



# The Selma Insider



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A Quarterly Report From The Selma Town Council

May 2020

## Welcome To *The Selma Insider*!!!!

On March 10, the Town Council announced that we were going to issue a quarterly report (May, August, November, and February) to the citizens of Selma in the form of a newspaper. The goal is to try and communicate, to everyone in town, details of the many programs, policies, and plans occurring now and in near future. We want you to know ‘the inside story,’ so we accepted Mayor Oliver’s nomination for the name of the paper as *The Selma Insider*. We appreciate the participation of a number of citizens who sent in their ideas. We hope you will enjoy reading our first edition! - The Selma Town Council



**WELCOME** - New Employees since January (L-R) Bryan Christensen (Public Works), Jacqueline Smith (Administration), Dana Jackson (Customer Service), Dakota Honeycutt (Meter Reader), Nicholas Hill (Public Works)



### Town Manager Delivers FY 20-21 Proposed Budget

The Town Council has been reviewing next year’s budget proposal provided by Town Manager, Steven Hicks, and Finance Director, Rhonda Sommer. Some of the highlights include funding for paving of some currently unpaved streets, resurfacing of some streets that need repair, a significant project to add and repair sidewalks, the hiring of a town engineer, improvements to entranceways to town, the hiring of a custodian and the elimination of current contracted services, and a facility upgrade to the Customer Services area in Town Hall. After final review, we will call for a public hearing, probably in early June and the budget will be available on the Town website. The law requires that the budget be adopted by July 1 each year.

## Did You Know?

**The Selma Fire Department** has recently received a Class 3 ISO rating from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Only 131 Fire Districts in the state hold this outstanding rating !!!

**FABULOUS NEWS !!**

**The Selma Parks and Recreation Department** was recently awarded an Open Space Grant totaling \$15,250 from County Commissioners for use at Blackley Park.

**GOOD JOB !!!**

**The Selma Public Library – Note:** the hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-12. They will only be open on Thursday nights for special announced events.

**READ & IMAGINE!**

**The Selma Electric Department** is working with AdVenture Development and Progress Energy to finalize Selma’s electric grid plans for Eastfield Crossing.

**MOVIN’ ON !!**

**The Town Council** is setting up a notification system that will call all citizens with an emergency or special announcement in a matter of minutes. Resident phone numbers need to be updated.

**STAYIN’ IN TOUCH!**

**The Selma Public Works Department** has completed a rather extensive list of street repairs in the last month with more to come. Take a look at Page 7 for more info and the list.

**WORKIN’ HARD !!**

**The Selma Police Department** answered 217 calls this past month, served search warrants, and apprehended some high crime suspects from other locations who traveled here.

**PROTECT & SERVE!**





From the Desk of Council Member  
Jackie Lacy

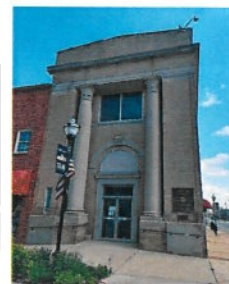
## Around Our Town

*Take a look at some of the changes  
coming to Selma !!*



### New Home For Our Museum

In November, 2019, the Town Council voted to lease this 'Old Town Hall,' one of Selma's most iconic buildings, to the Selma Museum which is now located on Anderson Street. Currently, the town is pursuing funds for limited renovation, including a new heat/ac system and a new small restroom, both of which need to be installed prior to the move.



### KS Bank Under Renovation

Harold Keen, President & CEO of KS Bank, has announced the renovation of the Selma office, virtually rebuilding the facility. The outside will get new windows and a roof replacement to feature a modern metal roof. Inside, all walls are being replaced to eliminate any hazardous materials used in the original building and also to upgrade the facility to meet current handicap standards. In the end, the building will be the same size with the same exterior walls. But otherwise, it will look like a completely new building!



