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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN SELMA

December 6 • 6 p.m. - Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

Selma's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and parade brightens the night! Free to attend (\$30 parade entry fee for businesses; no charge for nonprofits or individuals). Parade float deadline is November 18, and the deadline for parade entries not using a float is December 1. To register, call 919-975-1411.

December 8 • 6-8 p.m. - Phone Calls From Santa Claus

Imagine that magical moment when the telephone rings and the North Pole Operator tells your child they have a special phone call from Santa Claus! Ages: 3-7 are eligible. Free, but registration is required. Registration Deadline: Friday, December 2

To register your child to receive a call from Santa, contact Parks and Recreation at 919-975-4111 or register online at: <https://selma.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.

Calls will be made Thursday, December 8 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

December 9-11 - Holiday Slam Pickle Ball Tournament

Featuring a payout of \$8,000 in prizes! Entry fee is \$35, and the tournament will include singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The tournament is at Edgebrook Park, 1100 Dixie Drive, Selma. Register at Pickleballtournaments.com.

December 17 • 10 a.m. - Wreaths Across America

For the first time, Wreaths Across America will visit Selma. The ceremony, in memory of Lt. Col. Michael Fields, is at Selma Memorial Gardens, 1350 S. Pollock St. For more details or to sponsor a wreath, contact Evey Morgan at 919-879-6942 or eveyclaire24@gmail.com.

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TOWN OF SELMA MOVING FORWARD WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

- The Water and Sewer Department recently passed state inspections from the Department of Environmental Quality.
- The department is installing nearly two dozen taps within a four-week time period, which is a sign of the town's growth. Contractors are currently installing the Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI). This automated system will transmit water usage data from the meter to Town Hall and provide more accurate meter readings, while lessening the need for meter readers.
- This process should be finished by July 2023 and will make the entire billing process more efficient.



AMI Meters Delivered to the
Water and Sewer Department

Selma was awarded \$137,500 from the Golden Leaf Foundation to complete a stormwater master plan.

On October 6, the Golden LEAF Board of Directors awarded \$1,867,760 for nine projects through the Flood Mitigation Program in Buncombe, Burke, Chatham, Craven, Dare, Forsyth, Johnston, Robeson and Stanly counties.

The Town of Selma was awarded \$137,500 to develop a stormwater master plan for the town's eastern quadrant which experiences flooding during heavy rain events. This plan will be used to mitigate flooding by increasing the size of storm pipes and culverts along with clearing and expansion of ditches.

The Town of Selma was also awarded an \$8,250,000 North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure grant from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

This grant is a continuation of the Brack Pump Station and Sewer Improvements project, which was for \$3,015,000 (\$2,500,000 as a loan and \$500,000 as a grant). These additional funds will allow the town to rehabilitate nearly nine miles of sewer lines and 222 manholes.

Withers Ravenel was awarded the engineering contract and has completed the closed-circuit TV and smoke testing to identify any issues within the sewer system. They will continue with the design, while performing construction, administration and observation services. Upon completion, approximately 50% of the town's sewer lines will have been rehabilitated in recent years, substantially reducing the inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the sewer system and decreasing the town's sewer treatment cost. This allows the town to avoid increasing sewer charges for customers.

The town was also awarded \$6,500,000 in ARPA funds to work towards the goal of doubling water capacity through additional wells and transmission lines needed to get raw water to the water treatment plant. The town is currently able to produce one million gallons a day, with peak performance at 75% of available plant capacity. This expansion will increase plant capability to two million gallons of water per day, allowing the town to meet the needs of anticipated growth for the next 50 years.

Withers Ravenel was awarded the engineering contract for this project that includes a fee of \$887,000, of which \$186,000 is allocated toward conducting test wells. The remaining grant funds will be used for design, construction administration and engineering.



Selma Police Detective/K9 Handler Justin Vause was awarded the First Annual Law Enforcement Certificate of Commendation by American Legion Post 141.

