional weather, all reports indicated a record number of rider/participants.
- Town Staff have been eagerly preparing for this evening's "Carols on the Square", and everything will be in place for the traditional festivities.
- A burglary occurred early in the week during the early morning hours at the Ingles grocery store. The police department is continuing its investigation while also working closely with Ingles personnel on recommendations for further, future security measures.
- I completed the NCUC Annual report for the Town Electric Utility this week and forwarded the official copy of same on to the Utilities Commission for their review, acceptance, and filing.

Thank You,

Jim Palenick  
Interim Town Manager

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**Subject:** weekly update

The Gaston County Toy Run for Kids motorcycle ride was a huge success there were over 1000 bikes and we passed out toys to 1,650 kids throughout the county. Thank you for your support in this event. With the help of our Fire department and Rescue squad we had the best showing of town support in the county. As you may have seen we had Gaston County PD and their ERT team in town today, after a several month long investigation search warrants were served, simultaneously, at three locations in the South Eastern section of Dallas this morning. Five people were arrested on a total of 34 warrants for charges of sell and deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver, maintain a vehicle for sale of controlled substances, maintain a dwelling for sale of controlled substances, conspire to sell and deliver, possession of Schedule II controlled substance, deliver cocaine and manufacture cocaine. Items found in the search include crack cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and \$9600.00 in cash. This was a joint investigation between Dallas Police and Gaston County Police and we will receive a portion of the money seized.

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