

## Selma Town Council Welcomes New Town Manager – Brent Taylor

Mr. Brent Taylor comes to Selma from Walhalla, South Carolina where he was serving as City Administrator. His efforts there were devoted to securing the long-term future of the city by obtaining funding for a Water Treatment facility, increasing economic and cultural activities in the Downtown District, approving ordinances to provide investment incentives, implementing more effective zoning and code enforcement, and upgrading capital equipment.



Mr. Taylor received an Undergraduate Degree in Marketing and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Western Carolina University.

## SELMA PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS



### 2021 Summer Reading Program

Join us on Wednesdays from 10 AM – 11 AM for summer reading fun!

- June 2** Registration and Kickoff
- June 9** Big, Bang Boom – join 3 dads singing & playing live kid's music
- June 16** To Be Announced
- June 23** April Turner - enjoy African Storytelling at its best
- June 30** Fossil Dig – come sift through our special dirt and see what treasures from the past you can find
- July 7** Howell Woods – meet a real live corn snake
- July 14** Sylvan Heights Bird Park – meet two mystery animals and learn about the importance of tails
- July 21** Selma Fire Department – learn about fire safety, check out the fire truck, and might even get to spray water from the fire hose
- July 28** Rockstar Magic – join us for Magic at its Best by Chris and Neal



## Fire Department Gets New Electronic Sign

As part of a Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Grant Award Package, the Selma Fire Department has received, at no cost to the town, a double-sided digital message board that has been installed in front of the station on Webb Street. It is a striking addition to the facility and a great source for announcements and calendar events. **Good Job Getting the Grant!!!**

## My Kid's Club Building Fund Continues to Grow!!



Wendy Kelly, President of the Selma My Kid's Club Foundation, presents report at the Civic Center.

Wendy Kelly recently appeared before the Council to announce that the Selma Kid's Club has received **another** new \$500,000 award – this time a USDA Grant. Congratulations !!! Can't wait to see the new building!!



**Just A Reminder About Poop!** Summer is here and everyone seems to be ready to get out and about but remember - According to the Town Ordinances, the owner or custodian of any dog is responsible for repairing damage caused by his/her dog, including the cleaning up of dog droppings, deposited on sidewalks or walkways in central business district or on any other sidewalk, street, walkway or park in town as well as on private property. Carry bags, guys!

Selma Town Council

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# Businesses Under New Ownership and the Work Continues!!!

**Rock Automotive Group** - What was once Collier’s Car Care Center and later Doug’s Super Service Center is now Rock Automotive Group, owned and operated by Rock Noecke, president. The multi-function facility has been open for about two months and offers car sales, oil changes, brakes, AC adjustment, alignment, new tires, tune ups, car washes, detailing including ceramic, and window tinting. In the last few days, the Group has also been licensed to conduct NC Inspections. Their address is 311 S. Pollock Street. 919-351-0124 **WELCOME TO SELMA !!!!!**



Rock Noecke, owner

Some of us are old enough to remember when Jordan Motor Company was the name of the business in this building. But most people in Selma have known it for decades as **Surf and Turf** – and it still is just with new owners. Matthew Pearce and Joe Arant have owned the business for about a year now. They still sell Cub Cadet mowers and parts along with ex-Mark, MDT parts, and Stihl chain saws and weed eaters. They also carry pressure washer parts. Besides sales, much of their business is tune-ups and repair for most major brands. But they have erected a new shelter for some of the larger mowers and also added ChemPro to their list of services. They hold licenses to treat property for fire ants and weed control. But they also sell products that citizens can use that do not require a license. Selma is glad this business is still here. We need you!!!

