



# SELMA TRACKS

## QUARTERLY



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A Quarterly Report From The Town of Selma

March 2022

Retired Mayor Pro Tem, Mrs. Jacqueline Jones Lacy, was presented with The Old North State Award at the January 11, 2022, regular Selma Town Council meeting. The Old North State award is granted by the Office of the Governor to individuals who have 20 or more years of service in the State of North Carolina.

**“There comes a time when one must allow someone else to fulfill your mission and this November is that time for me.**

**My journey started in 2001 with Mr. Herbert Johnson as my campaign manager, my mentor and my confidant. He inspired me to go for a seat on the Selma Town Council. With his encouragement and help, I set out on my journey serving five terms as a member of the council and was the first woman elected to the council. As I look back on my years of service, I hope that I have lived up to my campaign message – CONCERNED, COMMITTED AND CARING – and that I have made a positive contribution during my years of public service.**

**During my second term as a council member, I was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem and served in that position until this November. I was the first Black Mayor Pro Tem in all of Johnston County. I cannot forget the citizens of Selma who voted for me in every election during my tenure. I hope I have lived up to your expectations and thank you for believing in me. God Bless.” – Jacqueline Jones Lacy**



### New Council Gets to Work

The Selma Town Council hit the ground running coming into the new year. In January, Council adopted a sewer capacity fee rate structure that will allow the Town of Selma to increase sewer capacity without significantly impacting current residents. The rate structure charges new users and developers a capacity fee equal to Johnston

County’s prevailing rate. Councilwoman Amy West Whitley was appointed as our alternate delegate to the Triangle J Council of Governments, Councilman William Overby is now our alternate delegate to the ElectriCities Board of Directors, and Councilman

Bruce McKay will serve on the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee. Plans to form the Selma Railroad Days Committee were also announced in January. February’s regular Council meeting included the ratification of an updated parking lot lease agreement between the Town of Selma and B2B Selma LLC. Council extended the contract with our current auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins, and adjustments were made to the Civic Center Rental agreement. The Appearance Commission by-laws were updated, Council directed a 4-way stop sign to be placed on N Raiford at Elizabeth Street, and Mr. Rich Nixon was appointed to the Planning Board. Adventure Development requested their contractor, S.T. Wooten be allowed to burn cleared material onsite at Eastfield Development. The area includes the future site of retail shopping.



(Left to Right) Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Scarboro, Councilman William Overby, Mayor Byron McAllister, Councilwoman Amy West Whitley, and Councilman Bruce McKay, PA at the January regular Selma Town Council meeting.



Mayor Byron McAllister and the First Family at the December Selma Town Council swearing in ceremony.

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UPDATE ON THE TOWN’S GRANTS AND AWARDS.



**GOLDEN LEAF GRANT - \$826,054**

granted to us through the Golden Leaf Foundation in the fall of 2020. These funds were granted to the Town to mitigate damage that occurred to our sewer lines during recent hurricanes. This work was completed as of December 2021!