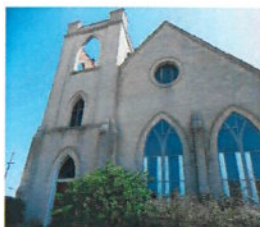
### The Vick Building Gets New Look

Located on the corner of South Raiford and East Anderson Streets, the Person-Vick Building was constructed in 1916 as the medical offices of Dr. James Person and Dr. George Vick. Recently, AdVenture Development Co. (the developers of the Eastfield Project) purchased the building and, after an extensive renovation, plans to put a retail store on the first floor, their offices on the second floor, and open a restaurant in the building which adjoins it on Raiford Street.



### Preservation Group Takes Option on Historic Church

Founded in 1939, Preservation North Carolina's mission is to protect sites important to the diverse heritage of North Carolina. This group acquires endangered historic properties and then finds purchasers willing and able to rehabilitate them. This past March, they took a one-year option on the historic Selma Baptist Church, originally completed in 1908. They have set the purchase price at \$165,000. The building is eligible for historic tax credits and is in the Opportunity Zone.



### JR's In Transition To Become A Food Hall and Meeting Center

JR's Cigar Warehouse continues to be renovated as it becomes The Old North State Food Hall owned by AdVenture Development. The food hall expects to have 10 vendors, plus a craft beer taproom called the North Carolina Craft House specializing in small breweries from around the state. The food hall will take up about 13,000 sq. ft. and has 23 ft. ceilings. The craft house will be located in the old humidor. Work is progressing and the opening is expected this fall.



### New Tank Coming to Oil Terminal

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Town Council granted a special permit to Magellan Terminal Holdings to construct a new tank at the rear of their existing tank farm at 4414 Buffalo Road in Selma. The new tank will be 128 ft. in diameter by 50 feet tall with a storage capacity of approximately 110,000 barrels which equals 4.6 million gallons of petroleum. The developers have met all local site and fire code requirements as required by Selma's Technical Review Committee.



From the Desk of Council Member  
Ann Williams

## A Charming Place to Be!!



The phrase, *A Charming Place To Be*, was once Selma's official slogan. Our new slogan "The Crossroads of Tradition and Innovation" may be more representative of where we are now, but we still want Selma to be "charming." Sometimes when trash cans remain by the curb for days or they are overloaded with unacceptable materials, "charming" is not necessarily the first thought that comes to mind. The Council believes some citizens may not know the town's rules, so here is a reminder.

### Notes from our trash contractor

- ✓ No loose trash should be outside the can.
- ✓ Please bag your trash in the regular container.
- ✓ Please keep your cans at least 3 feet apart and also away from parked cars and mailboxes so the truck arm can pick them up.
- ✓ Bulk items that are too large to be placed in cans will be picked up on a different day.
- ✓ **Bulk items include** furniture, mattresses, appliances with Freon removed. Items infested with bed bugs or other insects will not be removed.
- ✓ Construction debris, car parts, or house cleanouts **will not be picked up** unless the owner is willing to pay a separate fee. Please notify the town if you need this special service. Otherwise, these items are not to be placed by the curb.
- ✓ The Recycling Container cannot be a backup to the regular trash container. We pay additional money for recycled service and will be penalized if items that cannot be recycled are in the recycle can.
- ✓ Acceptable recycling items include paper, glass, metal, and plastic. Boxes should be broken down before being placed in the container.

The Town of Selma Zoning and Code Enforcement Office has announced the creation of a Grass and Code Enforcement Committee as part of an overall Town appearance improvement effort.

For questions regarding the program, trash or recycling bin storage requirements, or to report violations please contact Randy Cahoon-Tingle at (919) 965-9841, ext. 1006. Violations may also be reported using SeeClickFix, a free download for iPhones and Android mobile phones. (See our website for more info.)