## SURF & TURF



## D’s Seafood Market



A veteran of three wars (Grenada, Panama, & Desert Storm), work with the school system, and an “on the road” truck driver, Glen Darden wasn’t ready to retire, and since he had other experience with owning a fish market and restaurant, he and his wife Bernie decided they would do it again – here in Selma. He says the favorites here are croakers and sea mullets, but he carries a wide variety of choices. Mr. Darden’s goal is to provide his customers with a good, fresh product, so he doesn’t open every week until Wednesday when the fresh fish arrive and hopes he sells out by Saturday night every week. D’s Seafood is open Wed-Thurs 10-6, and Fri-Sat 9-6. They are located at 123 S. Raiford Street. 919-202-5833



## New Shops Bring Another Dimension to Selma !!!!!!!



**Brio Wellness Center** originally started in Los Alamitos, California where Dr. Mindi Jentes first opened the practice. Dr. Mindi's daughter Dr. Kayla Jentes-Sagester worked in that office until 2020 when she graduated from Southern California University of Health Sciences. At that point, the mother-daughter team and their husbands decided move to North Carolina and ultimately to live in Selma. The deciding factor in choosing Selma was "the wonderful people that they met in town and learning about the exciting things that were just on the horizon." Their new office on Anderson Street is open Monday-Friday with Dr. Kayla there Monday-Thursday and Dr. Mindi there on Fridays. (She works in Raleigh Monday-Thursday). There are no other chiropractors in Selma to date, and bringing healthcare and chiropractic assistance to Selma is part of their mission to bring care and "brio" ("life" in Italian) to people who may otherwise not have access. Their address is 102 West Anderson St. 919-351-5787  
**Welcome To Selma !!!!!!!**

**GiGi Aesthetics** – Gisselle Ames, who is originally from Peru, has spent 15 years in the aesthetics industry, having worked and trained in both New York and Connecticut. Her new spa, located on Anderson Street, is her second facility – the first opened in Raleigh seven years ago. She likes Selma and says that even though it is an old town, the new "restructuring" is very pretty. Her practice offers body wraps and contouring, chemical peeling, treatment for hyper pigmentation, Botox fillers, facials, laser hair removal, and micro dermabrasion. Ms. Ames' facility has been beautifully renovated and has treatment areas both downstairs and upstairs depending on the needs of the client. The business address is 108 W. Anderson St. 919-351-0545. Time to Get Beautiful, Girls! **Glad You Chose Selma!!!!!!**



115 S. Raiford St.

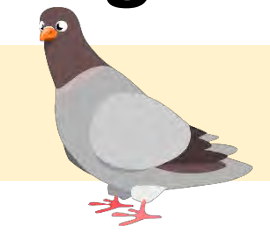
### Strickland Art Gallery



William Strickland has lived in Selma since 2000 and owns William Strickland Interiors – an interior consultant and design firm that keeps him very busy during the day (often weeks at a time) – at least five days a week. But at night, he feels that he has to paint, even if he cannot finish in one sitting. Two events led him to open his new gallery – the first occurred last October when he was named Artist of the Year for Johnston County in the *Johnston Now* magazine, and next when his art show held in Selma in November turned out to be such a hit. Mr. Strickland says the pandemic gave everyone an interruption in their lives and a moment to decide how they want to live the rest of their days. He says for him, the gallery has become his calling, a chance to give back and share his art, so that even if someone comes in and doesn't buy something, he hopes they will enjoy the experience. The gallery is open on Fridays and Saturdays 10-5.







# Loft Apartments In Selma? With A Bird's Eye View of Downtown !!!!!

Did you ever think we would see loft apartments downtown in Selma? Well, they have arrived and are absolutely beautiful! The one we are featuring in this article has been created from the second story space above Selma Florist. Scott and Susan Coombs approached the owner of the building, Rick Sumner, and offered to purchase the area once it was renovated to their specifications. It was a challenge with delays and some issues with the current building code requirements, but together with a great architect and reconstruction contractor, they persevered.

The 2500 square foot renovation maintained the original wooden floors with much of the extra reclaimed wood and steel being used throughout the loft for vanity tops, table legs, and shelves. The address is listed as 105 N. Raiford, however the charming entrance opens in the rear to Charway Alley, complete with a patio and upper deck.

The interior features soaring 12 foot ceilings, 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, an office, laundry, and an open-concept kitchen, dining, and living area.

One of the most spectacular features is the kitchen island that was built directly under a large iron wheel that was the main component of the original cargo lift elevator. In addition, visitors immediately notice the attention to detail in every area and the very particular choice of every piece of furniture and all accessories from the wrought iron chandelier, to the six burner gas range, the claw foot tub, the custom made pillows, tables, window treatments, even to the original vintage oil paintings passed down through their families.

