

**TOWN OF DALLAS
MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
APRIL 9, 2018
6:00 PM**

The following elected officials were present: Mayor Coleman, Alderwoman Thomas, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Withers, Alderman Cearley, and Alderwoman Morrow.

The following staff members were present: Maria Stroupe, Town Manager; Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk; Tom Hunn, Town Attorney; Allen Scott, Police Chief; Doug Huffman, Electric Director; Tiffany Faro, Development Services Director; Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director; Jonathan Newton, Finance Director; Robbie Walls, Police Captain; Steven Aloisa, Recreation Director and Steve Lambert, Fire Chief.

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He opened with the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Coleman read the meeting rules for the audience. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to amend the agenda. Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Thomas, and carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from March 12th Regular Meeting and March 26th Work Session as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Item 5A was the Proclamation of Municipal Clerk Week. (Exhibit A)

Item 5B was a Request for Franklin Gym use by Dallas High School Apts. (Exhibit B)

Item 5C was a Water Shortage Response Plan. (Exhibit C)

Item 5D was approval of the Car Show- Dallas Ambassadors and Concert with Almost Vintage. (Exhibit D)

Item 5E was approval of the Summer Concert and Cruise-ins. (Exhibit E)

Alderwoman Morrow made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Alderman Withers, and carried unanimously.

Recognition of Citizens:

Mr. Alan Cloninger, 601 McSwain St., He gave recognition to the Police Chief and commended his department on doing such a great job in Dallas. Mr. Cloninger requested the Town pay for the July 4th fireworks up to \$10,000 since he will be unable to continue funding this event for various reasons. Mr. Cloninger also requested a \$50,000 donation from the Town for the next three years to support the affiliate Boys and Girls Club proposed for Dallas that will be held rent-free at Venture Church. The Board of Directors are trying to raise money through various avenues to help with funding.

Mr. Curtis Wilson, 438 S. Gaston St., He prayed for the community and Board to make the appropriate decision in the best interest of the Town.

Ms. Starletta Hairston, 407 W. Main St., She spoke in support of the Town contributing to the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. CJ Bowman Troop 28, He is a boy scout working on a citizenship merit badge.

Special Events & Requests for In-Kind Services:

Item 7B Special Events Request for Running with the Good News 5k by Promised Land Baptist Church by Pastor Blankenship. This is a request to perform a third annual 5k Run to raise funds for the Promised Land Baptist Church's missions. They will use the route in Dallas previously used in the Kelly Guffey Memorial Run. The event will be held on Saturday September 15th, 2018 with the race set to begin at 8:30 am. The estimated attendance is 200 people. Pastor Blankenship made a donation on behalf of the church to the Town in previous years after the event to cover Town expenses. Alderwoman Thomas made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Cearley, and carried unanimously. (Exhibit F)

Public Hearings: NONE

Old Business:

Item 9A was a Resolution Supporting School Bond and Sales Tax. The Town received a request from the Gaston County Commissioners for approval of a resolution in support of \$250,000,000 in school bonds. This item was discussed at the March 26th work session. The Board discussed this item and still had some concerns how this positively impacts Dallas based on the documents received from the representatives. Alderman Withers made a motion to deny as written, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow. Yays were Alderman Withers, Alderwoman Morrow, Alderman Thomas, and Alderman Huggins. Alderman Cearley was a Nay. (Exhibit G)

New Business:

Item 10A was to discussion for a Blessing Box presented by Alderwoman Thomas. Ms. Thomas expressed her desire to place a Blessing Box at a location in Dallas on Town property to assist Dallas residents. The box would be for non-perishable and toiletries items that residents can take as needed as well as people could leave donations. The box would not require any Town contribution and Ms. Thomas said she would keep it stocked. She also stated she had other organizations willing to help stock the box. The Blessing Box would be an alternative to the Dallas Crisis since they have limited hours. There are similar Blessing Boxes in other areas of Gaston County. Alderman Withers made a motion to table this item until the Work Session meeting April 23rd, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously. (Exhibit H)

Item 10B was a request to Provide Sponsorship of Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Fundraiser. The Gaston County Sheriff's Office is hosting the 1st Annual "Anglers for Athletes" fundraiser in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This fundraising will assist to raise awareness for Special Olympics in North Carolina. Alderman Withers made a motion to approve package # 2 at \$300.00, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously. (Exhibit I)

Item 10C was a request to Provide Sponsorship of NC Cooperative Extension Cotton Ginning Days Event. The Gaston County Center of the NC Cooperative Extension would like the sponsorship for the 4th Annual Something' Pumpkin Cooking Contest & Festival. This is an educational outreach program designed to encourage healthy eating and family connections, which is held as part of Cotton Ginning Days. Alderman Huggins made a motion to sponsor \$301.00, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously. (Exhibit J)

Manager's Report:

Manager gave updates and departmental information to the Board.

