

Week of March 23, 2009:

- The Register of Deeds, Tax Office, and GIS staff have completed the move into the new offices. Attached are some pictures of the new offices. I would like to thank the inmates from Pasquotank Correctional Institute for providing most of the heavy lifting for the move. Mike Etheridge and Janice Browne made the arrangements for the inmates and helped with the move. Pug and all of the Maintenance staff also assisted with the move and final touch-up of the buildings. Collin and Michael from IT moved all of the computers and phones so that we did not have to use any contract services. Finally, all of the staff from the three offices moved the rest of their furniture and equipment so that the move was literally cost free.
- You may have read in "The Daily Advance" today that the SPCA is no longer accepting animals. I met with the shelter manager and two members of the SPCA this morning and they assured me that the article was incorrect. They are full and their donations are down but they are still taking animals. On some occasions, they are asking people who are dropping animals off at the shelter to keep the animals a few days longer, but if they insist, they will take the animals.
- We submitted the remaining paperwork for the grant application for the finish water line for the R.O. project. We also heard back from the State on the application that we submitted for the discharge line under the wastewater section. They informed us that the discharge line is not eligible because it was not on the original project list. It also would not have scored very high anyway due to the nature of the project.
- We received notification from the Association this week that Governor Perdue has reduced the amount of money that the State will be taking from the ADM and Lottery funds. The ADM funds for February and May will be redirected as will the Lottery funds for February, however we will receive the Lottery funds for May. This will still leave us short by approximately \$300,000 compared to the amount that we budgeted. We need to continue emphasizing to the Governor and our legislators about our dependence on these revenues that were dedicated for school debt service.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Clerk to the Board:

The month of February saw another increase in savings for those who utilized the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card. A total of 279 individuals saved \$11,910.40 on 1,057 prescriptions, an average savings of 24.31% off the retail price. Since we began participating in the program in July 2008, Pasquotank County residents who have used the discount card have saved a total of \$80,453.62 on their prescriptions. There are now over 1,100 counties in the United States participating in the program, and nationwide over 14 million individuals have saved \$162 million by using the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card.

Solid Waste:

I organized an inmate crew along with some of my staff to move the Tax Department and the Register of Deeds Office early this week. We had planned for this project to take 4 days but with the efficient crew that we had we were able to do it in 2 days.

We sent out the RFP for the operation of the (C&D) Construction and Demolition Landfill, (LCID) Land Clearing and Inert Debris storage facility and the Transfer Station today. There will be an ad in the legal section on The Daily Advance on Wednesday.

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

Attached is a picture of the Weeksville fire truck. It is starting to look like a real fire truck now.

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

2 farmers were counseled on strawberry pick your owns for the upcoming season.

Master gardeners participated in a Plant Pathology and Solid Waste Composting session.

Plans are underway for on farm tests for soybeans and corn for the upcoming year

A Federation FFA "practice " contest was held on Tuesday for 24 different students. Cattle, sheep and hogs were available at Brickhouse Farms in Okisko.

12 youth participated in a Livestock Judging Contest in Wilson. The Pasquotank team won first place in the 9-13 year old category. There were 79 contestants from 11 different counties.

4-H

Embryology , the scientific approach to baby chick development, was done at P W Moore and Central schools during the week.

A session was held on Gang Violence for the 4-H Governor's one on one program. Also, 11 youth have been identified as participants in the One on One initiative. Thus far, 6 mentors have committed to volunteer.

Family and Consumer Sciences

3 referrals were identified from the Maternal Health Nurse to participate in the in home breast feeding program.

"Steps to Health" was done for 23 seniors at the Virginia Dare Center and 19 at Harriot Heights. This is an initiative for seniors to recognize health and exercise.

Extension and Community Association District Day was held in Plymouth. 9 attended from Pasquotank County

102 children at 4 day care centers received Eat Smart Move More Training. Also, a night training was offered for 21 Day Care Providers representing 9 different centers.

2 nutrition groups received EFNEP training at Central School

5 students at Eliz. City State Univ. participated in EFNEP classes

Other

9 attended the Youth Council meeting in preparation for the upcoming job shadowing program with county government.

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