But the overwhelming feeling that the visitor gets is that this building, built almost 100 years ago, is REJOICING that it has been given new life by people who obviously love it and wanted to make it their home. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN SELMA!!!



Front on Raiford Street Above Florist



Rear Entrance from Alley



Island in kitchen with barstools positioned in line with original cargo elevator.



Loft kitchen located on original rear wall.



Formal and Informal dining areas.



Scott and Susan Coombs



Master Bedroom



Guest Bedroom #1



Guest Bathroom



Guest Bedroom #2



Outside on Upper Deck



Master Bathroom

## And There Are More!

Even though Selma has had Hester's large three story apartment building downtown for years, it is exciting to see upper floors of traditional shops being turned into apartments. The second floor apartments are **ALREADY** occupied over **111 South Raiford**, over **Antique Wish on Anderson Street**, and over a **second floor section of Reid's Country Sampler**. And be sure to take a look at the ongoing renovation of the second floor at the **former Creech Drug Store**. Another loft is on the way!!





# Have You Shopped in Selma’s Ormond Plaza Lately? They Look Forward To Seeing You Soon!!!

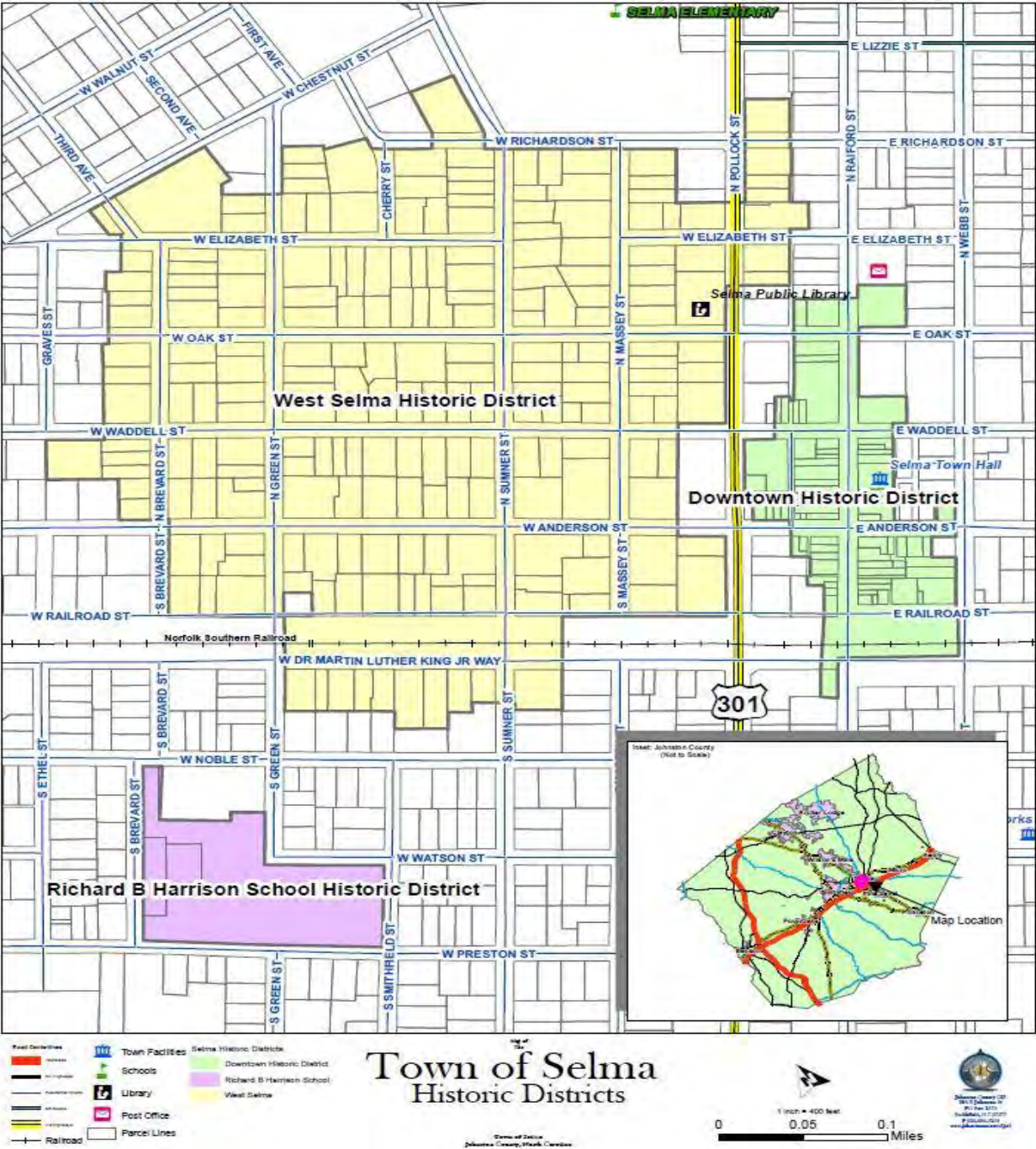


One of Selma’s great shopping areas is located on Hwy 301 near the US 70A intersection. **Ormond Plaza** hosts an array of different kinds of shops, many of which have been there for years. **AUTO ZONE** opened in the summer of 2017, and sales have more than doubled since that time. This year, our store was named one of the top 287 stores out of 5800 in North America! **PANDERIA Y PASTELERIA** is a local bakery owned by Reynaldo Arzate. They feature a wide variety of baked goods including tres leches cake. Their specialty is custom cakes by order. **CHINA ONE** has been in business here for over 20 years with both buffet and takeout. Diners come from far and wide since it is the only Asian cuisine buffet in the county. **DOLLAR GENERAL** has been an anchor store and never closed during the pandemic since they were considered “essential” because of their products. Their sales also were never greatly affected. The **NAIL SALON** has only been open in this location for about seven weeks. It is owned by CoCo Dinh and offers manicures and pedicures. They say business is now picking up. **MIRROR IMAGES**, a hair salon, has been open here since 2005. One stylist works in the shop along with the owner, Pat Brown, in an area with five booths. A “shape” is \$15, a “cut” is \$15, and a shampoo & style is \$25. They are open Tues.