Alderwoman Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Withers, and carried unanimously. (6:45)



Rick Coleman, Mayor



Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk



Proclamation of Municipal Clerks Week

WHEREAS; the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and;

WHEREAS; the Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and;

WHEREAS; the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies, and agencies of government at other levels, and;

WHEREAS; Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and;

WHEREAS; the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community, and;

WHEREAS; Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county, and international professional organizations, and;

WHEREAS; It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dallas, North Carolina, to recognize the week of May 6 through May 12, 2018, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend our appreciation to our Town Clerk, Da'Sha Leach, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Adopted this the 9th day of April, 2018.


Rick Coleman, Mayor

Attested by:


Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk



Information Concerning Dallas High School Apartment Request for
Use of Franklin Gym

- Concert by the Cockman Family to be held on Saturday, April 21st at 6:00 pm.
- DHSA plans to give away tickets to prevent overcrowding after maximum seating is determined.
- The band will be positioned on the Gym floor. They have agreed to perform from the Gym floor, without a stage. The Town is requesting the band and equipment be set up on matting to protect the floor.
- Would need Gym open by 4:00 pm for band set up.
- Will need verification of electric availability for band.
- A row of chairs for handicap seating will be allowed on the Gym floor in front of the bleacher railings. All other seating will be in the bleachers.
- The front two rows of seating would be reserved for High School Apartment residents and their guests.
- There will be no charge to concert attendees. No items will be sold. Coordinator wants to ask local grocery stores for donations of refreshments, which would be provided to attendees free of charge.
- Town would be responsible for cleaning of Gym after use.

Resolution Adopting Water Shortage Response Plan

WHEREAS; North Carolina General Statute §143-355(l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water service and each large community water system shall develop and implement water conservation measures to respond to drought or other water shortage conditions as set out in a Water Shortage Response Plan and submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality for review and approval, and;

WHEREAS; as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Water Shortage Response Plan for the Town of Dallas has been developed and submitted to the Board of Aldermen for approval, and;

WHEREAS; the Board of Aldermen finds that the Water Shortage Response Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute §143-355(l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for the Town of Dallas, as well as useful information to the Department of Environmental Quality for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dallas, North Carolina, that the Water Shortage Response Plan dated April 9, 2018 is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years, or as otherwise required by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

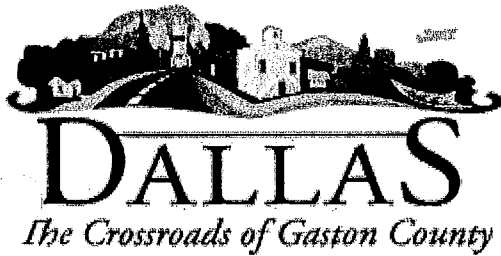
Adopted this the 9th day of April, 2018.


Rick Coleman, Mayor

Attested by:


Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk





**Water Shortage Response Plan
Town of Dallas, North Carolina
April 9th, 2018**

The procedures herein are written to reduce potable water demand and supplement existing drinking water supplies whenever existing water supply sources are inadequate to meet current demands for potable water.

I. Authorization

The Town of Dallas Town Manager shall enact the following water shortage response provisions whenever the trigger conditions outlined in Section IV are met. In his or her absence, the Utility Director will assume this role.

<p>Mrs. Maria Stroupe, Town Manager Town of Dallas 210 N. Holland St Dallas, NC 28034 Phone : (704) 922-3176 Email : MStroupe@dallasnc.net</p>	<p>Mr. Bill Trudnak, Utility Director Town of Dallas 700 E. Holly St Dallas, NC 28034 Phone : (704) 922-9961 Email : Btrudnak@dallasnc.net</p>
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II. Notification

The following notification methods will be used to inform water system employees and customers of a water shortage declaration: employee e-mail announcements, notices at municipal buildings, notices in water bills and on the Town of Dallas website homepage. Required water shortage response measures will be communicated through the Town of Dallas website. Declaration of emergency water restrictions or water rationing will be communicated to all customers by telephone through use of reverse 911.

III. Levels of Response

Five levels of water shortage response are outlined in the table below. The five levels of water shortage response are: voluntary reductions, mandatory reductions I and II, emergency reductions and water rationing. A detailed description of each response level and corresponding water reduction measures follow below.

Stage	Response	Description
1	Voluntary Reductions	Water users are encouraged to reduce their water use and improve water use efficiency; however, no penalties apply for noncompliance. Water supply conditions indicate a potential for shortage.
2	Mandatory Reductions I	Water users must abide required water use reduction and efficiency measures; penalties apply for noncompliance. Water supply conditions are significantly lower than the seasonal norm and water shortage conditions are expected to persist.
3	Mandatory Reductions II	Same as in Stage 2
4	Emergency Reductions	Water supply conditions are substantially diminished and pose an imminent threat to human health or environmental integrity.
5	Water Rationing	Water supply conditions are substantially diminished and remaining supplies must be allocated to preserve human health and environmental integrity.

EXHIBIT C

In Stage 1,

Voluntary Reductions, all water users will be asked to reduce their normal water use by 5%. Customer education and outreach programs will encourage water conservation and efficiency measures including: irrigating landscapes a maximum of one inch per week; preventing water waste, runoff and watering impervious surfaces; watering plants deeply to encourage root growth; washing only full loads in clothes and dishwashers; using spring-loaded nozzles on garden hoses; and identifying and repairing all water leaks.