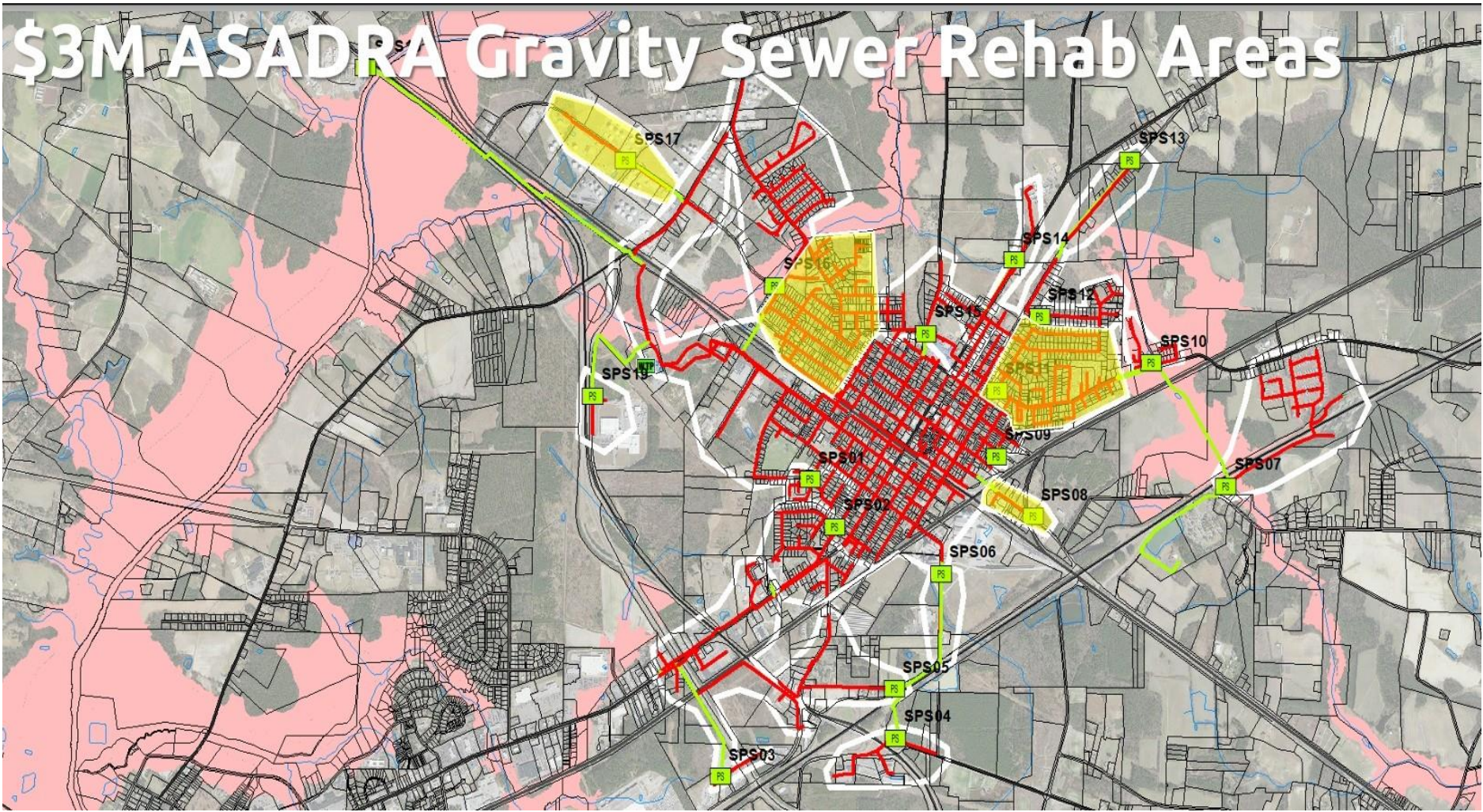
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-INFRASTRUCTURE**

**(CDGB-I) \$1,999,809,** was awarded to us in June of 2021. This federal grant will be used for rehabilitating or replacing 6,505 linear feet of deteriorated 8” sewer line, replacing associated laterals, and rehabbing 33 manholes. The targeted area is around Preston Street, South Pollock Street, South Sharpe Street, Webb Street, West Noble Street, Watson Street, South Meade Street, Railroad and West Jones Streets. This project is currently under design and will probably take until 2024 to complete.





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**ASADRA GRANT - \$3,015,000** was granted to us in 2021 for the relocation of the Brack Wilson Park Pump station out of the floodplain which will enable the pump station to operate during a flooding event. We will also be able to reduce inflow and infiltration from the Campground Rd. pump station. Over 4600 linear feet of 6-inch line, 3600 linear feet of 8-inch line, and 600 feet of 12 inch line will be replaced or rehabilitated. All sanitary sewers will be cleaned and viewed by camera. Pump Stations 8, 7, 17, and 11 will be improved by this work. Engineers estimate the design, permitting and construction may take as long as three years to complete.



**AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS** - The Selma Town Council authorized \$155,000 of these funds to be spent immediately to repair/replace fire hydrants around the town that are currently not functioning.



# Coming Soon to Selma



Old North State Food Hall, located on 1-95 at the former JR Building in Selma, will be the nation’s first roadside food hall. Curated and operated by award-winning chef and restaurateur, Akhtar Nawab, and his company, Hospitality HQ, the food hall is set to open mid-year.