### Town of Selma Regulations

- Mobile containers shall be placed within five (5) feet of the curb or street edge, but **MAY NOT BE PLACED IN THE STREET.**
- The containers shall be placed in the required location for collection no earlier than 4:00 pm the day preceding the designated pickup day and shall be removed from the curbside location no later than 8:00 am on the day after the container has been emptied. **Based on this schedule, THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY TRASH CANS BY THE CURB ANYWHERE IN TOWN ON THE WEEKENDS AFTER 8AM ON SATURDAY UNTIL 4PM ON SUNDAY.**
- Regular trash containers and recycle material containers will be picked up on different days and therefore, both containers should not be by the curb on the same day.
- Except during these hours, the mobile containers and all other refuse (trash) containers shall be kept in a location no closer to the street than the front line of the residence (house).
- Reminders of the town's requirements will be placed on the receptacles and bins where violations are discovered, and fines of \$25 for noncompliance will be enforced when residents refuse to follow the regulations.
- It is the citizen's responsibility to know which days the different types of trash are picked up at their residence – household trash, recycle, and bulk items.
- Some other items that we need special help with include – Keeping Grass Mowed (height limit is 10 inches); Cars Parked at Residences on Grass
- **These rules are not new (they were adopted decades ago when the town changed to curbside pickup), but for the past few years, they have not been enforced consistently.**

*Please help us keep Selma a "charming" place  
to live, work, and play.*





# Historic Uptown Selma ... in Transition



1. Walker Auto Parts  
201 N. Raiford Street



3. Consignment Shop  
127 N. Raiford Street  
*New Location*



4. Latin Beauty Salon  
123 N. Raiford Street  
*Opening Soon*

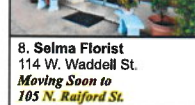


7. Reld's Country Sampler  
109 N. Raiford Street  
*Antiques*



6. Coffee On Raiford  
123 N. Raiford Street  
*Opening Soon*

5. The Selma Shoe Shop  
121 N. Raiford Street



8. Selma Florist  
114 W. Waddell St.  
*Moving Soon to 105 N. Raiford St.*

10. Taqueria El Sabor  
103 W. Anderson Street  
*Mexican Restaurant Opening Soon*



11. Reid's Printing  
106 N. Pollock Street

12. Timeless Trends  
106 W. Anderson Street  
*Upholstery*



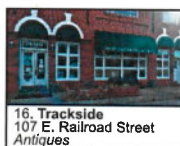
13. Treasury Antiques  
100 S. Raiford Street



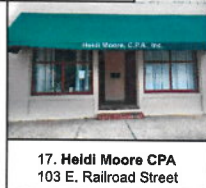
15. A Matter of Record  
122 S. Raiford Street  
*1000's of Vinyl Records Juke Boxes*



14. For Pet's Sake  
108 S. Raiford Street  
*Veterinarian New Dog Run*



16. Trakside  
107 E. Railroad Street  
*Antiques*



17. Heidi Moore CPA  
103 E. Railroad Street



18. The Alley Bar  
113 S. Railroad Street  
*Opening New Restaurant Next Door Soon*



In the last few months the Historic District has seen and continues to see quite a bit of transition. Take a look at the diagram on these pages and note some of new and varied businesses that have located here lately or are on the way soon!!  
*Look for the yellow highlights!*



35. The Rudy Theatre  
300 N. Raiford Street  
*Live Performances*



34. Interstate Outdoor, Inc  
212 N. Raiford Street  
*Advertising - New Location*



31. Nutrition 2 Fit  
206 N. Raiford St.

32. Take Note Studio  
204 N. Raiford St.  
*Music Instruction*

33. A Little This and That  
202 N. Raiford Street  
*Gift Shop, Screen Print, Embroidery, Trophies*



30. Appliance Bootcamp  
Repair & Training  
122 N. Raiford Street  
*Opening a Soda Shop next door soon*



29. Selma Jewelry  
108 N. Raiford



27. Pixie Dust Salon  
Boutique & More  
107 N. Webb Street

28. Pixie Dust Lunch  
Box & Bakery  
*Opening Soon*



24. Town Florist  
103 East Anderson Street



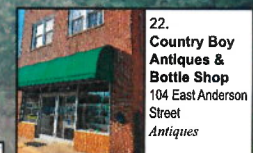
23. Merci's Hair & Body Glam Studio  
116 East Anderson Street



21. The Vick Building  
AdVenture Development LLC  
*Moving Soon from Oak Street to 101 S. Raiford Street*



20. People's Barber Shop  
101 E. Railroad Street



22. Country Boy Antiques & Bottle Shop  
104 East Anderson Street  
*Antiques*



26. Buck's Barber Shop  
105 N. Webb Street



25. Surf and Turf  
115 E. Anderson Street  
*Lawn Mowers and Repair*







From the Desk of Council Member  
Byron McAllister



## Selma Receives \$824,370 Golden Leaf Grant

For years, the cost to process Selma's sewer has continued to rise rapidly. Everyone suspected that the problem was due to cracks in hundred year old sewer pipes that allowed rain water to get into the sewer lines and then is chemically treated as if it were regular sewer. Everyone also knew that fixing the problem was going to be expensive.