SELMA POLICE RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

To promote community interest and involvement in the law enforcement process, the Selma Police Department allows citizens and students to ride as passengers/observers in department vehicles for civic or educational purposes. Participation in the Ride Along Program is limited to residents, employees and occasionally those who may apply for consideration for a special purpose, i.e., students, visiting law enforcement employees and dignitaries. To apply, contact the Selma Police Department.

SSS NJROTC REMEMBERS 9/11

Smithfield-Selma High School NJROTC performed a 911 Commemoration Ceremony recently. Selma Mayor Byron McAllister, Town Manager Brent Taylor and members of the Selma Police and Fire Departments attended the ceremony during First Responder Week.



SELMA'S FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

An important role of the Selma Fire Department is to prevent fires and injuries through public education.

As part of October's Fire Prevention month, the Fire Department visited schools, day care centers, civic clubs and hosted station visits to provide lifelong lessons in fire safety.

To stay up to date on emergency notifications in Johnston County, sign-up for JOCOAlerts. During the registration process, you can choose emergency notification messages to receive, such as your home, mobile or business phone, email address, text messages and more.

JOCOAlerts also has the option for multiple notifications such as home, work and school locations. If your contact information or preferences change, simply log into the emergency alert system and make updates.

Sign up for JOCOAlerts by visiting www.johnstonnc.com/alerts.

FALL LEAVES AND LIMBS PICK UP

- Mulch your leaves and grass clippings to reduce the town's cost of disposal.
- Do not place yard waste in the street or gutter. This clogs storm drains and pipes, which will cause the streets to flood.
- Yard waste should be placed away from low overhead power lines, telephone poles, cable boxes and other utilities to ensure the safety of equipment operators.
- There should be no more than two piles of yard waste per residence.
- Yard waste must be separated from other rubbish and free of trash.
- Separate tree limbs from leaves. Limbs should be smaller than 6 feet long and 6 inches around and neatly stacked next to the curb or street.
- Property owners will be charged a hauling fee for excessive amounts of yard waste.
- Any waste generated by commercial landscape, tree or lawn service is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Make sure your trash cans are turned with the lid facing the curb.



The Retreat at Selma,
Third Wave Housing, LLC

NEWS FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department is evaluating site plans and a zoning permit request for the Retreat at Selma, an 84-unit apartment complex that has proposed construction on eight acres of land, located directly behind the former Shoney's Restaurant site on Outlet Center Drive. The complex, a walkable, dense housing development adjacent to the retail and hospitality use, will contain 24 one-bedroom apartments and 60 two-bedroom apartments. Plans also include a large playground area and a clubhouse for residents of the complex.

Third Wave Housing LLC, a Winston-Salem-based construction firm with more than 30 years of experience within the multifamily housing industry, will serve as both the developer and the owner of the complex. There will be onsite staff managing the property. This development company in recent years completed similar projects in Hickory, Statesville, Siler City and Rocky Mount. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2023 with apartments available by the end of 2023.

SELMA LIBRARY EVENTS

Preschool Story Time

November 2, 9, 23, 30 • 10 a.m.
December 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10 a.m.
January 4, 11, 18, 25 • 10 a.m.

U.S. Citizenship Preparation Class

Classes are free, but pre-registration is required. For more details, or to register, send your name, email, telephone and the best time to reach you to citizenship@trianglesouthliteracy.org or by phone at 910-891-4111.

November 3, 10, 17 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
January 5, 12, 19, 26 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners Announced

November 4 • 2 p.m.

Good Read Book Club

November 14 • 1:30 p.m.

Preschool Thanksgiving Movie Special

November 16 • 10 a.m.

Family Game Night

November 22 • 6-8 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS

Winter Season Sports Registration Ends November 11

Register now for basketball. Ages 5 to 12 for boys and girls. If you have questions, contact Cameron Gupton at 919-975-9411.
selma.recdesk.com/Community/Program

January 14 • 10 a.m.

