



City Manager's Weekly Report to City Council October 21, 2016

Recruiting More Clintonians

Some projections, based on data from the United States Census, show 465,000 people moving to the Carolinas annually. Approximately half of these individuals are over 50 years old and are migrating to the Carolinas as part of a retirement plan. Clinton, with its access to larger cities, good transportation network, continuing education resources, and close proximity to natural and cultural recreation opportunities, could benefit if just a tiny percentage of those migrating to the Carolinas chose to make Clinton their new hometown.

The City of Clinton is partnering with the Center for Carolina Living to hold a briefing and planning session related to the in-migration that is happening in our state. It will be an opportunity for citizens to learn more about this opportunity to grow our population, as well as, a chance to have a broad discussion with community leaders regarding how the city should react to the opportunity for population growth.

There are clear advantages for our community if our population grows:

- 1.) *Existing Businesses:* As customer base grows, the financial stability for existing businesses in our community leads to greater prosperity and growth.
- 2.) *New Business Recruitment:* Two key demographics drive retail growth in our city. The first is population and the second is wealth. If there are more people with more money in a particular area, then that area sees economic growth in the form of expanded retail options for its residents.
- 3.) *Fixed Costs of Government:* Regardless of Clinton's population, there are some costs associated with providing government services that are fixed. If there are more citizens in the area to spread these costs out to, then everyone's cost for services, especially utility services like sewer and electricity, can go down.

If properly planned for and executed, the advantages to population growth can significantly outweigh the disadvantages. While it is a fact that the City of Clinton has grown slightly over the past few years, compared to Laurens County as a whole, we are not growing at a rate that provides direct benefits to our citizens.

It is important that any plans for growth are created based on clear facts and with input from city council and the citizens and residents of the community. The discussion will be held at the PC School of Pharmacy on November 4th at 8:30 a.m. and is sponsored by the City of Clinton and donations from private citizens.



Frank Stovall, ICMA-CM

City Manager

Frank Stovall has served as the City Manager of Clinton, South Carolina, since 2011. Each week, the staff of the Office of the City Manager produce this report in order to keep elected officials and the public informed about happenings in our city.

You can keep up with happenings in our city by following the city manager's blog, twitter account, and the city's Facebook pages. Visit our website at www.cityofclintonsc.com for links to those pages.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

City Council endorses Breast Cancer Awareness Month to promote awareness about breast cancer, proper breast health, and encourage annual mammograms. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same.

You can find more information about this by visiting www.nationalbreastcancer.org.

2016 Sidewalk Repair Program

A damaged and deteriorating sidewalk is both ugly and a hazard to pedestrians. In a continuing push to funnel more financial resources towards improving the city's basic infrastructure, several sections of sidewalk will be replaced over the next few months during this third year of sidewalk repair efforts. Prior to 2014, the city had not spent money to repair or replace sidewalk in over a decade.

Repair work will be in the following areas of our city:

- *Cleveland Street*: Portions of the 200 block.
- *East Centennial Street*: Portions of the 100, 200 and 300 blocks.
- *South Woodrow Street*: Portions of the 100, 200, and 300 blocks.
- *Calvert Avenue*: Portions of the 200 and 400 blocks.
- *South Owens Street*: Portions of the 200 and 300 blocks.
- *South Adair Street*: Portions of the 300 block.
- *Shands Street*: Portions of the 600 block.
- *East Ferguson Street*: Portions of the 800 block.
- *North Owens Street*: Portions of the 200 block.
- *East Florida Street*: Portions of the 200, 300, and 400 blocks.
- *North Owens Street*: Portions of the 100 and 200 blocks.
- *West Walnut Street*: Portions of the 300 block.



HOW DO WE DECIDE WHAT TO FIX?

Personnel in the Streets & Sanitation Division in the Department of Public Works & Utilities use a GIS mapping tool to map areas in our city with substandard sidewalks. They then rank those areas based on sidewalk use estimates and conditions. The highest ranked areas are repaired first.

Halloween Happenings

Halloween is just around the corner and spooky ghosts and goblins will take over city streets as they go door to door in neighborhoods seeking to dole out tricks or receive treats.

This year, the City of Clinton will host the annual Trick or Treat Spooktacular on Saturday, October 29th, from 4 PM to 8 PM. The event will take place in Downtown Clinton by the Depot. Trick or Treating downtown will occur from 6 PM to 8 PM, and a costume contest with prizes will be held at 5 PM. Free rides and candy will be available for the children who attend and concessions will be available for purchase.

On Halloween Day, Monday, October 31st, the City encourages traditional neighborhood trick or treating in the evening. The Department of Public

Safety reminds kids and parents of the following:

- Drivers in neighborhoods should slow down and be extra careful, keeping an eye out for trick or treaters.
- Children should be accompanied by an adult when trick or treating.
- Do not accept candy that is not in its original wrapper.
- Be careful when crossing the street. Use established crosswalks or cross at street corners.
- Recommended hours for trick or treating are 5:30 to 8:30.