Currently the Town of Selma contracts with Johnston County to treat the town's wastewater. Selma estimates that of the 42.65 million gallons per day (MGD) of average monthly flow, **only 54% of that is legitimate wastewater** with the remainder being groundwater and surface water intrusions. Johnston County bills for the total flow delivered to its system, hence the excessive treatment expenditures.

Last Spring 2019, the Selma Town Council contracted with WithersRavenel (an engineering firm) to provide professional services to include investigating Selma's sanitary sewer collection system with an emphasis on mapping the collection system and performing a high-level assessment of the sewer lines. Because the Town had previous smoke testing results from several years prior, the investigation's new numbers showed that there had been significant damage from Hurricane Florence (and even more after Hurricane Dorian which occurred September 4-9, 2019).

Altogether there were 10 segments of sanitary sewer pipe affected by Florence/Dorian with a total pipe footage of approximately 4,400 linear feet. The map that appears below indicates the location of the damaged sewer lines. Although, there are many other areas in town that need work, this past fall, the Council with the assistance of WithersRavenel, applied for a **Golden LEAF Foundation** Grant to cover the damage caused by the hurricane. The cost to repair the identified pipe section was estimated to be approximately \$825,000. The breakdown, by location is shown below.



This spring (2020), the Council was notified by the Golden LEAF Foundation that the Town of Selma had been awarded the requested \$824,370. The Council is very happy to announce that the final plans are underway and expect that these specific sewer lines will be repaired this summer. Crews have already been in town taking final measurements prior to contracts. The Council greatly appreciates this funding and will be applying for a \$2 million federal grant in the fall to continue the work in other sections of town.





## Town of Selma Receives \$466,953 For Union Station Renovation

One of Selma's key landmarks is our Selma Union Station. It is a visible reminder of the important role that the railroad has played in Selma. While the Town of Selma owns the building, the North Carolina Railroad Company (NCR) owns the land on which it sits. The North Carolina Legislature has recently allocated \$466,953 for major repairs and upgrades to Selma Union Station which will begin this year.

This work will include items such as installation of a more efficient heating/air conditioning system, plaster repairs and painting, parking lot repairs and restriping, exterior lighting replacements, weather proofing of windows, improved signage, etc. Of importance to locals and travelers, a sprinkler system will be installed which will allow us to have a small café in the property. This will allow us to make greater use of the building and provide a unique and inviting gathering space for our town.



Selma's Union Station's interior scheduled for renovation,

In addition to bringing passengers to Selma, the rails bring freight. One of our Selma industries, generally known as Bailey Feed Mill but is inclusive of its NSEW and STS II LLC subsidiaries, is a heavy rail user. Its silos have a prominent presence in our skyline.



Bailey Feed Mill's huge silos tower from behind Union Station.

From the Desk of Mayor  
Cheryl Oliver

## Extensive Street Repairs Completed



Potholes and other uneven areas in our roads are hazardous to both pedestrians and vehicles. The Town of Selma is improving the quality and timeliness of our road repair.

A list of the potholes recently addressed by our staff as well as NCDOT workers (for those on state roads) are shown beside this article. In addition, large utility cuts were repaired by an outside asphalt contractor.

We are indeed serious about providing quality customer service. We don't just want to meet your expectations...we want to exceed them.

