



Town of Grifton

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

It's Time to "Eat Mo Shad"!

For the 40th year in a row, Grifton will play host to the Shad Festival. This year's Festival will take place the week of April 11th, with most events occurring on the 16th and 17th. Fun can be had by kids of all ages, young and old. If you want to "toss a shad" or simply enjoy live entertainment, this Festival is the place to be. Vendors will be on hand with a variety of great food, arts & crafts, and much more. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Parks & Recreation Commission

Adequate park facilities and recreation programs play a large role in making any community viable. In small towns such as ours, volunteers are relied upon to carry out the vast majority of these programs and thus, determine their success or failure. We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on our Parks & Recreation Commission. The function of the Commission is to oversee all park facilities and recreation programs, as well as to make recommendations to the Grifton Board of Commissioners concerning matters relating to these facilities and programs. If you are interested in serving, please complete the attached application form and return it Town Hall

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:

Leaf and limb pickup will occur on Monday of each week. All leaves and small material must be bagged or placed inside a container that is not heavier than 50 pounds. Limbs must be cut into sections no more than 4 foot lengths and cannot exceed 6 inches in diameter. The Town will not pick up yard debris exceeding these size limits. The Town will also not pick up large piles of yard waste left by a professional landscaper. The landscaper must be responsible for removing the materials.

The Town of Grifton **does not** provide large bulk item or white good collection. Large items and white goods can be taken to the Pitt County landfill station located on Weyerhaeuser Road. Any person placing large items or piles of limbs that are over the size limits on the roadside will receive a notice from the Town of Grifton to have these items removed. If they are not removed within 3 days after the date of the notice, the Town will have them removed and bill the property owner for the expense. If you have any questions regarding trash pick-up, please contact the Town Hall at (252) 524-5168.

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.