



# Town of East Spencer

## "Home of Heritage & Promise"

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR  
**BARBARA A. MALLETT**



### A World of Difference

We can all think of someone who has made a positive impact on our lives. Maybe it was a pastor or friend who encouraged a certain career path or a neighbor who introduced us to the joy of volunteering. These difference makers didn't just touch our lives - they made our lives better.

The Town of East Spencer is experiencing an abundance of blessings and favor in the form of grants and awards. In the past year we have received close to 3 million dollars. This is wonderful but it takes work in the form of reporting, compliance requirements, committee formation general oversight, citizen input and commitment.

We would like for a number of people to join us in this remarkable time in the transformation of the Town of East Spencer. You do not have to be a citizen but someone with a generous spirit and passion to give time. In hopes of creating fun, surprising experiences, for spreading warmth and caring for others.

Last year was a benchmark year, with the Town of East Spencer getting the County of Rowan talking about East Spencer.

But we cannot rest on the successes of 2014. There is so much to do, and we need your help in doing it.

We are setting high marks and will reach them. We need your continued support to make all this happen.

Barbara A. Mallett  
Mayor

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## SUMMER CAMP WAS A SUCCESS !!!

The Town of East Spencer would like to send a huge thanks to those who participated in Royal Giants Park 3rd Annual Youth Summer Camp. To all staff, we the Town of East Spencer appreciate your time and efforts to make sure this camp



was a success. See you next summer !!!

The town would like to say Thank You to anyone who gave donations.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

**MACON C. SAMMONS, JR.**

East Spencer is proud to announce with hard work and effort of the Board of Aldermen and Staff, we have quite a bit of projects for 2015:

**EAST SPENCER PROJECTS LIST**

1. **Gateway Plan.** Plan for development of I-85 Exit 79 including Andrews Street corridor, Choate Road and vicinity. Plan adopted March 2015. Includes development standards, zoning, options for purchase of properties, and utility planning. Area involves roughly 250 + acres.

2. **CDBG 11-C-2371. \$ 500,000 Grant for Housing Rehab.** Repairs to 15 Low-income and Very Low-income homes and rehab of 5 dwellings. Town has completed repair of 12 homes and completed rehab of 4 others to date.

3. **UNC-DFI Agreement on the School Administration Building Redevelopment.** Agreement with UNC-SOG Development Finance Initiative to redevelop the School Board Administrative Building in 2015-2016. Includes finding private sector partners and negotiations with selected developers.

4. **Demolition of Dilapidated Homes.** Removal and clearance of 45 dilapidated dwelling units over the past 4 years. Approximately 75 - 80 more to be rehabilitated or demolished.

5. **Brownfields Project.** During Spring 2015 the Town selected Cardno Associates to file a \$300,000 assessment application in November 2015 Objectives: Identify remediation needs for Dunbar Center and School Administration building and other sites around Town and also confirm "clean" sites for redevelopment.

6. **Water System, 2010 USDA Project.** \$2M invested to improve system and replace lines as needed.

7. **Water System, 2015 CDBG-I 14-I-2666.** \$2.4 M to be invested to reduce water leak losses and build looped system along Choate Road. Construction slated in 2017.

8. **USDA Search Grant.** Analysis of all alternatives for operation of Town of East Spencer Water and Sewer system. Includes evaluation of 2015 rates, current structure and alternatives of operation.

9. **Royal Giants Park Redevelopment.** Plan developed in 2013 with Bill Burgin and Design Development Committee. Adopted January 2014. The Town has raised \$234,500, needs \$65,500 more to match \$300,000 PARTF grant.

10. **Town Creek Greenway.** Plan for 3-mile greenway and trail, plus bonus loop on Choate Road. Initial grants of \$ 60,500 for Segment A and B were received in 2015. Subsequent grants of \$ 120,000 to ± \$500,000 foreseen for Segments C, D, and E in 2016 depending on the design standards.

11. **Park/ Gateway Area Accessway.** Plan for new access road into Royal Giants Park and economic development property off I-85 and Andrews Street. Seeking funding from NC Transportation Board and Discretionary Funding sources.

12. **Pedestrian and Bike Plan.** NC Department of Transportation grant of \$ 36,000 to East Spencer and Spencer. Public input phase underway. Draft of Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan will be available in late 2015.

13. **Revitalization of Long Street.** Strongly supported by Town Board. Challenges have been finding funding for clearance and renewal and developers to make private investments.

14. **New Town Center.** Several NC towns have succeeded in developing a new Town center. Among them are Harrisburg, Shalotte, and others. East Spencer will explore this option with the UNC-SOG Development Finance Center and others, targeting the Gateway area.

15. **Communication with the Public.** The Mayor has instituted many ways to reach out to involve the community. Those have included community meetings/quarterly pastoral luncheons/social media/newsletter/special events and community policing.

