

# “THE RIGHT TRACK”



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“Home of the North Carolina Transportation Museum”

## FROM THE MAYOR

The Library should be open again around Thanksgiving. The cost of the maintenance was approximately \$400,000 and is now completed. All the work was done by Jarrell Construction, thank you Archie. The books are being put back on the shelves by our Public Works Department. Hopefully, everyone will take advantage of having our own Library in Spencer.

We are in the process of getting bids to add sidewalks on Harrison Street from Whitehead Avenue to Salisbury Avenue. Students will no longer be forced to walk in the road when this is completed.

Congratulations to North Rowan’s football team. They are the Yadkin Valley regular season champions. We are proud of you.

As the holiday season approaches, I’d like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. The Home-town Holidays group will again be sponsoring several holiday events. The first one is the tree lighting and it will be held on Friday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Library Park.

Jody Everhart  
Mayor



## FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

We’re reflecting on another busy year as we head into the 2010 holiday season. The major repairs to our Library building made for an ambitious project given the necessary “red tape” to get started, moving 12,000 books, completing all construction work between May 1 and November, and then moving everything back in to be open before Thanksgiving. It simply couldn’t have gone any smoother than it ended up going. Special thanks to Ramsey Burgin Smith Architects, Jarrell Contractors, and our very dedicated Public Works department for making that so.

The I-85 / Yadkin River Bridge project has also taken off without looking back. A project of this magnitude under such a truncated timetable (projected completion date January 2013) doesn’t go smoothly without sound planning, and so far the planning has been highly impressive. The two Hwy 29 bridges on our north end play key parts as alternate emergency routes through the course of this project, but our PD and other area agencies are well prepared to handle any detoured traffic as well as is possible over our alternate roadways. Our southbound Exit 82 has already been closed of course for anything other than emergency re-directed traffic. Once the project is complete, our north end will no longer be a direct access to I-85 northbound or southbound. To follow along with the project, visit [www.i-85yadkinriver.com](http://www.i-85yadkinriver.com). The existing bridge and bottleneck has long been cited as one of the major drawbacks / deterrents for economic development and recruitment

efforts on our industrial properties, so we’re very welcoming of this project and its end result!

Thanks again to each and all of you that volunteer and otherwise help to make Spencer the great place that it is. Once again this year, we have numerous events going on throughout the holiday season. Please keep the feedback coming on how we can continue to improve on these each year. Happy holidays!

Larry E. Smith  
Town Manager



## SPENCER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spencer Public Library will reopen and resume regular hours on Monday, November 22, 2010. As a reminder, those hours are as follows:  
 Monday—2 to 6 pm  
 Tuesday—2 to 5 pm  
 Wednesday—closed  
 Thursday—2 to 6 pm  
 Friday—2 to 5 pm  
 Saturday—11 am to 4 pm  
 Sunday—closed  
 Stop by and see the newly repaired building and meet our new Librarian, Cyndi Atwell.



### FROM THE LAND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Please join me in welcoming David Lamanno of 210 S. Rowan Avenue to the Planning Board. He will be serving a three-year term on the board.

Want to be more involved with the town? Seeking to make Spencer an even better place to live? We currently have vacancies on the town's Historic Preservation Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. For more information, please contact me at 704-633-2231.

#### Front-Yard Parking

The front-yard parking ordinance will go into effect **March 31, 2011**.

**Exactly how will this affect you?** If you currently park on bare dirt or grass in your front yard you will likely be affected. After March 31, 2011 you will not be able to park in your front yard (side and back yard parking is okay) unless you have an improved surface.

**What's an improved surface, you ask?** It is one on which a sufficient layer of gravel has been placed or asphalt or concrete have been brought in.

**What if I can't do this?** Call Town Hall at 704-633-2231 and ask to speak with Dustin Wilson or Nathan Ross. We will meet you at your property to assist and perhaps come up with alternatives.

**What if I'm in the Historic District and need to make a parking pad?** Good question. You'll need to approach the Historic Preservation Commission. We're happy to help you with the process. Call us at 704-633-2231 to discuss.

**I want to continue to park in my front yard. Can someone come out and look at my property?** That's what we're here for. Give us a call at 704-633-2231.

Dustin Wilson  
Land Management Director  
lmddir@ci.spencer.nc.us  
704-633-2231

### HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS CELEBRATION

The twelve days of, checking it twice, toy catalogs, blinking lights, naughty and nice...yes, Spencer residents, the 2010 Holiday season is fast approaching. Your Spencer Hometown Holidays committee has been hard at work to ensure we have many opportunities to share in the glory of the season together. Please join us for all of the festivities.

#### 2nd Annual Christmas in the Park & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Date: Friday, December 3rd

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Library Park, Spencer

The Spencer Tree Lighting Ceremony is always a fun and festive event. Local entertainment, food, hot chocolate, and a visit from Santa will help usher in the Holiday Season. The Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with the official tree lighting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this community celebration.

#### Candlelight Tour of Homes

Date: Thursday, December 9th

Time: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm

This festive tour features five beautiful, historic homes in the Spencer community. The houses will be decorated inside and out in holiday splendor. Please join us to admire these lovely homes and pick up some decorating ideas for your own home this holiday season.

Tickets will be on sale at Debbie Barnhardt Jewelers, Spencer Home Supply, and the Rowan County Visitors Bureau. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per person. All proceeds go to the Spencer Hometown Holidays Committee to help support next year's events.

