

Week of June 22, 2009:

- I was out of the office on Friday so this is a delayed report.
- I attended the Telephonics groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday at the airport. I would like to thank Wayne Harris and Scott Hinton for working to facilitate this company's move to Pasquotank County. They will be a great addition to the community and another support company for the U.S. Coast Guard.
- The renovations of the old Register of Deeds office were completed this week for the Public Defender's Office and they moved into the new space on Thursday. The Solid Waste Department, Maintenance Department, and inmates from the Pasquotank Correctional Institute moved all of the furniture and equipment. The former Medical Building has now been completely vacated and I have notified the landlords that the lease has been terminated effective June 30, 2009. I would like to thank Mike Etheridge for once again coordinating the move.
- Public Water Supply has completed its initial review for the Pasquotank RO plant. Public Water Supply will issue a tentative approval by the end of this week. However, the formal approval will be issued after a comprehensive final review including but not limiting to the production well data and a 24 hr drawdown for well yield is completed in accordance with the guidelines previously provided by GMA for a confined aquifer. This means that we will be able to award contracts for construction of the plant.
- Attached is the latest Occupancy Tax Report. We are down approximately 7.3% for the year to date.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Clerk to the Board:

The results of the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program are in for the month of May. A total of 256 residents utilized the Prescription Card, saving \$12,555.22 on 1,062 prescriptions, an average savings of 25.15% off the retail price. Since we began participating in the program, Pasquotank County residents have saved a total of \$117,336.46 on their prescriptions by using the Prescription Card. Nationwide 16 million prescriptions have been filled with the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card resulting in savings of over \$187 million.

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

The state wide potato variety test was harvested during the week.

Also, some hail damage was assessed after a storm on Monday evening in the Okisko area. Some corn received 20% damage while some soybeans over 50%. The total acres have not been determined at this time.

Several farmers are continuing wheat harvest as they are trying to work between rains. About 65% of the harvest has been completed.

4-H

47 youth, parents and volunteers participated in a District 4-H Activity Day in Hyde Co. 26 youth competed in the public speaking event with 90% of the youth placing first or second

75 girl scouts received 4-H curriculum and training

2 summer fun sessions were held on "ice cream making" and piggy banks for 38 youth.

Family and Consumer Sciences

CPR and first aid was done for 14 different participants.

36 youth at 4 centers received Eat Smart Move More training.

Other

5 additional slots are available for the summer youth program. 4 have already been placed throughout the county, with one at the Courthouse.

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