



# Town of Grifton

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

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING NEW STORMWATER FEE!**

In order to provide an independent and reliable funding source for stormwater and drainage work in Town, the Board of Commissioners is considering creating a Stormwater Utility and corresponding fee. Currently, all drainage work is funded out of the Streets budget. Because of the upcoming Streets Improvement Project and the corresponding debt service to pay for such, it is no longer feasible to use streets funding for drainage and flood control.

The proposed fee will be based on the amount of impervious surface of each property (impervious meaning all roofing, driveway, and other surfaces that does allow rain water to penetrate in a reasonable amount of time). All residential property will pay a flat monthly fee. All non-residential properties (businesses, churches, schools, etc.) will pay based on the amount of impervious surface that property has above 1,200 square feet. **For more information the public is invited to attend and comment during a public hearing on the matter on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.**

### **FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 BUDGET HEARING**

On Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 7:00 PM, the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the upcoming budget. The meeting will be held in Town Hall and public is invited to attend and comment.

### **GRIFTON STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

In November of last year, the voters of Grifton approved a \$1.94 million Bond package to be used to repair and resurface all Town owned streets. Over the next several months, surveying and engineering will be taking place to prepare the necessary documents, permits and bid specifications. We expect work to begin in late summer or early fall.

### **Flood Plain Questions?**

The Town of Grifton participates in the Nation Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This means that if your property is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area, you may qualify for federally backed flood insurance. To find out if your property qualifies for this important benefit, please call or visit the Grifton Town Hall for more information. The flood plain designation specific to your property can also be found online at <http://gis2.pittcountync.gov/opis/>. Additionally, the Town of Grifton provides a great deal of information concerning Flood Insurance, Flood Safety, Flood Proofing and more at <http://www.grifton.com/community/flood-protection-plan/>.

### **Dogs Running At Large**

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 questions regarding this or any other provision in the Town's animal control ordinance, please contact the Grifton Police Department at (252) 524-4161.

### **Keep Grifton Beautiful!**

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!

### **Reminder Section:**

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.

If you have any questions or comments about Town of Grifton services, you can contact the Town Hall at (252) 524-5168.

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