



The Selma Insider



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A Quarterly Report From The Selma Town Council

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NATIONAL SHOP SMALL SATURDAY 10 am-2pm
NOVEMBER 28 – JUST AFTER THANKSGIVING
HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SELMA BUSINESSES



NOW is the time to get that Christmas Shopping DONE !!

Uptown Selma Businesses are open and ready for business on Railroad, Anderson, Raiford, Webb and Waddell Streets.

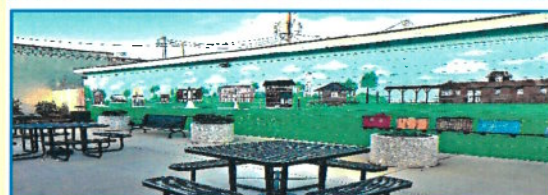
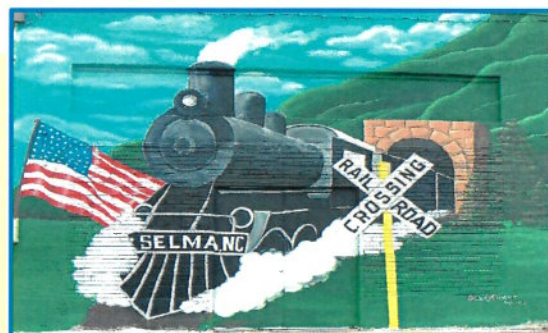
Reid's Country Sampler, Selma Flower Shop, Treasury Antiques, A Matter of Record, Trackside Antiques, The Town Florist, Country Boy Antiques & Bottle Shop, Sola Creations, D's Seafood, Selma Jewelry, A Little This and That, Walker Auto and Rudy Theatre are all Uptown Selma small businesses.



Art Blossoms In Selma

In 2019, Selma's Appearance Committee commissioned Dorothy Finiello to paint a mural in our Vick Park that

highlighted Selma landmarks. Then, earlier this year, Charles Reid, owner of Reid's Print Services, offered space on his exterior for a mural. The Selma Tourism Committee sponsored the creation of artwork depicting entertainment, shopping, and community events that was affixed to his building. Recently, Ron Hester volunteered a wall on his Railroad Street building and subsequently commissioned an eye-catching train mural on it for the enjoyment of those passing by on foot, in vehicles, or on Amtrak! Last month, the Triangle East Economic Development Foundation donated \$3000 to Activate Selma for additional murals!



REMEMBERING MAJOR

The Police Department is currently working to purchase a new K-9 to replace Major, who died unexpectedly while on duty in September. He served for 8 years and was one of two dogs in the Selma Police Department's K-9 unit. Highlights of Major's outstanding service record are listed below:



HIGHLIGHTS OF MAJOR'S SERVICE RECORD

FIREARMS

6 Rifles
 12 Handguns
 2 Shotguns

NARCOTICS

Marijuana 107.6 pounds

Cocaine 7.26 pounds

Methamphetamines 9.45 lbs.

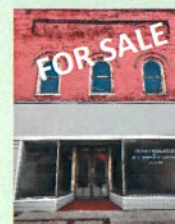
PCP 100 Grams Liquid PCP

US CURRENCY

\$92,127 (\$64,000 in one stop)

APPREHENDING/LOCATING PEOPLE

8 Apprehensions with a bite
 12 Apprehensions without a bite
 2 Located missing kids
 1 Located missing elderly person



105 and 107 S. Raiford Street are now for sale by the Town of Selma. Offers will be received until Dec. 29th. For more information, contact the Planning Office – Selma Town Hall 919-965-9841.

Selma Town Council

Local Postal Customer

PRSR STD
 ECRWSS
 U.S.POSTAGE
PAID
 EDDM Retail



Firefighter Mathew White conducts an assessment.



Officer Roderick Lee (Raleigh PD), Christina Peterson, Chief McDaniel, and Jennifer Wilkins



Sixteen (16) new car seats were distributed funded by grants from the federal and state government as well as corporations like Walmart and Babies R Us.



Fire Department Inspects Seats

On September 22, Selma Fire Department hosted a free car seat assessment event along with Safe Kids Of Johnston County through Partnership For Children.

This program has been in place for 10 years but this was the first time it was held at the station.