The 12,000 square-foot space will feature 10 vendors, offering a mix of regional flares, ranging from American classics to Indian and Cuban cuisines. The full service bar, Longleaf Tavern, will boast the best of North Carolina’s beer, cider, wine, and spirits. The food hall will anchor the revitalization of the 75,000 square foot multi-use building alongside additional projects such as event and co-working spaces. Opening tenants will include: Barley and Burger, Mac House, Luna Pizza, Curry in a Hurry and Aroma de Cuba. For more information, please visit <https://www.onsfh.com/>



*"We are beyond excited to be opening the Old North State Food Hall here in the eastern part of Johnston County. As a Joco native, it's been stunning to see the growth over the last 30 years. The food hall is definitely going to be another great addition to the culture of this community. The food options will be unlike anything in this area, bringing many different flavors and culinary styles together under one roof. It's our hope we become a central place in the area for gatherings, nights out, and anyone just looking for an amazing meal; breakfast, lunch,"- Nathan Lambdin, General Manager*



# Eastfield Business Park

170 Acre Eastfield Business Park Plans 1.5 Million Sq.Ft. of Industrial Product for Triangle East Region in Selma, NC

Eastfield Business Park broke ground in the Summer of 2021 and the first speculative building will be delivered next month. The 135,000 sq.ft. state of the art 36' clear tilt up concrete facility is available for lease. A second building will break ground in a few months and will create an additional 175,000 sq.ft. of available space for the rapidly growing Johnston County market. More than 1.5 million square feet of Industrial based product can be delivered in the Park that offers end users immediate access to I95. Rail access can also be provided to attract world-class companies and high-end industry users for Research and Development, warehouse distribution, manufacturing, life sciences, and corporate headquarter facilities.



With a footprint of more than 170 acres the Eastfield Business Park will feature many sophisticated amenities such as 36' clear height tilt-up concrete construction and the latest smart-city cutting-edge technology offering an integrated, intelligent infrastructure. The Park is situated on the east side of I-95 and U.S. Highway 70 (future I-42) at exits 97 and 98, and will serve as a transportation hub with direct access to major highway, rail, air, and port networks supporting the entire eastern seaboard. Additional buildings from 100,000 – 500,000 sq.ft. are being designed now for multiple end users who would bring hundreds of quality jobs to the Triangle East Region.



To learn more about the Eastfield Business Park contact John Powell, Thomas Goodwin and Mike Wilen at Phoenix Commercial Properties at 919.948.7229. You can also visit a dedicate website for updates which is [www.eastfieldcrossing.info](http://www.eastfieldcrossing.info).



# Meet Our Town Staff



It has been a pleasure to serve as Selma’s Town Manager. I previously worked as the City Administrator for the City of Walhalla, SC. Prior to that I was the Director of Parks and Recreation for Horry County. I received an Undergraduate Degree in Marketing and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Western Carolina University. Selma is a beautiful town with a lot of unrealized potential. I look forward to serving the Town of Selma.

- Your Town Manager, Brent Taylor

It is an honor to be serving as your Town of Selma Clerk. My family moved from Smithfield to Selma when I was ten years old. I have fond memories of riding my bike through the streets of Selma to go to Short’s Grill, the movie theatre on Raiford, and to Selma Baptist Church. I am still a member of Selma Baptist Church to this day. Selma Parks and Recreation kept me busy for several years having played basketball and softball. I would have never imagined that I would have an office overlooking Raiford Street, but here I am.

- Gratefully serving, Sarai Byrd Allen, Town Clerk



## New to the Team



Officer Younger

Give a warm welcome to our newest Selma Police Officers:

Officer Avery Younger and Officer Austin Nixon

These two gentlemen joined our agency in August of 2021 and completed the Basic Law Enforcement Training program at Johnston Community College.

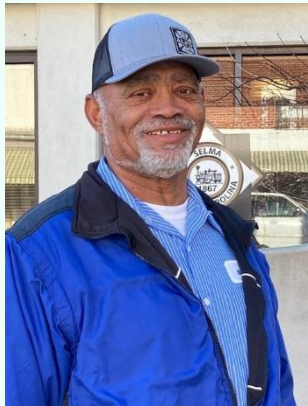
Officer Younger is originally from Illinois and has prior experience with NC DOC and the Johnston County Jail.

Officer Nixon, a Johnston County native, graduated from Mount Olive College. This is his first Law Enforcement job.