7th Annual Polar Bear Run 5K

This is a pet friendly run!
\$25 per runner — Pets are free of charge!
Check-in 15 minutes before race start time at the corner of Webb and Waddell streets (GPS location: 110 E. Waddell Street, Selma)
Run with your DOG, CAT, BIRD, LIZARD, GOLDFISH or WHATEVER!
(Must clean up after your pet and all pets must be on a leash or restrained in cage/carrier)
Call Selma Parks and Recreation for more information at 919-975-1411.



SOCIAL DISTRICT



The purpose of the Social District is to allow patrons to consume an alcoholic beverage on the streets of Selma, or in an establishment that welcomes it, from noon to midnight. A business does not have to allow it into its establishment. A person can only consume a beverage purchased from an approved vendor within or adjacent to the district in the approved container. The district comprises the downtown area (along Railroad Street from Oak Street to Webb Street and Charway Alley). If you have any questions regarding the Social District, they can be directed to either Kelly Blanchard, Community Engagement Coordinator or Brent Taylor, Town Manager.

BILLING UPDATES

Did you know you can receive your monthly utility bill by email as soon as it is posted to your account?

Simply contact Customer Service at 919-202-8315 to provide your email address. Don't forget to update your phone number with customer service in case we need to reach you.

Reminder: Late Fees are posted to your account if the balance is not paid by the due date as shown on your bill.

If your bill is not paid by the cutoff date also on the bill, then the cut-off processing fee is added to your account. The town does not mail any additional late notices or cut-off notices.

New utility service accounts require the following:

- Government Issued Photo ID (Current Driver's License, Passport, Military ID).
- Social Security Card
- If you are the property owner, you will need to show proof of ownership (settlement sheet, deed).
- There is no deposit required for homeowners.
- If you are renting, you must provide a lease that names you as the renter/lessor and names the property owner. If the lease is through a management company, then we will need some documentation from the owner authorizing the management company to act on their behalf.
- Deposits will be determined based on the customer's credit rating.

All the information required for the new account setup is shown on our website at Selma-nc.com under customer service.

SELMA CIVIC CENTER RENTAL PRICING CHANGES

Due to an increase in demand and wear on the Selma Civic Center, refundable deposits for both the Legacy Hall and Oak Room have increased. The refundable deposit is now \$350 for the Oak Room, and the refundable deposit for the Legacy Hall is \$350 for business meetings (weekday-only pricing) and \$650 for all other rentals. The hourly rate for the Oak Room increased from \$50 to \$100 an hour. There is no hourly minimum for the Oak Room, but a 12-hour rental is discounted to a rate of \$750.

Businesses will pay \$125 an hour with a 12-hour discounted rate of \$1,000 when renting the Legacy Hall on weekdays. Rentals exceeding 100 people will pay \$150 per hour with a three-hour minimum and a 12-hour discounted rate of \$1,500. Rentals under 100 people will pay \$150 per hour with a three-hour minimum and a 12-hour discounted rate of \$1200. The Catering Kitchen rental has increased to \$75 per event, from \$15. Tables and chairs are provided. The renter is responsible for setup. No outside tables and chairs may be used. If the lessee exceeds the rental time for more than 30 minutes, a full hour will be charged each hour thereafter, and deducted from the damage deposit.





SELMA RAILROAD DAYS 2022

The 47th Annual Selma Railroad Days Festival included the return of former traditions such as the carnival and, for the first time in three years, the crowning of five new Railroad Days queens! On Saturday, Sept. 24, The Rudy Theatre hosted the Selma Railroad Days Pageant with an estimated 200 people in attendance.

For three days people from across Johnston County and states as far as Florida came to Selma to enjoy shopping at local shops and with vendors, experience live entertainment and taste a variety of cuisine from several food trucks. The Selma Firefighters Association BBQ cookoff kicked off the festival with hundreds of people sampling BBQ from several competitors. The winners in each category were Taster's Choice winner Huckleberry, Rib winner Grill Que and Grand Champion winner Dead Last.