-Fri. starting at 7 am. **DIAZ JEWELRY AND PAWN** is owned by Robert Diaz. From the items that have been pawned, they sell guitars, CD’s, gaming systems, tools, vinyl records, a host of other items. They also purchase gold from \$10-\$14 per gram. **ORMOND ENERGY** opened in 1956. Ali Rivera is the manager of the Selma location and says that they have stores in Princeton, LaGrange, and Mt. Olive. They sell propane gas in small cylinders filled on site or large tanks at homes. **LAVANDERIA EL RIO** is owned by Joselyn Wellbook and features 19 washers and 20 dryers. In addition, they sell laundry products and process money orders to foreign countries. They are also an AMAZON pick up site. **TAQUERIA EL SABOR MEXICANO** has been in business here for 15 year and carries a wide assortment of Mexican delicacies. **TROPICANA MEAT MARKET** opened in 2011 and is owned by Clemente Gutierrez. It is actually a fully stocked grocery store, filled with international products. They also sell money orders and make monetary transfers. But they ARE widely known for their outstanding meats which increased in sales during the pandemic. **BADCOCK & MORE** furniture opened in Selma three years ago and is managed by Amanda Brown. They continue to sell living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture along with appliances including freezers. Their stores across the country are expecting quite a bit of additional furniture soon as new inventory from over 1000 containers, currently positioned on the Florida docks, is distributed by their trucking lines.





If you live in one of the **three historic districts** in Selma (West Selma, Downtown, or Richard B. Harrison) as shown on the map below, you may want to make yourself familiar with the Town ordinances which have been on the books for a number of years.



### Town of Selma Historic Properties Commission

Appointed by the Town Council, this Quasi-Judicial Committee is tasked with preserving the historic character of our buildings within our three historic districts. The commission’s duties are outlined in Section 17-1642 of Selma’s Municipal Code. It currently is comprised of 5 members and has 4 vacancies. Current members: Allyson Caison (chair), Rich Nixon (vice-chair), Monica Antes, Robert Lee, and Johnny Wheeler.

