

## **Week of March 30, 2009:**

- Greg Johnson, Bruce Frederick, and Kevin Wood gave a presentation to the Stormwater committee on Wednesday on the Knobbs Creek study. They reviewed the data that had been collected and discussed the discrepancies between the models and actual flood events that have been documented. The next step in the study is to perform a ground survey of Knobbs Creek to determine where the blockages are. They are proposing a 4 phase approach with the first phase extending from the mouth of the creek to Oxford Heights. The full presentation will be at the next Stormwater Committee meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Our monthly jail project meeting was held on Thursday and a second meeting was held later that day to discuss the brick cavity wall. The consultant that was hired by the county, Sutton-Kennerly & Associates has completed their report and presented it to us on Thursday. The brick ties were the main focus of the investigation. Sample areas of the building were inspected using metal detectors and by drilling holes in the brick veneer and inserting a camera to observe the brick ties. A number of brick ties only were only partially hooked and a sample of the ties were sent to a testing lab for analysis of wind loads. The recommendation of the testing firm was to add supplemental brick tie anchors as needed throughout the building. SKA will determine where the anchors are needed and N.C. Monroe's sub-contractor will install the anchors. This means the brick cavity wall will **not** have to be torn down as recommended by the previous architect.
- I was notified today by Jim Stewart that the electrical contractor is ready for permanent power to be turned on at the new jail. This is a big milestone that we have been waiting for.
- Attached is the Land Transfer tax report for March. Although we are still down 56% from last year, we are up somewhat compared to the last 2 months.
- County Offices will be closed on April 10<sup>th</sup> for observance of Good Friday.

## **The following are reports from some of our other departments:**

### **Central Communications:**

April is National 911 Education Month and April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> is National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

In support of National 9-1-1 Education Month, I have included the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) web site for you to download an E-Brochure entitled *Making 9-1-1 Work for YOU!*. The brochure is designed to provide essential information to the general public, children, teens, and parents about the 9-1-1 system and emergency response.

E-Brochure web site: [www.nena.org/education/911-education-month](http://www.nena.org/education/911-education-month)

### **Emergency Medical Service**

- EMS participated in COA's Career Fair from 10 – 2 on Wednesday. We shared information on how to get involved in the EMS field as well as the latest in technology available from EMS.
- This past week, we have been training with the Elizabeth City Fire Department in order to familiarize them with EMS first response. By Friday afternoon, we will have interacted with all Fire Department shifts.
- EMS, along with Emergency Management and several local fire departments, toured the Pasquotank County Correctional Institution on Wednesday afternoon. This was done as part of the prison's emergency response plan and it also gave all of our departments a better understanding of the prison's layout and how to respond to the facility in the event of an emergency.
- In March, total EMS call volume totaled near 650. We are still tallying calls, but when all is complete, it looks like it may have been a record month for March.

## **Finance Office:**

The Finance Office received \$3,431.00 from the North Carolina Department of Revenue's debt setoff program on April 3rd. Included in this amount was \$925.57 for delinquent EMS bills. The next notification of debts setoff will be on April 17th.

## **PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY:**

- Christina Williams graduated from the State Library's Master Trainer Program on March 19, 2009 at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.
- Beatheia Jackson and Jackie King attended the State Library's Job Search workshop in Edenton, NC on March 30, 2009

Stats for March 27 – April 2, 2009

Total materials checked out = 3,267  
Total computers checked out= 1,085

Total Patrons visiting the library = 3,387  
Average number of patrons per day=565

Total Library Cards Issued = 64

Total community Room use = 9    Total attendance = 137

Total Faxes Sent = 50  
Total Faxes Received = 58

## **Cooperative Extension:**

### **Agriculture**

A pesticide recertification class was offered for 15 participants. This was a review session for private and commercial applicators.

60 youth at Pasquotank Elementary learned about vegetable and fruits in preparation for Kids in the Garden.

A grant was prepared for Pasquotank and surrounding counties to review nematode control for soybeans, corn and cotton producers.

Farm visits were made at 14 different sites in preparation for the livestock show on April 28.

11 attended a 4-H livestock educational session

### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

10 Participants at Mt. Carmel church in Newland learned about Eating Smart and Moving More.

25 people at the local Food Bank learned about the Expanded Foods and Nutrition program.

A gerontology program (aging) was offered during the week.

A training was offered on nutrition and health for ECSU student “mothers”  
42 adults attended at “steps to health” program at the Virginia Dare facility.  
60 participants in 5 different groups participated in EFNEP training

4-H

Kids in the Garden was done at Pasq. Elem School

**Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:**

The Weeksville Truck is closer to being completed. See attached picture.

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