In Stage 2,

Mandatory Reductions I, all customers are expected to reduce their water use by 10% in comparison to their previous month's water bill. In addition to continuing to encourage all voluntary reduction actions, the following restrictions apply: irrigation is limited to a half inch per week between 8PM and 8AM; outdoor use of drinking water for washing impervious surfaces is prohibited; and all testing and training purposes requiring drinking water (e.g. fire protection) will be limited.

In Stage 3,

Mandatory Reductions II, customers must continue actions from all previous stages and further reduce water use by 20% compared to their previous month's water bill. All non-essential uses of drinking water are banned and garden and landscape irrigation must be reduced to the minimum amount necessary for survival. Additionally, in Stage 3, a drought surcharge of 1.5 times the normal water rate applies.

In Stage 4,

Emergency Reductions, customers must continue all actions from previous stages and further reduce their water use by 25% compared to their previous month's water bill. A ban on all use of drinking water except to protect public health and safety is implemented and drought surcharges increase to 2 times the normal water rate.

The goal of Stage 5,

Water Rationing, is to provide drinking water to protect public health (e.g. residences, residential health care facilities and correctional facilities). In Stage 5, all customers are only permitted to use water at the minimum required for public health protection. Firefighting is the only allowable outdoor water use and pickup locations for distributing potable water will be announced according to Dallas's Emergency Response Plan. Drought surcharges increase to 5 times the normal water rate.

EXHIBIT C

IV. Triggers

The Town of Dallas is a member of the Catawba Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (DMAG) the town will follow the Low Inflow Protocol set forth from the group.

A. Catawba Wateree Water Management Group Low Inflow Protocol Stages

Stage	Storage Index		Drought Monitor (3 Mo Average)		USGS Streamflow Gages
0	90% < SI < TSI		0 = DM		Avg. = 85%
1	75% < SI = 90% TSI	And	1 = DM	Or	Avg. = 78%
2	57% < SI = 75% TSI	And	2 = DM	Or	Avg. = 65%
3	42% = SI = 57% TSI	And	3 = DM	Or	Avg. = 55%
4	<42% = SI = 42% TSI	And	4 = DM	Or	Avg. = 40%

Catawba-Wateree Relicensing Agreement, Low Inflow Protocol

SI = Storage Index

TSI = Total Storage Index

DM = Drought Monitor

Water Shortage can also be called by the Utility Director when he feels unforeseen circumstances Dictate it.

V. Enforcement

The provisions of the water shortage response plan will be enforced by Town of Dallas utility department and police personnel. Violators may be reported to the Town’s e-mail contact listed on the town’s website or by calling the town hall. Citations are assessed according to the following schedule depending on the number of prior violations and current level of water shortage.

Water Shortage Level	First Violation	Second Violation	Third Violation
Voluntary Reductions	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mandatory Reductions (Stages 2 and 3)	Warning	\$250	Discontinuation of Service
Emergency Reductions	\$250	Discontinuation of Service	Discontinuation of Service
Water Rationing	\$500	Discontinuation of Service	Discontinuation of Service

Drought surcharge rates are effective in Stages 3, 4 and 5.

VI. Public Comment

Customers will have multiple opportunities to comment on the provisions of the water shortage response plan. First, a draft plan will be published on the Town of Dallas website. A public hearing will be scheduled with notice printed in all customer water bills to collect comments on the draft. All subsequent revisions to the draft plan will be published at least 30 days prior to an adoption vote by Dallas’s Town Council.

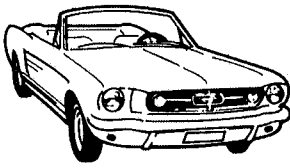
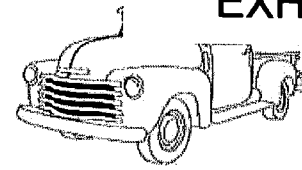


EXHIBIT D



Dallas Ambassadors

11th Annual – “Car Show”

Saturday, May 12th, 2018

7:00pm – 10:00 pm

Judging Starts at 8:00pm / Awards at 9:30pm

The Old Dallas Courthouse

131 N. Gaston St., Dallas, NC 28034

Participate Parking on Main St.

→→→Enter at Main & Gaston St. at Papa's Pizza←←←

Register at Event ~ \$20.00

(All proceeds benefit the youth of Dallas)

Top 20 & Mayors Choice Awards

Door Prizes Drawn for Participants / 50/50 Tickets

Car Show is in conjunction with the:

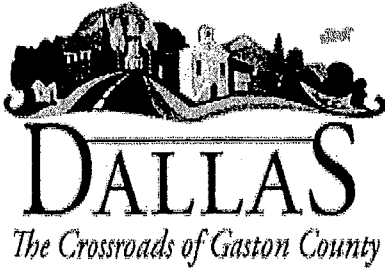
Town of Dallas

“ Summer Concert Series ”

Band Performing: ***“Almost Vintage”***

Bring your Lawn Chairs!!!

