



Town of Roseboro Newsletter



May Edition

Town Calendar

ABC Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 23rd
@ 10 AM

Memorial Day
Monday, May 29th
Town Hall will be closed.

Small Town Main Street Meeting
Monday, June 12th
@ 5:30 PM

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 13th
@ 7 PM
Public Hearing - Budget

ABC Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 27th
@ 10 AM

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Missed BloomFest? Check out the Recap!

Play that *Funky Music* and so many other timeless songs were heard in the Town Park on Friday, April 28th. To kick off the weekend of BloomFest, the Western Sampson Commerce Group filled the park with a beer garden, Grateful Shed, and Flash BBQ. From 6-10 pm, individuals took to the dance floor and rocked it out with the Pizazz Band. "It was wonderful to see children playing in the park as the band played," shared Mayor Alice Butler.

On Saturday, April 29th the downtown area was filled with food trucks, street vendors, a Sheriff's Department demonstration, the Roseboro Fire Department, and much more. The youth were able to enjoy a mobile gaming truck, pony and/or train rides, face painting, mini golf, and more.

At the opening of the festival, the community was blown away by the vocals of Ms. Kiyah Braxton, a student at Lakewood High School. The ribbon-cutting of the new park equipment also occurred on the morning of BloomFest. The Town has truly been grateful for the hard work of the Town Clerk, Janet Dunn for taking the lead and getting a park that is not only ADA-compliant but also up-to-date.

The lineup of live entertainment was also a treat for everyone. The First Missionary Baptist Church began the lineup with a selection that made the crowd grateful for all they had and understanding that situations will get better. They were followed by New Wave Line Dancers, Carolina Dance, Mintz Christian Academy, Allison Radcliffe, Shallow Bravery, and Darren Wheelless.

So many individuals were heard throughout the streets sharing how nice everything looked and wanting to know about all of the delicious food vendors that were available. "Our family came from Fayetteville and we loved it! Especially that it was dog friendly, and we loved the live music, in particular, Allison- the country singer. So family friendly, loved the small town vibe," shared Pamela Woodell Carter on Facebook.

BloomFest was made possible due to the generosity of the thirty-five sponsors for 2023. Details for next year will be released soon.



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2023 BloomFest Sponsors



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AgCarolina Farm Credit, Chestnutt, Johnson & Tyson, P.A., Earl and Jerry's Seafood Shack, Fisher Insurance LLC., First Citizens Bank, GP Rental-The CAT Rental Store, Happy Ours After School and Summer Care, Hog Slat Inc., Insurance Service Center-Lamar Butler, Joe Warren Service Center, Naylor Realty, Prestage Farms, Railroad Steakhouse, Simpson & Holland Appraisal Service, Vinny's, and VIP Nails

A Young Man and the Siren

Imagine Roseboro, a small quiet Town, is suddenly met with a loud siren. The siren was an indication that the Roseboro Fire Department needed to respond to an incident. One guy in particular loved to hear the sirens, Lee Coleman.

"I was the kid that would ride my bicycle to the station when I was fifteen when the sirens would go off. I would ride with Fire Chief Billie Herring in the Chief car," shared Coleman when reminiscing about his love for the fire department. "I remember my dad would call the station or 911 call center wanting to know where the fire department was because he was looking for me. He had driven past the fire department and seen my bicycle out front but all of the fire trucks were gone". As protocol and procedures began to change, Coleman would have to stop tagging along for calls and return when he was of age to join the department.



After waiting some months to turn sixteen, Coleman returned to the Fire Department ready and eager to begin. However, the rules had changed again and he would have to wait until the age of eighteen. Well, Coleman would go and join the Roseboro Rescue Squad in the meantime. After graduating high school, Coleman began paramedic school. Then, in 1997 Coleman was finally able to join the Fire Department. In 2000, he left Roseboro's Fire Department and went part-time for Clinton. Fast forward to 2007, Coleman would return to the Roseboro Fire Department and that is where he currently remains.

Throughout all of the years with the department, two areas have changed: Safety and Training. Over the years, there has been an increase in the number of hours of training to be considered certified. Coleman remembers his first class was with Joe Freeman as the instructor, the class was easy and the material was easy to understand. However, one of the changes now is no longer being able to test with the instructor that also taught the material. These changes are taking place to decrease line-of-duty injuries and deaths, which Coleman sees being attributed to training.

Like many other jobs, there are volunteers needed. There have been some nights Coleman and others have had to respond to calls and then report to their daytime jobs hours later. Roseboro is truly grateful to have men and women that answer the call no matter what and serve this community.

In the future, Chief Coleman hopes to have full-time help. The full-time employee will take over inventory needs and more. If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the community, visit the fire department and speak to the team.

Reminder from the Roseboro Fire Chief

Chapter 28 - Solid Waste
Article II Collection and Disposal Sec. 28-22

(d) No person shall burn leaves, shrubs, trees, limbs, and the like within the Town limits.