#### Candlelight Tour of Churches

Date: Friday, December 17th

Time: 6:00 pm—9:00 pm

The third annual Candlelight Tour of Churches will be held in Spencer this holiday season. The tour is free and open to the public. Several of our local churches will have entertainment in addition to beautiful holiday décor.

Trolley rides are available for this tour, seating is limited. Please meet at the Spencer Shoppes at 5:30 pm. Price is \$1.00 for all riders over the age of 3 years.

For more information please visit [www.spencerhometownholidays.com](http://www.spencerhometownholidays.com) or call 704-239-3729.

Central United Methodist Church  
proudly presents

#### The Singing Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 4th 7:00 p.m.  
Prelude begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 5th 3:00 p.m.  
Prelude begins at 2:30 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church  
200 4th Street, Spencer  
Children's Community Choir to Perform  
Free Admission / Nursery Provided



Come, join us in our 30th year  
Celebrating Christmas



**MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN****ANNUAL ELECTION PERIOD**

**If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO or PFFS)  
This will be the only time for you to switch to another Plan.**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2010 — DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**SENIORS' HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM (SHIIP)  
COUNSELORS AT ROWAN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES  
CAN HELP YOU ENROLL OR DO A CHECK-UP TO MAKE  
SURE YOUR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN  
IS A GOOD OPTION FOR 2011**

**WHERE**

**ROWAN SENIOR SERVICES AT THE  
RUFY-HOLMES SENIOR CENTER  
1120 South Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue  
Salisbury, NC 28144**

**If you are satisfied with your plan and the plan is covering your  
medications you DO NOT have to do a thing during  
this annual enrollment period.**

**APPOINTMENT REQUIRED  
PLEASE CALL**

**Rowan County Senior Services Department  
704-216-7700**

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS  
AND SCHOOL AWARDS**

At the September Board of Aldermen meeting, Jolie Savage, fifth grader in Ms. Lindsay's class, was recognized as North Rowan Elementary School's student of the month. October's certificates went to Trutan Belton, a third grader in Ms. Ingraham's class at North Rowan Elementary, and to Jamone Kelly, a senior at North Rowan High School. For the month of November, the following students were recognized: Caleb Williams, a fourth grader in Ms. Killian's class at North Rowan Elementary; Kenyaun Coney, an eighth grade student at North Rowan Middle; and Diamond Lovell, a sophomore at North Rowan High School.

North Rowan High School marching band competed in the "Lord Salisbury" Contest at Catawba College in October. The band won the Class 2A Championship with their field performance of selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber. Two students from the North band, Austin Snider and C. J. Mowery, were announced as scholarship winners at the Lord Salisbury Contest. They will be invited to attend Catawba College next fall and participate in the new Catawba Chiefs Marching Band, due to begin performing in 2011.

**SPENCER SENIORS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Spencer Seniors Planning Council extends an invitation to all of the seniors of Spencer to attend the Annual Spencer Senior Christmas Dinner to be held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 12 noon. Following the BBQ Pork and Chicken Luncheon there will be a Christmas carol sing along.

This event will be hosted by Oakdale Baptist Church, 200 Charles Street, Spencer, NC, in the Family Life Center, located behind the church.

All senior citizens of Spencer are welcome and invited to attend. **There is no charge for the dinner but reservations need to be made, so that we will know approximately how many will attend.**

Reservations can be made at the local churches of Spencer, or by calling the Oakdale Baptist Church Office, at 704-633-9412. Or you may call the Spencer Town Hall and make reservations, 704-633-2231. Reservations need to be made by November 28, 2010. Local churches will be notified to provide a sign-up sheet for seniors to register.



Rev. Richard Gross, Senior Citizens Council President

**HOLIDAY SAFETY**

**Christmas Trees**

What's a traditional Christmas morning scene without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion—"Keep the tree watered."

Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be.

**Selecting a Tree for the Holidays**

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long and, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

**Caring for Your Tree**

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than

two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

**Disposing of Your Tree**

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

B. Gray Grubb  
Fire Chief



Please join us for our first annual "Santa and the Real Christmas". For more information, please contact Linda Miller at 704-633-0760 or [lmiller\\_52@hotmail.com](mailto:lmiller_52@hotmail.com).

**SPENCER WOMAN'S CLUB**

Have you ever wondered what the Spencer Woman's Club (SWC) does? The SWC is a voluntary membership women's organization dedicated to the ever-changing needs of our community. The SWC promotes the education and social welfare of young women through scholarship, guidance, friendship, and leadership. This year's recipient of the \$500 "Mary McFadden Educational Scholarship" is Brooke Bost. Brooke is a nursing student at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

If you want to learn more about the SWC please join us during our annual "Tonya Rape Stoner Membership Tea" at the Spencer Woman's Club on Sunday, January 16th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The clubhouse is located on Third Street. Come learn about the club, how you can serve in the community while having fun and making new friends. Enjoy lots of goodies and meet the current members of the club. Please contact Beth Morris Nance (704-239-3729 or [bethmnance@gmail.com](mailto:bethmnance@gmail.com)) to RSVP or for details.

**SANTA AND THE REAL CHRISTMAS**

Central United Methodist Church will host a special event this year, called "Santa and the Real Christmas", to be held on Sunday, December 12. We'll meet at Library Park, located on Fourth Street in Spencer at 4:00 p.m. We plan to take a special journey where we'll discover what the Real Christmas is all about. We will walk to Central United Methodist Church where we'll conclude our event with a free dinner for all who attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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