For More Info Contact: Rick 704-913-5695



Special Events/ Activities Application

Town of Dallas
 210 North Holland Street
 Dallas, NC 28034-1625
 (704) 922-3176
 Fax: (704) 922-4701

The purpose of this application is to provide information about your event or activity in order for the Town of Dallas to best assist you. Depending on the specific event, a permit application and/or fee(s) from other departments may be required. The applicant is responsible for providing complete and accurate information on the application, The applicant is responsible for notifying the Town of Dallas of any changes. **A complete application must be submitted by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the date of the Board meeting at which the event is to be approved, for an event which is to occur no sooner than 14 days following its date of approval.**

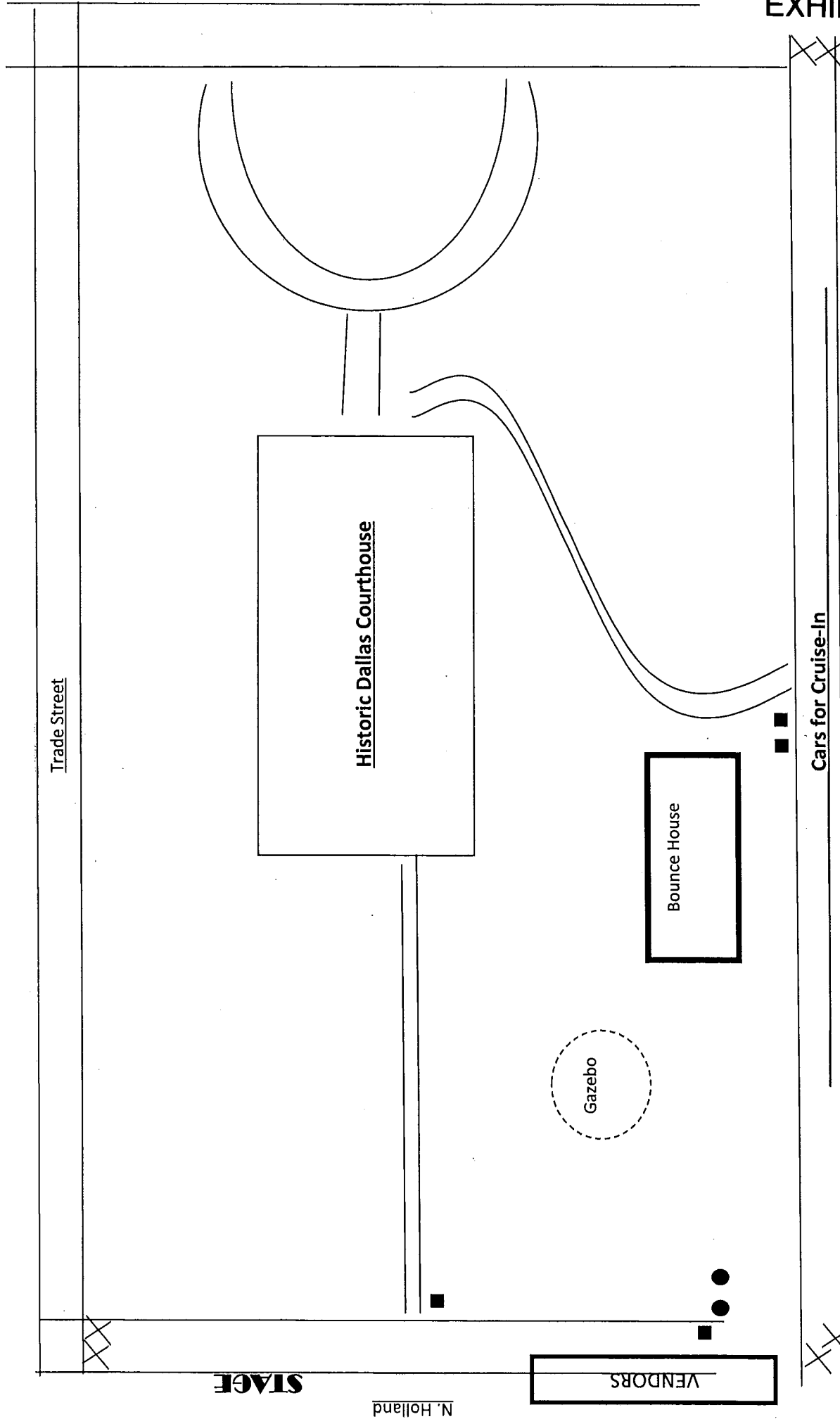
APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Event:	11 th Annual Ambassadors Car Show		
Facility Requested:	Main St. Between Gaston & Holland		
Applicant Name:	Rick Coleman		
Organization:	Dallas Ambassadors		
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 39		
City / State / Zip:	Dallas, N.C. 28034		
Daytime Phone:		Cell: 704-913-5695	E-Mail:
Description of the Event:	Fund RAISER CAR Show to Support Youth of Dallas Show open to Any year CAR OR TRUCK		
Does the event have a Facebook, Twitter, or other social networking page:			
If yes, please list URL(s):			
Date (s) Requested for Event:	May 12 th		
Event Start Time:	7:00 pm	Event End Time:	10:00 pm
Road Closure Time Begins (if applicable):	5:00	Road Closure Time Ends:	10:30
Set Up Begins:	5:00 pm	Set Up Ends:	10:30
Preferred Date & Time of Inspection (if required):			
Estimated Attendance:			
The Event is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Private (by invitation only)	or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open to General Public
Describe the procedures to be used for selecting vendors and exhibitors for this event:			

Applicant's Signature: Rick Coleman Date: 4-2-18

A pre-event meeting may be required and will be scheduled to include appropriate staff. The event applicant must attend the meeting.