A Time Well Served: Thank You Shelton Owens



For thirty-six years, Shelton Owens has proudly served the Roseboro Fire Department. From waking up in the wee hours of the morning and the memories of some very bad fires, Owens would still choose to gear up and fight fire again.

"There were some bad ones and some good ones, but it is hard to choose one," responded Owens when asked to describe one call that will forever be ingrained in his memory.

Owens' interest to join Roseboro Fire grew from watching his brother, William Owens go out and fight fires and respond to various calls. Even though William was Owens only blood-related relative, Shelton remained with the fire department because the team is like one family. Currently, Owens has other family members in the department like Ralph and Michael Sessoms.

"They are all like family. It was hard to retire, I miss it now," said Owens. The team is composed of individuals that just like to serve their community. Training offers the opportunities for the team to bond and establish trust with one another. Since turning in his equipment, driving past the fire department has been difficult for him. Throughout his thirty-six years, Owens has worked under three chiefs: Bobbie Owens, Billie Herring, and the current Chief Lee Coleman.

"Shelton was our daytime guy. He was able to work the department during the day since he worked nights for his other job. He was very dependable and got a lot done for the department," says Coleman.

Due to his amazing leadership and his love for the job, he disliked ever having to leave Town, in fear that he would miss something. At one point within his career, Owens was also a member of the Roseboro Rescue squad for a short period of time.

"There is always one story I have to tell about Shelton. He drives 18 wheelers, so he is a professional driver, but he can't drive the fire truck backwards. Shelton can only go forward. We laugh about that all the time," shared Coleman.

"You should join the fire department and become a part of a good group of men and women. They will always have your back," says Owens as he reflects on all that he learned and witnessed. He also continues to visit and helps with what he is able to do.

The Town of Roseboro is grateful to have servants like Shelton and thank him for his time, dedication, and commitment.

**Save
THE
Date**



November 28th - Christmas Tree Lighting

December 8th - Christmas Parade

April 27th- 5th Annual BloomFest

A Golden Nugget of Roseboro Fire Department



Larry Bailey is a man known in Roseboro for the many jobs he has worked. From being in the funeral home business for more than twenty years to finding jobs for residents with Telamon, and working with the engineering team at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Fayetteville, the man refuses to enjoy doing absolutely nothing during his retired years. There is one job that stands out: being a Roseboro firefighter.

In 1982, Bailey made Roseboro history by becoming the first African American to join the fire department. Setting history for Mr. Bailey did not stop there, he was also the first African American Chaplain on the force and board member. To add to his many honorable accolades, Bailey was also a lieutenant under the leadership of Billie Herring.

Soon after he joined, more African American males would follow suit. During this time, the men of the fire department embraced Bailey and welcomed him onto the squad. The men of the fire department would also be the pallbearers for both his parents' funerals. They all had mutual respect for one another and had a common goal: to help the people of their community.

Mr. Bailey joined due to two of his lifelong buddies: Robert Cain (deceased) and Keith Owen asking him to. At this point in his life, he was working for Butler Funeral digging graves and Butler Furniture under the leadership of Mr. Carmen Butler, and then he added the fire department and rescue squad.

"Helping people. That's what I have always done, all my life," says Bailey when asked why he worked as many jobs as he did. Bailey left the rescue squad after five years and retired from the fire department after thirty-two years. "I just enjoyed what I was doing," says Bailey. He also completed certifications for firefighter levels 1, 2, and 3, Hazmat, and CPR. Throughout his time of service, he would end up serving under five different chiefs: George Pope, Billie Herring, Keith Owen, Bobbie Owens, and Lee Coleman. Billie Herring is notably his favorite. Bailey still visits the fire department from time to time. Even though he is no longer able to help with calls, he tries to help Chief Coleman out whenever he can.



"He has offered to help around the station. If we ever need something I know I can give him a call, in the morning he visits for ice and checks to make sure everything is still running smoothly. Being a firefighter is still in his heart and we love having him around," says Fire Chief Lee Coleman.

Nowadays, Mr. Bailey can be found helping Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



In this newsletter edition, we decided to highlight some of our firefighters! We truly appreciate all that they do for the community!

Ordinance Refresher:

Chapter 36- Utilities



Sec.36-82. - Interference with waterworks; unauthorized use of water

It shall be unlawful to interfere in any way with any of the buildings, wells, reservoirs, tanks, pipes, meters or connections or with the water in some or with any apparatus forming a part of the waterworks system, to make any connection therewith, except as herein provided for, or to knowingly permit same to be done on their premises in their possession or control as agent or to knowingly use water from such unauthorized connection. Neither shall any authorized consumer be allowed to supply water to other persons or families nor take or carry away water from any such authorized connection or from any hydrant, watering trough, or public fountain, without the consent of the town.