OUR BEST SHOT



Dispatch Upgrades

The new dispatch console and work station was installed this week. The new workstation puts the radios and communication systems right at the fingertips of our dispatchers and improves ergonomics in the dispatch office.



Fire Safety Education

Lt. Drew Patterson takes time to teach the Young World 4K about fire safety this week as they toured the Department of Public Safety.

FACTS FROM THE CITIZEN SURVEY

22%

Percentage of citizens who report being satisfied new development and growth in Clinton

31%

Percentage of citizens who report being satisfied with the quality of housing in our city.

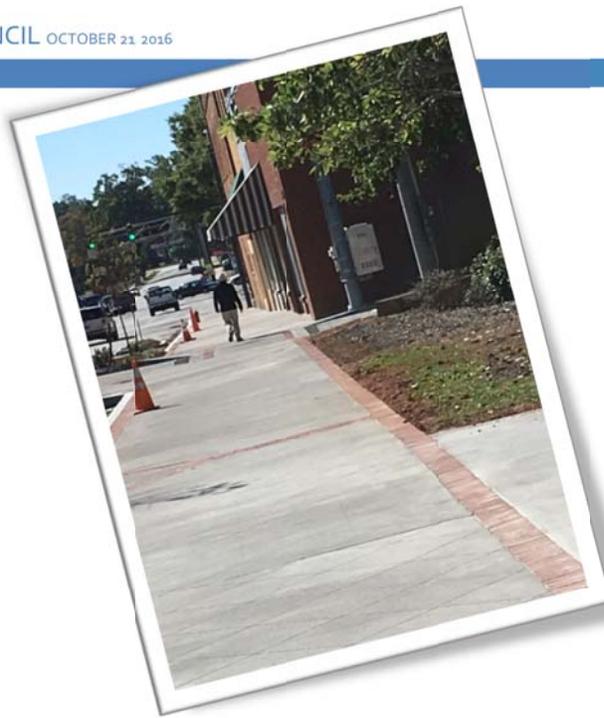
JOIN OUR TEAM

Visit cityofclintonsc.com for information on how to apply to be part of our team

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Water Treatment Plant Operator: Full Time

Water Treatment Plant Operator: Part Time



Almost finished – a citizen takes a stroll down the recently completed North Broad Street sidewalk. Lighting and signage installation is all that remains before the project can be officially closed out and declared complete.

Department Notes

Department of Community & Economic Development

- Three new construction homes, one on Elizabeth Street and two on North Broad Street, have passed final inspections.
- A derelict mobile home on Magnolia Street was voluntarily demolished.
- A home on South Bell Street is being voluntarily demolished.
- The Dobbins Monument on Highway 56 was damaged by a fiber installation crew.

Department of Public Works

- 300 feet of sidewalk replaced last week.
- The Ring Road elevated water tank annual inspection was completed this week.
- Underground electric services were installed in Hampton Woods subdivision.

- The new Jarruff Tree Trimmer arrived and cleared 3,000 feet of right of way in eight hours, three times faster than could be completed using our previous method.
- Team deployed to Bennettsville for Hurricane Matthew returned safely.

Department of Administrative Services

- Another customer has decided to install renewable energy at their residence. City staff have approved their application and it has been forwarded to PMPA for review.
- The city has issued a request for proposals for financial advisor services in order to comply with the federal Dodd-Frank Act.

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, October 28, 2016 3:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton Flag Committee and Flag Focus Group will hold a meeting in the P.S. Bailey Council Chambers of the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center.

Saturday, October 29, 2016 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton will host its annual Trick or Treat Spooktacular in downtown Clinton. There will be a costume contest at 5:00 p.m. and trick or treating from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We will also have free rides, candy, and music.

Monday, October 31, 2016

City residents are encouraged to pass out candy for Trick or Treaters that will visit neighborhoods on Halloween night.

Thursday, November 3, 2016 11:30 a.m.

The annual Bring One; Wear One luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Laurens. If you would like to attend this event please let Amanda Addison know so she may reserve a seat for you.

Friday, November 4, 2016 8:30 a.m.

The City of Clinton will host a Carolina Living presentation at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy. A light breakfast will be served. Please let Amanda Addison know if you plan to attend.

Friday, November 4, 2016 2:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton will celebrate Arbor Day by planting two Princeton Elm trees in front of the American Legion.

Monday, November 7, 2016 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Clinton will hold its November City Council meeting in the P.S. Bailey Council Chambers of the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center.

Thursday, November 10, 2016 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Laurens County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Oyster Roast. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 11:00 a.m.

The City of Clinton will host the third annual Red Devil Ribeye at the Clinton Department of Public Safety Fire Bay with a luncheon, following the meeting, at the Clinton Community Building.

Friday, November 18, 2016 2:00 p.m.

The City of Clinton Audit Sub-Committee will hold a meeting at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center.