Dallas Summer Concerts and Cruise-In



- Key:
- Porta Jons
 - Trash Cans
 - X Road Barrier

W. Main Street

Gaston County Museum

STAGE

N. Holland

VENDORS

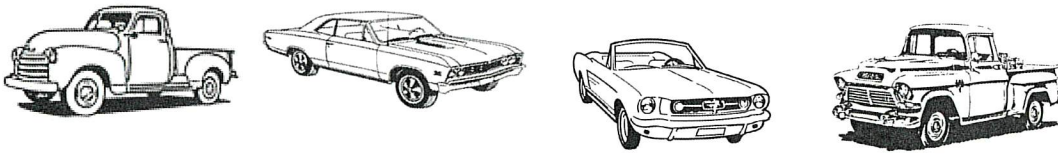
Cars for Cruise-In

Historic Dallas Courthouse

Bounce House

Gazebo

Trade Street



Town of Dallas

Summer 2018

“Cruise-Ins & Concerts”

(NO cost for spectators to any event listed below)

7:00pm – 10:00pm

* Cruise-In Participates will Park on Main St. beside
the Old Dallas Courthouse / Concerts are behind Courthouse
131 N. Gaston St., Dallas, NC 28034

Saturday, May 12th - “*Almost Vintage*”

Special Event - Dallas Ambassadors CAR SHOW - (\$20.00 registration)

Saturday, June 9th - “**Coming Up Brass**”

Cruise-In - No Cost

***Wednesday, July 4th** - “**IMAGE**”

NO Cruise-In this Month / Band Performing 6pm-9pm before the **Fireworks** at Cloninger Park

Saturday, August 11th - “**Ocean Boulevard Band**”

Cruise-In - No Cost

Saturday, September 8th - “*The Catalinas*”

Cruise-In - No Cost

Food, Arts & Crafts Venders Welcome

For Info Contact: Rick - 704-913-5695



Special Events/ Activities Application

Town of Dallas
210 North Holland Street
Dallas, NC 28034-1625
(704) 922-3176
Fax: (704) 922-4701

The purpose of this application is to provide information about your event or activity in order for the Town of Dallas to best assist you. Depending on the specific event, a permit application and/or fee(s) from other departments may be required. The applicant is responsible for providing complete and accurate information on the application. The applicant is responsible for notifying the Town of Dallas of any changes. **A complete application must be submitted by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the date of the Board meeting at which the event is to be approved, for an event which is to occur no sooner than 14 days following its date of approval.**

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Event:	Summer Concert Series and Cruise-In		
Facility Requested:	Courthouse Grounds, W. Main St., and N. Holland St.		
Applicant Name:	Steve Aloisa		
Organization:	Town of Dallas		
Mailing Address:	210 N. Holland St.		
City / State / Zip:	Dallas, NC 28034		
Daytime Phone:	704-922-3176	Cell: 980-522-0357	E-Mail: saloisa@dallasnc.net
Description of the Event:	Concert on N. Holland St. and Cruise-In on W. Main St.		
Does the event have a Facebook, Twitter, or other social networking page:	No		
If yes, please list URL(s):			
Date (s) Requested for Event:	Saturday, June 9th, August 11th, September 8th, 2018		
Event Start Time:	7:00 PM	Event End Time:	10:00 PM
Road Closure Time Begins (if applicable):	5:00 PM	Road Closure Time Ends:	10:30 PM
Set Up Begins:	3:00 PM	Set Up Ends:	10:00 PM
Preferred Date & Time of Inspection (if required):	N/A		
Estimated Attendance:	300		
The Event is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Private (by invitation only)	or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open to General Public
Describe the procedures to be used for selecting vendors and exhibitors for this event:			