The assessment of the car seats included positioning, proper fit, and whether the car seat was damaged or out of date. Twenty-seven vehicles were part of the assessment.

WE CAN'T HELP YOU IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU !!

Address numbers posted on your home are imperative to the services provided for you by the Town of Selma including fire, EMS, police, water, sewer, electric, zoning and many more. The Town of Selma ordinances **REQUIRE** that address numbers be posted at your residence or business. Numbers are required to be at least 3" tall and in a contrasting color to where they are posted. Numbers should be visible from the street and reflectivity is recommended.



Failure to post address numbers can result in a fine but more importantly, emergency services may be delayed in responding to an emergency.

Numbers may be purchased at local hardware stores, however, in order to assist citizens with their posting needs, the Selma Fire Department is currently taking orders for special reflective address plates available in several different colors.

Please contact Customer Service at Town Hall for assistance with this order.

Golden Leaf Grant Sewer Work Is Underway



Contractors are laying out new synthetic sewer lines in the street before they install them underground in several areas around town. Ultimately this work has caused many asphalt cuts. **Paving is to follow soon.**





A SPOOKTACULAR GOOD NIGHT

Because of the Covid restrictions, and in lieu of their VERY popular Trunk or Treat celebration held every Halloween and visited by over 800 children, Selma Parks and Recreation Department chose this year to sponsor a costume and home decorating contest.

Entries were submitted by email to the department and judged in a variety of categories.

Congratulations to all the participants and WINNERS!!!



Mr. John Wiggs' Halloween Village. Although he did not submit an entry, Mr. Wiggs (on Dixie Drive) creates VERY elaborate INTERIOR decorations EVERY holiday. He has been collecting for years.

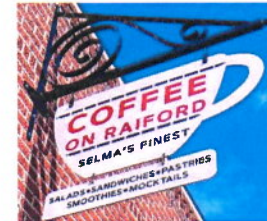


Congratulations to the Longenberger Family for submitting the winning Halloween home decorating contest!!

Celebrating Our Outstanding New Downtown Businesses



Visitors have often asked if they could get a sandwich in Downtown Selma. Sadly the answer has been "No."



123 N. Raiford



107 B North Webb St.

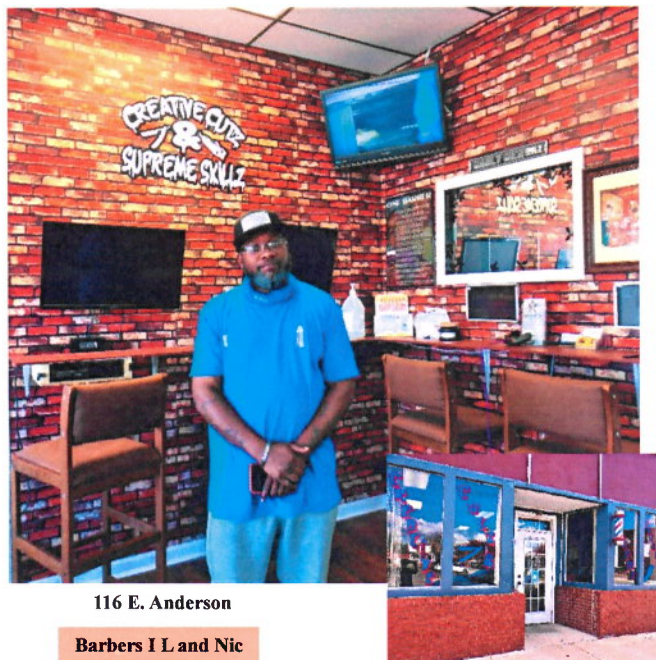
Pixie Dust
Lunch Box
&
Bakery Shoppe

Then they would ask, "How about a cup of coffee?" The answer has been the same until lately. But now we can proudly say, "Well, actually, we have two great places for you. Bon appetit!"



Giving Your Hunger New Sandwich Options in Selma

A Simple Concept – A Superb Experience



116 E. Anderson

Barbers I L and Nic are here for you.



125 N. Raiford

Latin Beauty Salon.