**DID YOU KNOW?**



East Spencer Town Hall  
now has a

Satellite Office

for

Congresswoman

**Alma S. Adams !!!**

Barbara Carter, Director  
of Constituent Services is  
here every Thursday  
(9AM—12 PM)

A few things you may  
stop by for help is:

1. Social Security & Medicare Benefits
2. Fighting for Our Veterans
3. Helping Students (internships, financial aid, etc.)
4. Job Training & Small Business Loans
5. Visiting our Nation's Capital

For more information  
please go to:

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2015

The East Spencer Police Department hosted its 2nd Annual NATIONAL NIGHT OUT...

The events purpose each year is for Police-Community Partnership with an out-reach approach to youth, businesses and organizations.

National Night Out is a celebratory reminder to let the public know that Police and Fire are here for them and that we care. As the Chief of Police, "I will utilize the event as a way of recognizing our Police Officer(s) and Firemen as approachable individuals who are here to help and for the purposes of our community growth towards a friendly environment".

There was refreshments sponsored by Chick-Fil-a and East Sponsor Township. Activities included Street Graffiti, Motivational Poetry, and Street Dancing.

The event was held at the Henderson Street Community Park on August 4th 2015 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event was sponsored by Chick-Fil-A and Bouncy House Inc., Participants included N.C. State National Conference Basketball Teams -Livingstone College, North Rowan High School and the Phoenix Steppers of East Spencer.



**YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS WITH YOUR**



### 4 Rules of Community Watch

- Always lock your doors
- Do not leave anything of value in public site
- Watch your surrounding
- Trust your gut feeling

DIAL

# 911

TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE

## Tips from our Fire Department

The Town of East Spencer as well as other parts of Rowan County has experienced severe weather. With this severe weather we have experienced many downed trees and utility cables some being electrical power lines. Here are some safety tips:

**Never touch a downed power line.** If you see a downed power line, contact your local utility 1-800-Power-ON or call 911 immediately. If you are not sure if it is a cable or telephone line call 1-800-Power-On or 911 and we the East Spencer FD will investigate.

**See something tangled in a power line? Stay clear.** Never attempt to move an object (tree limb, kite, model airplane, etc.) from a power line yourself. Contact Duke Energy – we can help.

Also please make sure we can find your house by having your house numbers where we can see them from the street. In the event of a heart attack minutes count and being able to identify your address is very important.

If you need more info check with Duke Energy or call the East Fire Department at 704-633-0055.



### BOARD MEETING

**2015**

**Begin @ 6:30 pm**

- August 3rd Business Meeting*
- September 1st Business Meeting*
- September 15th Work Session*
- October 5th Business Meeting*
- October 20th Work Session*

### EAST SPENCER FIRE DEPT.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to be-



INTERESTED? Contact Chief Shawn McBride (704) 636-0055



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**We're on the Web!!!**  
[www.townofeastspencer.o](http://www.townofeastspencer.o)



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**A Friendly  
Reminder from Waste  
Management**

- Try not to overload cans, put trash that's bagged up beside can.
- The handle should be facing your home and the top flap should be towards the road.
- If you have multiple cans, please space them a part at least 3 feet.

**FROM THE PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**F. E. Isenhour, Director**

We are now in the midst of the limb season. Please place any limbs that need to be picked up at the edge of the public street on your property for pick up. Please do not mix limbs with any other items. As a reminder the Town of East Spencer does not pick-up grass clippings. Those need to be recycled into your yard as mulch or removed privately to a proper disposal area.



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The Town will continue to collect limbs during the limb season. Just place the limbs at the edge of your property near to

**Our Community**

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2015 WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT FOR OUR BACK TO SCHOOL GIVE-A-WAY. GRACEFUL HEART COMMUNITY SERVICE OF ROWAN COUNTY HELD A HELP FAIR AT THAT TIME AS WELL. LOCAL RESOURCES OF OUR COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER AND PROVIDED FREE RESOURCES, INFORMATION, FOOD, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, LIVE MUSIC, FUN GAMES, AND MUCH MORE. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED AS WELL AS ALL THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

" WITHOUT A SENSE OF CARING...  
THERE CAN BE NO SENSE OF COMMUNITY." -ANTHONY J. D'ANGELO



**Save The Date ...**

**Food, Games & Fun**

**Come join us October 31, 2015 at the  
Town Hall from 1 PM—3 PM**



**KNOW YOUR BILL, SOLID WASTE FEE**

Review Your Charge for your Waste Collection

- 1 CAN = 16.33
- 2 CANS = 32.66
- 3 CANS = 48.99
- 4 CANS = 65.32

If you have any questions please contact East Spencer Town Hall at (704) 636-7111