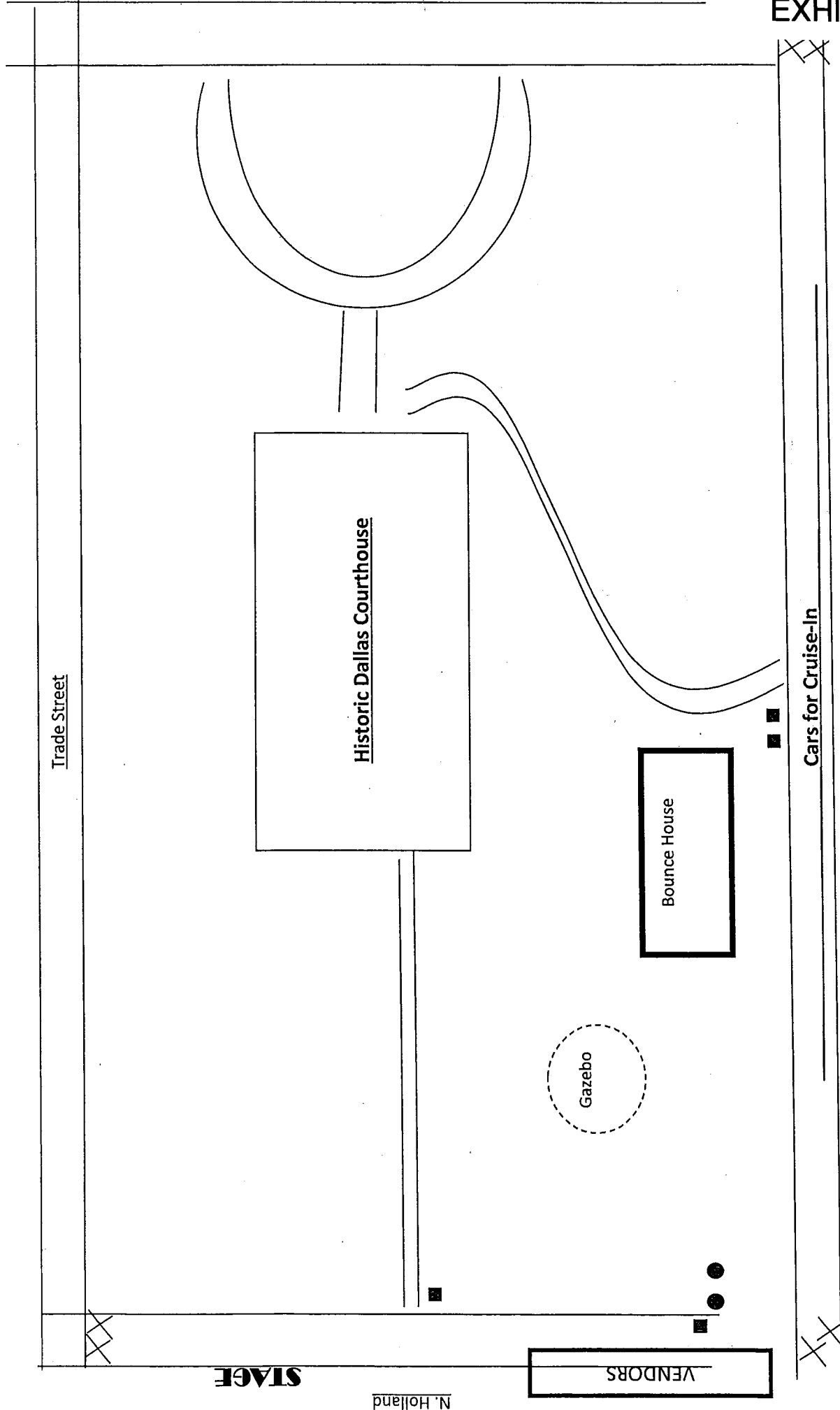
Applicant's Signature: Steve Aloisa Date: 4-6-2018

A pre-event meeting may be required and will be scheduled to include appropriate staff. The event applicant must attend the meeting.

Dallas Summer Concerts and Cruise-In

N. Gaston Street

EXHIBIT E



Trade Street

Historic Dallas Courthouse

Bounce House

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VENDORS

Cars for Cruise-In

N. Holland

Key:

● Porta Jons

■ Trash Cans

X Road Barrier

W. Main Street

Gaston County Museum



Town of Dallas

Special Events/ Activities Application

TOWN OF DALLAS
215 North Holland Street
Dallas, NC 28034-1626
(704) 822-3176
Fax: (704) 822-4781

The purpose of this application is to provide information about your event or activity in order for the Town of Dallas to best assist you. Depending on the specific event, a permit application and/or fee(s) from other departments may be required.

The applicant is responsible for providing complete and accurate information on the application, including an attached detailed site plan when applicable. The applicant is responsible for notifying the Town of Dallas of any changes after submittal of the application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. A complete application must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event.

Name of Event:	RUNNING WITH THE GOOD NEWS 5K		
Facility Requested:	Cloninger Park		
Applicant Name:	Harold Blankenship / David Callahan		
Organization:	Promised Land Baptist Church		
Mailing Address:	1024 Old Modena St.		
City / State / Zip:	GASTONIA, NC 28054		
Daytime Phone:	704-868-2364	Cell:	704-674-5034
		E-Mail:	pastorblankenship@gmail.com
Description of the Event:	This is a non-profit event that helps others		
	B.I Run/Walk		
Does the event have a Facebook, Twitter, or other social networking page:	Yes		
If yes, please list URL(s):	Running with the good news 5k.com		
Date (s) Requested for Event:	Saturday, September 15, 2018		
Event Start Time:	8:30 AM	Event End Time:	11:00 AM
Road Closure Time Begins (if applicable):	8:30 AM	Road Closure Time Ends:	9:15 AM
Set Up Begins:	6:15 AM	Set Up Ends:	7:00 AM
Preferred Date & Time of Inspection (if required):			
Estimated Attendance:	200		
The Event is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Private (by invitation only)	or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open to General Public
Describe the procedures to be used for selecting vendors and exhibitors for this event:			

Applicant's Signature: Harold Blankenship Date: 2-19-2018

A pre-event meeting may be required and will be scheduled to include appropriate staff. The event applicant must attend the meeting.

