

Town Manager's Weekly Report: (# 141)

For the Week-Ended: Friday, October 30, 2015

- Just a reminder, the Town's annual, "Trick-R-Treat On The Square" will be held Tomorrow (Halloween, October 31st) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – the weather is expected to be quite accommodating and a large turn-out of the area's children are expected for this fun family event. Also, tomorrow the Town will be stationing a manned Fire Department apparatus out at Summey Knoll during the trick-or-treat hours, as well as having Police Department presence within a small, "gator"-style vehicle which will allow unlimited access regardless of traffic back-ups.
- The position opening within the Town's Electric Department for a landscape-technician/tree-trimmer has now been filled and the new employee will begin his duties with the Town Monday morning. This would have represented the final opening to be filled, but as you all know, the recent, sudden resignation of our Water Treatment Plant "ORC", has left us focusing on re-filling that important position as well.
- On Wednesday, November 4th, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be acting on the Town's request to re-program the 2013-14 CMAQ Grant funds (\$190,000) from the Dallas-High Shoals Hwy/Park road sidewalk project that the Town stepped away from because of substantive cost-over-runs, to the now-requested Dallas-Cherryville Highway to Gaston College Access Road Sidewalk. It is our expectation that the Committee will approve –meaning that the Board of Aldermen will then have to adopt a Resolution at its November 10th Board Meeting committing to the project and the re-programmed funds (including a local 20% match (\$47,400) – which was in our FY2015-16 Budget).
- With regard to our absence of an NCDENR-approved "ORC" (Officially Recognized) for our Water Treatment Plant, and the resultant need to purchase treated water wholesale from Two Rivers/Gastonia in the interim pending a qualified, new hire; We have arranged with Two Rivers Utility to contract with them for the services of a NCDENR-qualified plant operator who can serve the Town of Dallas until a hire can be made, and hope to finalize the contractual arrangement Monday morning. Assuming this will be accomplished, we expect to then receive subsequent NCDENR approval to bring the Plant back on-line sometime Monday as well.
- As of this writing, crews contracted by NCDOT are busy re-paving Gaston Avenue for the full 1-mile length within Dallas, running from its intersection with Trade Street to Robinson Clemmer Road. The hope is that work will continue un-interrupted until complete, but if not, we will be sure to make certain that nothing inhibits access to the Court Square block on Election day

(Tuesday, November 3rd) since the Courthouse serves as one of the Town's two official polling precincts (the other being the Citizens Resource Center).

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Palenick, Interim Town Manager