123. S. Raiford

See Us
For Your Seafood Needs



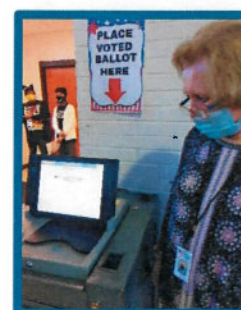
For the last 16 years, SSS has served as the host site for the county's Veterans' Day Celebration. This year, even though the community was dealing with the virus, the event continued - just in a different format. There was no large gathering, however the speaker's remarks were carried through the internet. And, as usual, following the program, veterans and JROTC cadets from SSS served meals and issued commemorative pins to all veterans - this year in takeout style. Mission Accomplished Again!! OOH RAH!



They served to protect our freedoms including our ability to vote and so **WE DID** - over 150,000,000 of us in this country, including **5,605** Johnstonians at our extremely well organized early voting site here in Selma at the Harrison Gym.



Day One at 7:30 AM.
The line moved very quickly!!!!



No Parade But Santa Is Still Coming To Selma

Dear Boys and Girls of All Ages,

This year, in order to keep everyone safe, there will not be a parade downtown, but I am still coming to see you. On Saturday, December 5, I will be riding around different neighborhoods in Selma on a big firetruck. Please see my schedule below. I hope you can come out and wave to me.

Merry Christmas. Love Santa



Queridos niños y niñas de todas las edades:

Este año, con el fin de mantener a todos a salvo, no habrá un desfile en el centro, pero todavía voy a ir a verlos. El sábado 5 de diciembre recorreré diferentes barrios de Selma en un gran camión de bomberos. Por favor vea mi horario a continuación. Espero que puedas salir y saludarme.

Feliz Navidad. Amor, Papa Noel

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| 1. E Lizzie St, Redwood, Millbrook St, Wood St, Ray St, White St, Hare St, Winston Cr | 10:00-10:25 |
| 2. N Sharpe St, Dixie Dr, Pecan Dr, Bennett Dr, E Griswold St | 10:25-10:40 |
| 3. W Griswold St, N Pollock St, Poole Dr, N Sumner Street by SES | 10:40-10:45 |
| 4. Cherry St, N Green St, Walnut St, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Ave, Primrose, 4th Ave, Merriman | 10:45-11:00 |
| 5. River Rd, Shadow Bend, Driftwood, Shady Grove, Deebeau, Hunting Dr, River Oak | 11:00-11:20 |
| 6. River Rd, W Oak, Forest, W Waddell, W Anderson, W Railroad | 11:20-11:40 |
| 7. MLK, W Noble, West St, W Preston St, S Green, King Cir, S Peedin St | 11:40-12:00 |
| 8. S Smithfield St, S Sumner St, S Massey St, Dogwood Dr | 12:00-12:15 |
| 9. Ricka Rd, S Raiford St, MLK Blvd, S Webb St, S Sharpe St, E Preston St, S Sellers St | 12:15-12:35 |
| 10. E Anderson St, N Sellers St, Godwin, N Sharpe St, N Webb St, N Raiford St | 12:35-1:00 |

Other Events to Remember

Children ages 3-7 may receive a Call from Santa, Dec. 10 from 6pm to 8pm.

For more information, call Santa's Workshop (Selma Parks and Recreation) at 919-975-1411

Los niños de 3 a 7 años pueden recibir una llamada de Santa el 10 de diciembre de 6 p.m. a 8 p.m. Para obtener más información, llame a Santa's Workshop (Selma Parks and Recreation) al 919-975-1411

Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting

In Front Of Town Hall

Thursday, Dec. 3rd 7:00 pm

Special Request

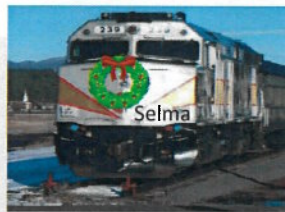
Members of The Selma Town Council respectfully request that all citizens and visitors wear a mask, social distance, and make extra efforts to wash their hands often to help protect themselves, their family, and the public from the Covid 19 virus!

Together we can save lives!





from The Selma Town Council.
Hope to see you soon in our beautiful downtown.
Have a Safe and Peaceful Holiday!!



A VERY Special Thanks to Donald Baker and our Legendary Electrical Department for their tremendous efforts on our behalf.