Funding for Business Owners

Facade Grant

The Town of Roseboro currently offers a facade grant. The purpose of this grant is to renovate buildings within Town limits, implementation of appropriate design standards for the rehabilitation of potentially historic buildings, and preservation of the unique architectural and commercial character of Roseboro. The application is located under the business tab on the Town's website: roseboronc.com.

Zoning Refresher:

Section 3: Application and Enforcement C. Application Procedures



Did you know that each application for a Certificate of Zoning Compliance has to be accompanied by two sets of plans drawn to an engineering scale?

The Plan shall show the following:

- The shape and dimensions of the lot on which the proposed building or use is to be erected or conducted;
- The location of said lot with respect to adjacent rights-of-way;
- The shape, dimensions, and location of all buildings, existing and proposed, on the said lot;
- The nature of the proposed use of the building or land, including the extent and location of the use, on the said lot;
- The location and dimensions of off-street parking and loading space and the means of ingress and egress to such space;
- For building construction, other than single-family residential, the percent of surface that will be built upon;
- Approximate location of Town water and sewer lines, if said lot is adjacent to them; and
- Any other information which the Zoning Officer may deem necessary for consideration in enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance.

No Building shall be erected, altered, moved or changed without a Certificate of Zoning (including decks, fencing, accessory buildings and shelters.

A Vacant Building is Now Filled

In the October 2022 newsletter edition, a feature covered the history of 115 W Roseboro and the goals of the James family concerning the building. For some time, Robby James did not have a concrete plan for the business that would be housed in the building, however, on April 1st the doors opened to the new James Trading Downtown.

"It has been exciting to move into a more open and larger space. We still carry some of our customer favorites like gardening, gifts, and home decor. Our new space has allowed us to expand into a larger selection of apparel, jewelry, and other lady accessories. We are also beginning to add a few items for men," shared Randi Kelly.

The latest addition has been a new local frozen treat for all age groups, called Scoot.

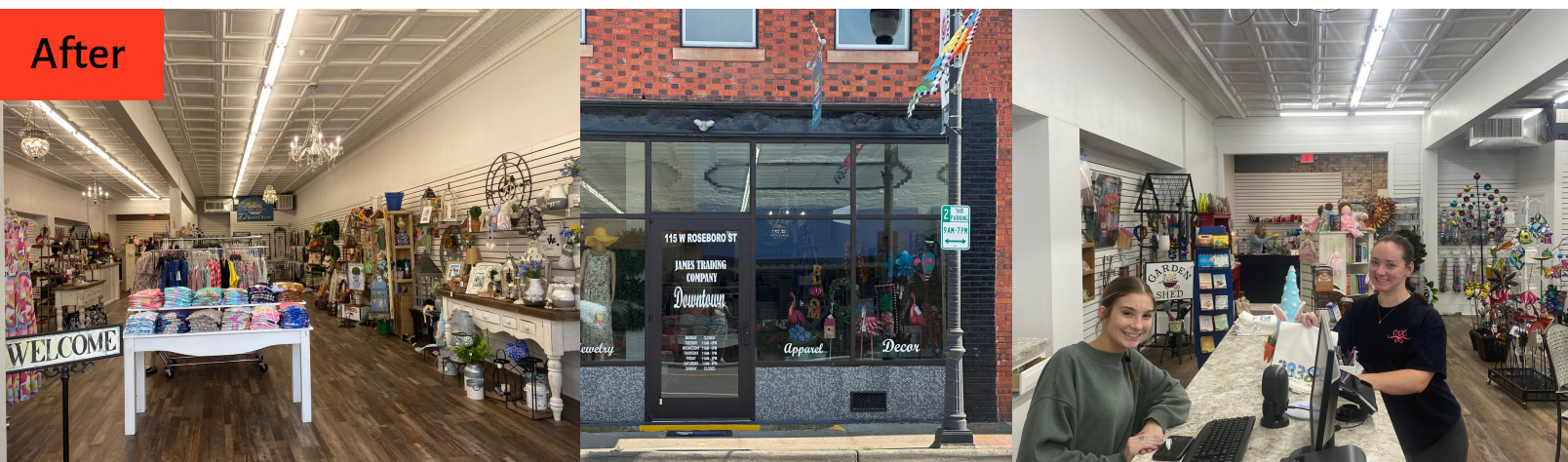
The upstairs is currently still under renovation. However, the old Robby's sign can still be seen hanging on the wall.

The previous James Trading Downtown building also has new tenants. The building will now be home to Last Days Ministry under the leadership of Reverend Marilyn Hargrove.

The goal for Downtown remains, if all of the Downtown business owners work together, Roseboro can have a vibrant downtown again.



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Did You Know?

2023 is known as the Year of the Trail. The hope is that individuals will get outside and enjoy their communities through walking, biking, and other activities.

Roseboro is on the Mountain-to-Sea Trail. A portion of the MST covers the Roseboro Heritage Trail, which allows an individual to see highlights of the Town. Copies of this map are available at Town Hall.