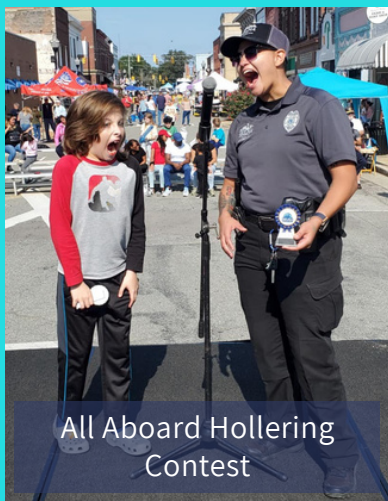
New this year was the Railroad Days Student art show that showcased local art talent from Johnston County Schools. The Selma Cyclepaths managed the inaugural 40-mile bike ride in Selma and the surrounding countryside. Junior Engineer stations provided many craft and fun activities for children.

Traditional favorites such as the KidZone, community stage performances, Mascot Race and All Aboard Hollering Contest, model train displays, parade and My Kids Club 5K continue to be favorites of the festivals.

Sunday, October 9 included the crowning of Miss Hispanic Heritage of Johnston County, Angelin Smith, performances by Latino musicians and several gospel choirs. The town is appreciative to all the staff, community volunteers and sponsors that made this event possible. It was a wonderful weekend, and we cannot wait to do it all again next year!



2022 Railroad Days Pageant Queens
Teen Miss Railroad Days - Chloë Howell, Little Miss Railroad Days - Emilee Byrd, Junior Miss Railroad Days - Scout Diehl, Tiny Miss Railroad Days - Fallyn Lindsay, Miss Railroad Days - Ja'Naiya Pearce



All Aboard Hollering Contest



Miss Hispanic Heritage of Johnston County, Angelin Smith

TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Town Council

November 8 • 6 p.m.
December 13 • 6 p.m.
January 10 • 6 p.m.

Recreation Advisory Board

November 15 • 6 p.m.
December 20 • 6 p.m.
January 17 • 6 p.m.

Tourism Committee

November 10 • 8:30 a.m.

Appearance Commission

November 17 • 6 p.m.
December 15 • 6 p.m.
January 19 • 6 p.m.

Planning Board

November 28 • 6 p.m.
December 26 • 6 p.m.
January 23 • 6 p.m.

Historic Properties Commission

November 21 • 6 p.m.
December 19 • 6 p.m.
January 16 • 6 p.m.

All meetings are held at Jernigan Building – 110 E. Anderson Street.
Meetings, except those designated as closed sessions, are open to the public.
Residents are encouraged to attend.

Town of Selma

Town Hall

114 N. Raiford Street
919-965-9841
Selma-NC.com

MAYOR

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Brent Taylor

TOWN CLERK

Sarai Byrd Allen

TOWN ATTORNEY

Alan “Chip” Hewett

ELECTION INFORMATION

November 5

Early Voting Ends

Cast your ballot early at one of Johnston County’s seven Early Voting sites. Selma Public Library, located at 310 N. Pollock St., is the early voting site closest to town residents.

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 8 • 6:30 a.m.

General Election Day

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. at the Harrison Gym located at 601 West Noble Street. Polls will remain open all day and close at 7:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to cast their vote.

To advertise, contact
Kelly Blanchard at
kblanchard@selma-nc.com or
919-965-9841 ext 1015

Contacts

EMERGENCY CALL 911

Utilities, Police & Fire

Non-Emergency: 919-934-9411

Town Hall: 919-965-9841

Utilities/Customer Service:
919-202-8315

Cemetery Sales: 919-202-8315

Planning: 919-965-3278

Human Resources: 919-965-7142

Public Works: 919-965-2244

Water Treatment Plant:
919-934-9411

Police Department: 919-965-8189

Fire Department: 919-965-2697

Parks and Recreation
Department: 919-975-1411

Selma Public Library:
919-965-8613

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

November 11

Veterans Day

November 24-25

Thanksgiving Holidays

December 23, 26 and 27

Christmas Holidays

January 2, 2023

New Year's Day Observed

January 16, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

