

Week of May 11, 2009:

- I was out of the office Friday afternoon, so this is a delayed report.
- I presented a program on Progress in Pasquotank County to the Elizabeth City Rotary Club on Monday. This was an updated version of the report that I gave to the farmers group earlier this year.
- I have been working with Bank of America and our Bond Counsel this week to extend the construction loan for the jail project. There will be a public hearing at the June 1st meeting to receive public comments. The LGC will also need to approve the extension.
- We have prepared an RFP that will be sent out today to banks and other financing institutions for the financing of the R.O. Plant. We are seeking \$18 million in financing with a 20 year term.
- Attached is the latest sales tax report. Our sales tax collections improved for February. We were only down \$18,639 compared to last year which is due to city's hold harmless payment. Total sales tax collections were actually up compared to last year.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Clerk to the Board:

During the month of April 260 individuals using the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card saved an average of \$11.18 or 25.51% off the retail price of 1,078 prescriptions. Price savings for the month totaled \$12,047.05. Since the program began July 1, 2008 Pasquotank County residents have saved a total of \$104,882.56 on prescriptions.

Finance Office:

The Finance Office received \$9,793.93 from the North Carolina Department of Revenue's debt setoff program on April 30th and \$5,750.84 on May 14th. The total for delinquent EMS bills was \$1,017.71. The next notification of debts setoff will be on May 29th.

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

200 customers visited the Master Gardener Plant Sale in 3 hours.

Pick your own strawberry fields were visited for pest control

Some effort was made on the upcoming Potato Festival on this week end

The northeast ag field day will be on August 12. Sponsorships and work was done doing site preparation

Several visits were made to wheat fields to work on fungal disorders, including scab and also insect dialogue.

Preparations were made for a cotton and soybean variety trial

Family and Consumer Sciences

Calls and visits were made on breastfeeding consultations
80 WIC moms were seen at Social Services

Eat Smart Move More sessions reached 27 participants at 2 day cares
4-H and Youth

131 youth experienced embryology at Weeksville Elem. School

74 youth at North side Elem began the embryology program

5 youth prepared 4-H public presentation speeches

Other

The Livestock Show and Sale Banquet reached over 375 guests at the KE White Center.

Juvenile Court was held to identify participants for the Gov. 1 on 1 program

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

A couple of days in April were spent doing research on a grant that I later found out we wouldn't be eligible to receive. It seems fire grants are few and to receive money you have to prove a real dire need. I responded on two calls during the month I thought they might need help on but the calls didn't turn out to be much. I met with Inter-County and Providence fire departments at their regular business meetings. First quarter fire reports were submitted to the state and they verified that all fire reports had been received for 2008. With the help of Farm Fresh each of the departments are receiving \$25 each month to help with basic necessary purchases for their stations.

Nixonton Fire Department has EMS using their building to help provide medical support to the south side area and they are very happy to have them there. They have received several compliments from surrounding residents for allowing EMS to open a substation there.

Weeksville is anxiously awaiting word on their new squad truck. As you may have seen from the pictures, it is nearing completion. This will finally be the completion of a truck that was originally approved and ordered back in 2007.

Providence is currently holding a fund drive to raise money by giving away a four wheeler. If you are able to help the department please buy a ticket when you see them.

Due to the economic times, Newland Fire Department has acquired an older model used pickup truck on their own to use for brush fires. They are working to transform the truck into a brush truck to carry the new slide-in brush unit purchased last year with the state grant. The brush unit has sat idle for months and needs to be placed in service on a truck capable of carrying the load. They hope to be able to put the truck in service in the next month or two.

Here is a summary of the incidents the departments responded to and the training hours for the month of April.

Nixonton:

3 Calls cancelled enroute
2 Vehicle accidents with injuries
1 False alarm
1 Structure fire
1 Alarm system malfunction
48 man hours on incidents
60 man hours on training

Weeksville:

2 Vehicle accidents
2 Vehicle accidents with injuries
1 Controlled burn
6 Medical assists

1 Brush fire
1 Rubbish fire
4 Structure fires
1 Alarm system malfunction
176 man hours on incidents
77 man hours on training

Providence:

2 Vehicle accidents
3 Vehicle accidents with injuries
1 Controlled burn
2 Calls cancelled enroute
1 Vehicle fire
4 Brush fires
1 Smoke scare
2 Alarm malfunctions
117 man hours on incidents
234 man hours on training

Newland:

5 Vehicle accidents
1 Vehicle accident with injuries
2 Calls cancelled enroute
1 Alarm malfunction
1 Call with no problem found
53 man hours on incidents
70 man hours on training

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