### List of Pothole Repairs COMPLETED in April 2020

208 S. WEBB ST	6 X 5	904 W. RAILROAD ST	3 X 4
NOBLE & SELLERS	25 X 13	S. CHURCH & CENTER	
305 S. SHARPE ST	2 X 7	STREET	2 X 4
110 PARRISH ST	4 X 4	207 FORREST ST	3 X 3
WEBB & NOBLE	7 X 11	211 NOBLE ST	3 X 3
205 S. RAIDORD ST	2 X 2	504 NOBLE ST	3 X 2
RAILROAD & RAIFFORD	4 X 5	504 NOBLE ST	7 X 3
SHARPE & RAILROAD	8 X 3	504 NOBLE ST	3 X 18
701 RAIFFORD ST	2 X 2	504 NOBLE ST	4 X 10
601 WEBB ST	2 X 2	507 NOBLE ST	3 X 3
411 N. SHARPE ST	17 X 10	508 NOBLE ST	3 X 5
WADDELL & SELLERS	2 X 2	508 NOBLE ST	3 X 14
WADDELL & SELLERS	4 X 2	101 MARTIN LUTHER	
207 N. SELLERS ST	5 X 7	KING	8 X 22
108 E. RICHARDSON ST	4 X 2	GREEN & WATSON	2 X 3
N. RAIFFORD & E.			
RICHARDSON	8 X 11		
309 GODWIN ST	5 X 7		
OAK & WEBB	3 X 3		
211 RAIFFORD ST	4 X 3		
723 KINGS CIRCLE	2 X 5		
NOBLE & BREVARD	11 X 14		
W. RAILROAD & S.			
MASSEY ST	3 X 6		
705 1ST AVENUE	4 X 4		
W. RAILROAD ST	3 X 3		
706 W. RAILROAD ST	3 X 10		
800 W. RAILROAD ST	5 X 5		
800 W. RAILROAD ST	5 X 16		
802 W. RAILROAD ST	5 X 9		
904 W. RAILROAD ST	2 X 5		
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### List of Street Utility Cuts COMPLETED In April 2020

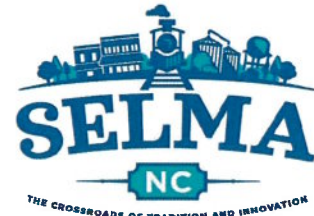
ADDRESS	SIZE
310 N. Sharpe	5' x 17'
608 Howell St.	4' x 20'
129 S. Raiford	8' x 29'
804 S. Raiford	5' x 15'
103 Eubank	11' x 13'
409 N. Green	7' x 9'
45 J R Road	10' x 15'
408 Reid Cir.	4' x 15'
	5' x 25'
305 N. Brevard	4' x 4'
403 S. Massey	3' x 15'
100 W. Watson	5' x 13'
910 W. Railroad	6' x 9'



Train cars extend as far as the eye can see carrying product out of Selma's inland port at the Bailey Feed Mill.



From the Desk of Council Member  
Joe Scarboro



## The Rest of the Story

When the Council first talked about what we would put on the last page of every edition, we wanted to list upcoming events for the next season – the May edition would feature summer events; the August edition – fall; November edition – winter; and the February edition – spring. We never considered that we would be faced with a situation that pretty much eliminated all events for a season, but that is where we are.

It seems that many things are uncertain at this time, and we are all having to adjust and plan differently. So we are sad to announce, that at this time along with many communities around us, we are cancelling all summer recreation events.

These include –

- All indoor soccer – registration fees will be refunded
- All baseball and softball programs – registration fees will be refunded
- The Selma Swimming Pool
- Selma Senior Day
- JoCo Latino Festival
- Johnston County Special Olympics
- Senior Bingo (although we will consider reopening later)



## But here is the Good News. . .

- ✓ Our Flags are going up all over the uptown area to commemorate Memorial Day and will stay up through the summer to celebrate the Fourth of July and Labor Day.
- ✓ Flags will be placed by the graves of the Armed Service Members who are buried at Selma Memorial Gardens and Greenwood Cemetery.
- ✓ The Town Council is also determined to launch our fireworks this summer. We may not be able to have a big celebration or ignite them on July 4<sup>th</sup> but we will find a time and place and let you know because **WE WILL** celebrate Independence Day.



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ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
EDDM Retail