



# Town of Grifton

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Greetings! This newsletter contains some important information and reminders for our community.

### **GRIFTON STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

For over a year now, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Grifton have been studying and discussing a potential comprehensive streets improvement project that would include needed repairs and resurfacing of all town owned streets in Grifton. In order to complete a project of this size, the voters of Grifton will have to give the Board the authority to borrow the necessary funds. The Board has been diligently working to figure out the best way to fund such a large project without raising property taxes. Please seek out your Commissioners and let them know how you feel about the condition of the streets and what solutions might exist for funding repairs.

### **GRIFTON SEWER REHAB PROJECT**

After more than three years of planning, engineering, and securing funding, the Town of Grifton has begun the construction phase of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. A contract in the amount of \$1,431,742 has been awarded to Cayton Utilities, out of New Bern. The contractor will be repairing and/or replacing nearly 2.5 miles of sewer line, over 50 manholes, and more than 150 sewer service laterals. Also, the project will include the upgrade of the Pitt Street, Queen Street, and Lewis Drive Lift Stations. Construction will be completed by August of 2013. More details about the project are available at Town Hall.

### **SPRING IS HERE: Keep Grifton Beautiful!**

As a reminder, the Town of Grifton wishes to encourage all citizens and business owners to help make and keep Grifton beautiful. While town officials and volunteer organizations work hard every day to make the town visually appealing, all citizens need to work together to keep our community beautiful. **As a reminder, the Shad Festival will occur April 16<sup>th</sup> thru April 21<sup>st</sup> with most of the events happening on Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Protecting Grifton's Sewer Collection System**

Are you having troubles with your sewer line backing up? Some sewer overflows/blockages can be caused by excessive inflow and infiltration/leaks or by tree roots, pipe failure or construction damage. However, a majority of sewer overflows emerge from blockages that are a result of citizens who fail to dispose of items properly. The Town of Grifton's water and sewer department does everything in their power to prevent sewer blockages such as cleaning and flushing the town's sewer lines on a regular basis, but they can't do it alone! As a citizen on the town's sewer collection system we ask you to be aware of the following guidelines:

#### DO

- Collect cooking oil & grease in containers for disposal
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment, and food preparation areas with scraper/towels/broom prior to washing
- Keep grease out of wash water.
- Contact the Town before calling a plumber if you are experiencing a sewer backup: Contact Town Hall during normal business hours at 524-5168 or the Grifton Police Department at 524-4161 on nights, holidays, and weekends.

#### DON'T

- Pour oil or grease down the drain
- Wash fryers/griddles, pots, pans, and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- Use your drain to dispose of food scraps
- Use your toilet as a wastebasket
- Contact a plumber until the Town has been called to evaluate your system.