#### Important Information

If you are considering purchasing, renovating/remodeling a building or opening/expanding a business within the historic districts, please contact the Planning and Economic Development Department Staff. We will be glad to meet with you and discuss historic preservation efforts in our community. 919-965-9841



## VETERANS AND VOLUNTEERS HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED

### MEMORIAL DAY

On Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at both Selma Memorial Gardens and Selma’s Greenwood Cemetery, Veterans from American Legion Post 141 and community volunteers, placed over **600 flags** on the graves of those who served in the US Military in commemoration of Memorial Day – May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
The annual event and program was led by American Legion Post Commander Darryl Washington. The Town of Selma provided the flags.





# SUMMER IN SELMA – JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD, MUSIC AND LOTS OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES!!!

## ROCKIN' ON RAIFORD

A Downtown Selma Concert Series  
N. Raiford Between Audubon & Oak Streets  
Bring a chair – coolers not allowed

**2021 DATES:**

**May 20th** – StingRayz Band  
with O'Taste & Sea Food Truck  
**Sponsored by: Coffee On Raiford**  
**June 17th** – Kyran & Friends  
with Mama Nem's Soul Food Truck  
**Sponsored by: Old Fashioned Ice Cream**  
**July 15th** – John Howie, Jr & The  
Rosewood Bluffs  
with Fired Up Pizza & BBQ Food  
Truck  
**Sponsored by: Johnston Smiles**  
**August 19th** – The Parking Lot  
Ramblers  
with King's Authentic  
Cheesesteaks Food Truck  
**Sponsored by: Selma Jewelry**  
*Coolers are not allowed. Social distance  
rules apply.  
\*\* Please call to confirm the band and  
the Food Truck, as circumstances do  
change.  
For more information, please call Selma  
Parks and Recreation at 919-975-1411*

**FOOD TRUCK 6PM** **BAND PLAYS 7PM - 9PM**

## Outdoor Movie Night!

### Summer Movie Night

Bring a chair and enjoy a  
FREE movie! Come to the  
Selma Public Library parking  
lot (301 N. Pollock Street)  
at 6:30 pm. We will show a  
variety of movies **ALL  
SUMMER!**

**June 11:** Wonder

**July 9:** Scoob

**August 13:** Mulan

**September 10:** CoCo

For more information or  
questions, contact Selma  
Parks and Recreation at  
919-975-1411.



## All-American Festival



### FRIDAY JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Come celebrate our nation's birth  
at [Blackstone Plaza](#) near the  
Catch-Me-Eye intersection in  
Selma.

[The Fantasy Band](#) will perform  
LIVE on stage at Blackstone  
Plaza. 6:30 PM

Free watermelon slices, kids zone  
and a pie eating contest.  
Azteca Market, Kandy & More  
will have food and ice cream  
treats.

### STAY FOR THE BEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN JOHNSTON COUNTY !!

They will be set off at **9:15pm**  
behind Temple Baptist Church.  
Parking for viewing will be at  
Tractor Supply, Temple Baptist  
and Blackstone Plaza.

For more information or  
questions, contact Selma Parks  
and Recreation at 919-975-1411

**5 PARKS in 5 DAYS**

**JULY 12TH-16TH | 9:00AM-11:00AM**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
RAIFORD STREET PARK	EDGEMOOR PARK	SUMNER STREET PARK	BRACK WILSON PARK	BLACKLEY ATHLETIC PARK
12	13	14	15	16

**MEET US AT THE PARK!**

For more information, contact Selma Parks and Recreation at 919-975-1411

## 301 Endless Yard Sale June 18-19 –

The Sale returns and will  
stretch over 100 miles on  
Hwy 301 from Weldon to  
Rocky Mount, to Wilson,  
to Selma to Dunn. Shop  
for unique items, clothes,  
vintage records, and toys.  
Don't miss this great  
shopping event!!!!!!

### Car Show (sponsored by

Old Fashioned Ice Cream}  
**June 19 - 1 pm-6 pm**  
**Raiford Street**  
**Live DJ and Food**