Gaston County
Board of Commissioners
www.gastongov.com



Chad Brown
Chairman
Riverbend Township

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Vice-Chairman
Gastonia Township

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Cherryville Township

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Dallas Township

Ronnie Worley
South Point Township

Earl Mathers
County Manager

Charles L. Moore
County Attorney

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board

Mission Statement
Gaston County seeks to be among the finest counties in North Carolina. It will provide effective, efficient and affordable services leading to a safe, secure and healthy community, an environment for economic growth, and promote a favorable quality of life.

GASTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

March 9, 2018

The Honorable Rick Coleman, Mayor
Members of the Dallas Board of Aldermen
210 N. Holland Street
Dallas, NC 28034 -1625

Dear Mayor Coleman and Board members:

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the Dallas Board of Aldermen to consider the adoption of a resolution in support of the \$250,000,000 School Bond Referendum (for new classroom space, improvements and other critical school infrastructure needs) and the Quarter-Cent Sales Tax Referendum (proceeds to be earmarked solely for servicing school bond debt and other educational capital needs). Both Referendums will appear on the Gaston County ballot for the primary election, to be held May 8, 2018. A sample resolution is enclosed for your urgent consideration.

We appreciate your Board's endorsement and quick action on these two important initiatives and kindly ask that a copy of your adopted resolution be delivered to the Chairpersons for the Gaston County School Board and the Gaston County Board of Commissioners as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thank you for your leadership and support. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Board if you have any questions.

Very Sincerely,

Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners
(704) 516-8017

Enclosures: Resolution; Commission Contact Information

cc: Dallas Town Manager
Gaston County Board of Commissioners (via email)
Earl Mathers, County Manager (via email)
Charles Moore, County Attorney (via email)
Gaston County Board of Education (via email)
Jeff Booker, School Superintendent (via email)

- WHEREAS,** the Gaston County Board of Education has identified over Six Hundred and Fifty Million (\$650,000,000) of school facility needs that must be addressed in the near future in Gaston County; and,
- WHEREAS,** a School Bond Referendum will appear on the Gaston County Ballot for the primary election to be held May 8, 2018, requesting authority to issue Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000) in new school bonds; and,
- WHEREAS,** in addition to the aforementioned bonds, the citizens of Gaston County have approved and the County has issued educational bonds since 2000 totaling Two Hundred Fifty Three Million Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$253,095,000); and,
- WHEREAS,** the debt service for repaying the proposed 2018 school bonds will add an additional ten and one quarter cents (10.25¢) over the next five years to the county's existing ad valorem tax rate, unless an additional one-quarter (1/4 ¢) local sales and use tax is approved; and,
- WHEREAS,** a one-quarter cent (1/4 ¢) local sales and use tax would be earmarked for application solely to repaying the existing, newly approved, and future school bonds and other educational capital needs, and could generate approximately Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) in additional revenues above the current property tax receipts per year helping to reduce the tax burden on homeowners while providing for the educational needs of the children of Gaston County and meeting the demands for new classroom space, classroom improvements and other critical school infrastructure needs; and,
- WHEREAS,** a Sales Tax Referendum will appear on the Gaston County Ballot for the primary election to be held on May 8, 2018, requesting authority to add one-quarter cent (1/4 ¢) to the current sales taxes collected within Gaston County, which sales tax will not apply to unprepared food (groceries) and gas; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Gaston County School physical facilities are over-crowded with student population and, the present facilities are inadequate to meet the student population needs, now or in the future; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Gaston County School facilities are not only over-crowded, but are also in critical need of maintenance and repair, which creates difficult conditions for the student population using those facilities; and,
- WHEREAS,** the [Town/City] Council has a compelling and continuing concern for the impact of the condition of school physical facilities and the educational progress of the children of [Town/City], specifically, and the children of Gaston County generally; and,
- WHEREAS,** the [Town/City] Council understands that education is crucial to the prospects for economic development in [Town/City]; and,

WHEREAS, the [Town/City] Council, by adoption of this Resolution, elects to favorably support and endorse the passage of the upcoming Sales Tax and School Bond referendums and urges the citizens of the [Town/City] of [Town/City] to vote the favorable passage of same; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the [Town/City] Council that:

1. the [Town/City] Council for [Town/City] hereby supports the Sales Tax and School Bond Referendums set for May 8, 2018, for the building and improvements of schools for the students and citizens of [Town/City] specifically and Gaston County generally. The [Town/City] Council encourages [Town/City] citizens to vote in favor of the Sales Tax and School Bonds referendums.

2. that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the Chairpersons for the Gaston County School Board and the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

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The Gaston County Sheriff's Office has partnered with CS Motorsports to host the 1st Annual "Anglers for Athletes" Bass Tournament on May 19th 2018 at South Point Boat Landing in Belmont, NC. This fundraiser will benefit the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of North Carolina. The North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics North Carolina. The Torch Run efforts to raise funds include: collecting corporate sponsorships, T-shirt and hat donations and hosting unique fundraising events such as Cops on Top, Polar Plunges and Golf Tournaments.