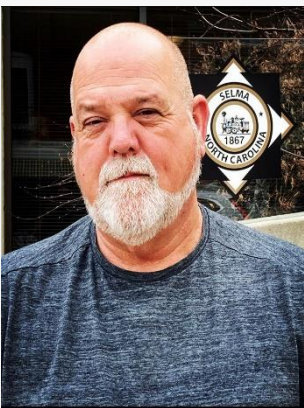
Officer Nixon

## Years of Dedicated Service



Mr. Bobby Pearce retired on January 1, 2022, as Public Works Supervisor for the Town of Selma, NC. He served the Selma community faithfully for 31 years with passion and professionalism. Prior to working in Selma, Mr. Pearce served 20 years in the U.S. Army. He also served the Town as a Volunteer firefighter from 1991-2021. Mr. Pearce’s service extended beyond normal working hours to fulfill the community’s needs. The Town of Selma expresses to Mr. Bobby Pearce, deep appreciation and gratitude for the services rendered by him to the Town over many years.

Mr. Greg Hooks retired on March 1, 2022, after 27 years of dedicated and faithful service to the citizens of Selma. He began his tenure with the Town as an assistant Meter Reader and progressed to managing department crews as an Electric Line Supervisor. He further served the Town of Selma as a Volunteer Firefighter from 2004-2007. The Town of Selma gives thanks to Mr. Harvey "Greg" Hooks, for the several years of service rendered by him to our community.





# Selma Saturdays

**March 12:**  
Hispanic Heritage & Community Day

**April 9:**  
Lunch with The Easter Bunny

**May 14:**  
Spring has Sprung

## Arts & Crafts Market

9a-1p

# Downtown Selma

N. Raiford Street  
between Anderson and Waddell Streets

Gather with friends, enjoy live entertainment and browse artisans and businesses for local items.



For more information call Selma Parks and Recreation at 919-975-1411 [selma-nc.com](http://selma-nc.com)

# ACTIVATE SELMA KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 12th


Blackley Athletic Park  
601 W. Noble Street - Selma, NC

2pm - 5pm

\$100 per team

## Activate Selma Fundraiser

Register at: [activateselmanc.com](http://activateselmanc.com)  
Call 919-975-1411 for more information



## COFFEE

ON RAIFORD

123 N. RAIFORD STREET - SELMA

# CRAZY TRIVIA

Sundays 2 PM

Feb. 13	4 CATEGORIES
Mar. 13	• MUSIC
Apr. 10	• POT LUCK
May 22	• MOVIES
	• POP CULTURE

## March 19, 2022



### Live @TheRudy

MARCH 11TH      **Sideline**      FRIDAY NIGHT 7 PM



Sideline is a pedigreed six-piece powerhouse whose style has set the pace in Bluegrass for over two decades



Our Town Officials

Mayor	Byron McAllister
Mayor Pro-Tem	Joseph Scarboro
Councilmember	Amy West Whitley
Councilmember	Bruce McKay, PA
Councilmember	William Overby
Town Manager	Brent Taylor
Town Clerk	Sarai Byrd
Town Attorney	Alan “Chip” Hewett

Magali’s Unique  
and More



A new store in Downtown Selma  
Selling shoes, clothing, and more  
now at 103 W Waddell St!

March Meetings

Town Council Agenda Review / Work Session  
March 8, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street

Regular Town Council Meeting  
March 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street

Tourism Committee  
March 10, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.  
Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street

Historic Properties Commission  
March 10, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street

Recreation Advisory Board  
March 15, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street

Appearance Commission  
March 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street

Planning Board  
March 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street

(Visit [www.selma-nc.com](http://www.selma-nc.com) for updates, agendas, meetings and notices)

Selma Town Offices are open : Monday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Town Contacts

Town Hall -----	919-965-9841
Utilities/Customer Service -----	919-202-8315
Cemetery -----	919-202-8315
Planning -----	919-965-3278
Human Resources -----	919-965-7142
Public Works -----	919-965-2244
Police -----	919-965-8189
Fire -----	919-965-2697
Parks & Recreation -----	919-975-1411
Library -----	919-965-8613

After Hours / Weekend  
Non-Emergency  
Calls

919-934-9411

For Utilities  
and  
Police Non-Emergency

Always Call 911 for Emergencies