

NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF CLEVELAND ■ PO BOX 429 ■ CLEVELAND, NC 27013 ■ JULY/AUGUST 2019

RECYCLING DATES

Recycling dates for July are the 6th and the 19th. The dates for August are the 2nd and the 16th.

2019-2020 BUDGET

The following budget was adopted by the Board of Commissioners after a public hearing was held on June 10th, 2019:

General Fund: \$1,123,950

Sewer Fund : \$516,800

Water Fund : \$146,800

The property tax rate will stay the same at 28¢. Garbage and recycling service will continue to be provided at no additional charge to residents.

HOLIDAY CLOSING & TRASH PICKUP

Town Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4th. Trash and recycling will be picked up on Saturday, July 6th.

FIRE HYDRANTS...

Cleveland Community Volunteer Fire Department personnel will be testing the Town's fire hydrants in the next few months. Per North Carolina law, the Fire Department needs to have a thirty-six (36) inch clearance around each hydrant for access. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please remove any bushes or tree limbs that are located within the access area. When the testing begins, fire personnel will be authorized to remove anything within 36 inches of the hydrant.

SUMMER BREAK

The Town Board presents a summer concert featuring the band, Divided by Four, to be held on South Depot Street on Saturday, July 27 from 5 to 8 pm. Residents are invited to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the band. Information on other concerts will be posted in the Town's newsletter and website, clevelandnc.org.

NEW BILLING SOFTWARE AND CARD PAYMENT OPTIONS

Keep an eye out on the newsletter. We are implementing new billing software and credit/debit card payment options. Our current software charges .35¢ plus 3% credit/debit card fee to make a payment on your water/sewer bill. Our new software, Point & Pay, charges 2.65% with a minimum of 2.00. It will also have an e-check option which is a \$2.00 flat fee. We will be making announcements on our website concerning this as well as putting notifications in the newsletter.

CHANGE IN HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE

On June 10th, 2019, the high grass nuisance ordinance was voted on and changed. If your grass grows above 14 inches in height, you will be in violation of the ordinance. The height was lowered from 24 inches. If you are in violation, you will be sent a certified letter and have 15 days from receipt to mow the grass. If still not mowed after the 15 days, the Town will mow the lot and send the property owner an invoice for the cost of mowing plus a \$50 administrative charge. A lien will be placed on property if not paid. Please be a good neighbor and maintain your property.