Each summer, law enforcement officials carry the Flame of Hope across the state in the Torch Run Final Leg, culminating in the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games in Raleigh. The 2,000-mile, month-long Torch Run Relay involves more than 2,500 law enforcement officers and personnel representing more than 200 law enforcement agencies across North Carolina.

We would like your help to make this fundraiser a success. Attached are our sponsorship levels and what each level includes. Please take a moment to consider helping us any way possible. Any donation you or your business could make would be greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

Thank You,
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1st Annual "Anglers for Athletes" Bass Tournament

Sponsorship Levels for the 2018 Tournament are as follows:

Package #1 \$50-\$99- Personalized Thank you letter from Special Olympics NC, a Bronze Certificate from Gaston Co. Sheriff's Office, & 6 inch Logo on Banner

Package #2 \$100-\$499- Certificate and Thank you Letter from Special Olympics NC, a Bronze Certificate from Gaston Co. Sheriff's Office, & 6 inch Logo on Banner

Package #3 \$500-\$999- Framed recognition Certificate and Thank you letter from Special Olympics NC, a Silver Certificate from Gaston Co Sheriff's Office, & 8 inch Logo on Banner

Package #4 \$1000-\$2499- Silver Torch Run donor plaque, Thank you letter from Special Olympics NC, Gold Certificate from Gaston Co. Sheriff's Office, & 12 inch Logo On Banner

Package #5 \$2500-\$5999- Gold Torch Run donor Plaque, Thank you letter from SONC, Platinum Certificate from Gaston Co. Sheriff's Office, & 16 inch Logo On Banner

Package #6 \$6000+- Name and Company LOGO on next year's Torch Run T-shirt, Gold Plaque & Thank you Letter from Special Olympics NC, Diamond Certificate from Gaston Co. Sheriff's Office, & 24 inch Logo On Banner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Package# _____

Please make checks payable to:
Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC)
2200 Gateway Centre Blvd. Ste. 201
Morrisville, NC 27560
919-719-7662
Tax ID: 56-1149607

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March 20, 2018

Town of Dallas
Maria Stroupe, Town Manager
210 N. Holland St.
Dallas, NC 28034-1625

Dear Ms. Stroupe,

I am writing you in regards to the 4th Annual *Somethin' Pumpkin Cooking Contest & Festival* to be held on October 13, 2018, as part of Cotton Ginning Days in Dallas, NC. *Somethin' Pumpkin* is an educational outreach of NC Cooperative Extension designed to encourage healthy eating and family connections with local agriculture, home gardening, and community resources. By partnering with local business, volunteer organizations, and community programs, we are continuing to expand our educational opportunities. Family-focused activities include pumpkin growing, pumpkin cooking contest, pumpkin decorating contest, and youth activities.

The cooking contest includes six categories (main dish, desserts, miscellaneous, youth: ages 8-12, and youth: ages 13-18, and home-grown). Entries are judged and cash prizes are awarded during an awards presentation. Last year's event included 52 entries with recipe books and youth activities provided for festival participants at no charge. The event was covered by the local newspapers, radio stations, and social media.

We are anxiously looking forward to even greater success at this year's *Somethin' Pumpkin* event, and are now seeking sponsors. Enclosed are more details about sponsorship levels, which are affordable and offer various levels of marketing opportunity to you. Cotton Ginning Days attracts about 40,000 individuals each year, which creates great opportunity to market your organization.

If you would like to participate in *Somethin' Pumpkin* as a sponsor, please complete the attached Sponsorship Form and return by May 25, 2018. For additional information or questions, contact Linda J. Minges at linda_minges@ncsu.edu or 704.922.2127.

We look forward to discussing how *Somethin' Pumpkin* can help in your marketing efforts, as well as working together to support Gaston County families. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Fogarty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Fogarty
Gaston County Extension Director

Cotton Ginning Days
4TH ANNUAL SOMETHIN' PUMPKIN
COOKING CONTEST & FESTIVAL
~ sponsorship opportunities ~

The Great Pumpkin Sponsor.....\$501 - Up

- Recognition in Press Release and Advertisements (*pending time of sponsorship commitment*)
- Product sampling or product display at Event
- Recognition at Event
- Logo/company name on official sponsor banner
- Logo/company name on print ads, event t-shirts, website, brochures/flyers, and cookbook

Pumpkin Patch Sponsor.....\$301 - \$500

- Product sampling or product display at Event
- Recognition at Event
- Logo/company name on official sponsor banner
- Logo/company name on print ads, event t-shirts, website, brochures/flyers, and cookbook

Pumpkin Vine Sponsor.....\$101 - \$300

- Logo/company name on website, brochures/flyers, and cookbook

Friends of Somethin' Pumpkin.....\$25 - \$100

- Logo/company name on website and brochures/flyers

For questions or comments about sponsorship opportunities, please contact:
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