



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, the Town of Grifton has worked with the Wooten Company of Greenville to assess the street condition within the Town's limits. Grifton owns 13.9 miles of Non-DOT maintained roads. This may seem like a small number; however the cost to maintain and upkeep these streets are astounding. *The Town of Grifton Board of Commissioners would like input from the public regarding the best way to move forward with improvements.*

The Wooten Company performed a pavement survey evaluating all streets in Grifton owned by the Town. The streets were evaluated for 8 different distress conditions and classified as slight, moderate, or severe. The results of this survey showed that 33.4% of the streets in Grifton were classified as being in either poor or very poor condition. 47.3% of the roads were classified as very good or good, leaving 19.3% of roads in fair condition.

What this means is that Grifton roads are in serious need of repairs and resurfacing. The Wooten Company has presented the Town with several options for improvements ranging from the minimum recommended repair, which will cost approximately \$638,000, to the best possible repair costing an estimated \$2.8 million. *Commissioners are seeking public input to help them decide which option to place on the ballot next year as a bond referendum. Once the Board has decided on which option of improvements to seek funding for, voters residing in Grifton will cast their ballot for or against the borrowing of necessary funds for the selected project. Voters need to understand that a property tax increase will more than likely be necessary to assist in making the debt service payments on an approved General Obligation Bond Package. More information will be released in the coming weeks and months concerning this project.*

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD AND CONTACT A LOCAL COMMISSIONER ABOUT THE STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

BEARS: BE SAFE, STAY SMART

There have been numerous bears spotted in and around the Grifton area in the past few weeks. In order to ensure the safety of you, your loved ones and your pets, please follow these Do's and Don'ts recommended by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection:



DO make birdfeeders and bird food inaccessible by discontinuing the feeding of birds or hanging feeder at least ten feet above the ground and six feet from tree trunks.

DO eliminate food attractants by placing garbage inside a garage can (with lid shut) or shed. You can add ammonia to trash to make it unpalatable.

DO clean and store grills away after use.

DON'T intentionally feed bears. Bears will become accustomed to finding food near your home.

DON'T leave pet food outside overnight.

DON'T add meat or sweets to a compost pile.

MOST IMPORTANTLY DO NOT APPROACH OR AGGITATE THE BEAR.

If the bear becomes threatening or destructive, contact the Grifton Police Department at (252) 524-4161.

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. Please take steps to regularly mow and maintain yards and other property. Take steps to ensure that trash, debris, and other refuse does not accumulate on your property. Overgrown grass and debris on property is not only a violation of town ordinance, but it is a public health nuisance that serves to harbor rodents and other vermin. By working together, we can all create and maintain a beautiful community!

Other Reminders:

The Town has a junk car ordinance that the Police Department and Town Manager are responsible for enforcing. The Town's definition of a junk car is: (1). A motor vehicle that does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle; (2). Is partially dismantled or wrecked; (3) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to be moved; (4) Is more than five (5) years old and worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each home is allowed to have one vehicle described above as long as the car is covered with an approved covering and it is located in the rear yard, out of view from the street. If you have any questions concerning this ordinance, please contact the Police Department or Town Hall. Remember, the Town does have the right to remove the vehicle after official notification.

The Town would like to remind citizens with dogs that it is unlawful to allow dogs to run at large within the town limits. Any dog found to be running at large within the town will be picked up by the Grifton Police Department. Dog owners who violate the Town's animal control ordinance will be issued a citation for such violation. Please help us protect the well-being of your pets and the well-being of the community by obeying the Town's animal control ordinance. If you have any questions or comments about Town of Grifton services, you can contact the Town Hall at (252) 524-5168.