



# SELMA TRACKS



"A Charming Place To Be"

Town of Selma Newsletter  
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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Town Hall.....919-965-9841
- Town Hall Fax.....919-965-8517
- Utilities.....Ext 1012 & 1013
- Utilities/C.S. Supervisor.....Ext 1011
- Planning/Economic Dev.....Ext 1006
- Codes Administrator.....Ext 1007
- Public Works.....Ext 4001
- Police.....919-965-8189
- Fire.....919-965-2697
- Parks & Recreation .....919-975-1411
- Library.....919-965-8613
- Utility After Hour Emergencies.....919-934-9411

### DECEMBER MEETINGS

#### TOWN COUNCIL

- Jernigan Bldg. 12/05/2016 @ 6:00 p.m. \*
- Jernigan Bldg. 12/13/2016 @ 5:00 p.m. \*\*\*
- Jernigan Bldg. 12/13/2016 @ 6:00 p.m. \*\*

#### RECREATION

- Richardson House 12/19/2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

#### PLANNING BOARD

- Jernigan Bldg. 12/05/2016 @ 6:00 p.m. \*
- Jernigan Bldg. 12/12/2016 @ 6:00 p.m. \*\*

\* Town Council & Planning Board Joint Workshop  
 \*\* Regular Meeting  
 \*\*\* Work Session

(Refer to Town website for updates, agendas, notices and other committee meetings)

#### TOWN OFFICIALS

- Cheryl Oliver.....Mayor
- Jackie Lacy.....Mayor Pro-Tem
- Tommy Holmes.....Councilmember
- William Overby.....Councilmember
- Mark Petersen.....Councilmember
- Jon Barlow.....Town Manager
- Brenda Thorne ..... Town Clerk
- Alan "Chip" Hewett.....Town Attorney



Please join us  
 Tuesday December 6, 2016 for  
**Selma's Annual Christmas Parade**  
 7:00 p.m. in Uptown Selma

Preceded by the  
**Inaugural Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
 Featuring Selma Elementary School Chorus  
 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall

## Selma's 150th Anniversary Celebration!

2017 marks the Town of Selma's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Special events will be held every month to celebrate, and we're kicking it all off beginning January 21<sup>st</sup> with a Polar Bear 5K run and family fun walk. Your leashed dog is welcome to join you on your run/walk! Participation medals will be awarded to all participants. Everyone who registers before December 20<sup>th</sup> is guaranteed a commemorative T-shirt. Packet pickup will begin at 9 a.m. on race day and the race will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of Webb and Waddell Streets in Uptown Selma.

**Registration is now open at:**  
<https://app.racereach.com/r/polar-bear-run>  
*Space is limited so reserve your spot today!*

## TRAIN RIDE WITH SANTA

All aboard! Join us December 17<sup>th</sup> for an unforgettable seasonal journey on the Selma Santa Train. Young and old will be whisked off on a train from the Selma Train Depot at 500 E Railroad St. and ride a round trip to Raleigh and back to Selma with Santa on board! Families are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Punch and cookies will be served and a special keepsake Christmas ornament will be given. Parents/Guardians may take photos throughout the train ride and Santa will be available for photos and for the children to share their holiday wishes with him inside the depot after the trip.

Tickets are selling fast so be sure to reserve your spot today!  
 Register online at: [www.selma-nc.com/selma-santa-train](http://www.selma-nc.com/selma-santa-train)  
 or visit Selma Parks and Recreation at  
 305 N Webb St, Selma—(919) 975-1411  
 \$34 for ages 13+ and \$26 for ages 12 & under



## RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MATTHEW

Johnston County will waive landfill tipping fees for Hurricane Matthew storm-related debris and yard waste until December 29, 2016. The County will also waive building and permit fees for storm-related damage until December 29, 2016.

Johnston County residents who sustained property damage due to Hurricane Matthew are urged to apply for federal assistance. This assistance may be available to qualifying families, individuals and business owners effected by the storm.

To register your damage, please contact FEMA.  
[www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)  
 800-621-3362



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a simple tip will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

### HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY:

Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant. Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect. Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged. Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



**DECEMBER AT THE PARKS & RECREATION**

**Selma Christmas Parade:**

Join us as we celebrate with the perfect way to begin the Holiday Season and create memorable traditions to last a lifetime! Selma presents the Christmas Parade by lighting up the night sky with twinkling lights. Of course that most important visitor of all, Santa Claus will join the lineup!

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Parade Time: 7:00 p.m.

Line Up: 6:00 p.m. at Selma Elementary School



**Men's Church League Basketball:**

Take it to the hoop! Join the Men's Church Basketball League. Open to citizens of Selma and surrounding communities. This league is recreational but competitive. A single elimination tournament will be held at the conclusion of the regular season.

Ages: 18 & up

Dates: January 4, 2017—February 18, 2017

Cost: \$450.00

Registration Deadline: December 18, 2016



**Calls from Santa:**

Imagine that magic moment when the telephone rings and the North Pole Operator tells a child they have a special phone call from Santa Claus! If you would like for your child to receive a call from Santa, you must fill out a form and return it to the Selma Parks and Recreation Office. Forms are available at the Library or Parks & Recreation office.

Ages: 3-7

Date: Monday, December 5, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fee: Free

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2016



**DECEMBER AT THE LIBRARY**

**Food for Fines Week:** The week of December 12-17, 2016, has been declared "Food for Fines Week." During this week, we will accept canned or non-perishable food items in lieu of fines. If fines are \$1.00 or less, the Library will accept one item in exchange for the fine. Add an additional item for each dollar of fines. All food will be donated to a Selma Food Pantry.

**Writing Workshop:** Join Gary Rideout on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for a writing workshop. Everyone is welcome and the writing fun begins at 6:30 p.m.

**The Good Read Book Club:** Meets Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. They will be reading *Chesapeake Shores Christmas* by Sheryl Woods.

**Family Movie Night:** Join us on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Remember that children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult who stays with them during the movie. Please call or come by the circulation desk at the Library to sign up for this FREE event.

**Preschool Story Time:** Will be held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> during the month of December. Please join us for stories and songs, and a special visit from Santa Claus on Wednesday morning, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**AmeriCorps:** An AmeriCorps representative will be at the Library every Wednesday from 9 a.m.— noon. They will be happy to help with resumes, mock interviews, and provide you with other helpful tips to assist you in the job hunting market.

**LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas and January 2, 2017 in observance of the New Year.**

Stay updated with the latest information by visiting [www.selma-nc.com/library](http://www.selma-nc.com/library)



**Gazebo Galleria**



The holidays are just around the corner and we have a great selection of Arts and Crafts vendors at the Selma Train Depot on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Come shop and buy local for your family, friends and co-workers this Holiday season!

**TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

**December 23 and 26, 2016**

**in observance of Christmas**



**January 2, 2017**

**in celebration of the New Year**

**There will be no schedule change to garbage service during the Christmas Holiday since Christmas falls on Sunday.**



**Selma's Appearance Commission's Annual Holiday Decorating Contest December 15, 2016**

Celebrate this Holiday Season by participating in Selma's Appearance Commission's Annual Holiday Decorating Contest! Local businesses and residential entries are welcome.

Nomination forms are available at Town Hall  
114 N. Raiford Street, Selma.

Please submit your nominations to the Planning Department by 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2016 for consideration.

Contest judging will be on Thursday December 15, 2016.

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in both residential and business categories.