



## Mayor's Message

It's been awhile since the last newsletter...things have been pretty busy! Now it's time to catch you up on what is going on.

The Christmas season saw lots of activities in Star...starting with the Downtown Open House on Dec. 1. The new Community Kitchen provided a meal for those of us looking for food that day. I think everyone enjoyed searching through the businesses in the downtown area and getting to StarWorks for a Christmas ornament. The Christmas Parade was a huge success. Lots of entries, local and out-of-town people enjoyed the parade on a beautiful day. A big thanks to the Halcyon Club for their hard work...that goes for all who helped with the 2nd Annual Twinkle Toes Run that started in the morning and the Cub-mobile Race that took place on Center Street at 10 am. The Miss Merry Christmas Pageant concluded a wonderful day in Star.

The businesses downtown that are participating in the STEP grant funds are making real progress in the changes to the buildings. The STEP committee has worked through two long years trying to make good decisions on how to best use the money. I personally want to thank all of you who gave your time and energy over this time to work through all the ideas and try to decide on what was the best route to take. It was not an easy process and took lots of dedication from those people who stuck with it. The different committees are still meeting to tie up those last few projects.

Star was fortunate to be featured on television two different times recently. Lancer Furniture was featured on WGHP Fox 8. They did a great job talking about the company and its commitment to the community and their workers. We are so proud of the jobs they provide and the great furniture they produce. The link for those with computers is WGHP Fox 8 and search for Lancers.

Also in early December, Star was featured as a segment on NC Weekend. The show featured BriarPatch, the Antique Shop/Star Beer & Wine Supplies and the Star Bed and Breakfast. It was wonderful seeing our town listed as a destination for people looking for neat spots to visit. The link for this program is: [uncv.org/nweekend](http://uncv.org/nweekend) and then go to Dec. 6 to find the Star segment.

There are some things to look forward to in 2013. The Fiddler's Convention is always so much fun and StarWorks is planning a festival the first weekend in May. More about these later.

The Community Kitchen located in the old firehouse behind the library is now cooking the meals for Meals on Wheels for the county. They will soon be serving lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 am-12 Noon. More info will be available soon concerning these meals. Check with Town Hall or our web page for information. These meals should start near the beginning of February.

Hope everyone had an opportunity to read the article in the Montgomery Herald concerning the Hold Harmless money. I will be attending a meeting in Raleigh later this month, but we will probably not know for sure until the state budget is complete. It does not appear very promising, though. The town stands to lose \$86,000 for this budget year. If, in fact this happens, there will be some difficult decisions to be made. I hope everyone will speak to your commissioners in the next few weeks to get clarifications or to voice opinions. These decisions will need to be town decisions.

## Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 25 | Halcyon Club's "Poor Man's Lunch"<br>11 am - 1 pm - Star Town Hall           |
| Mar. 8  | Star Fiddler's Convention<br>Beginning at 6 pm - East Montgomery High School |
| Jun. 1  | Heritage Day! Star Town Hall   |

Star Town Board meets the Second Monday of each month at 5 pm at Star Town Hall

Visit our website for more information on these and other upcoming events: [www.starncc.gov](http://www.starncc.gov)

## Star STEP Program Update

Marilyn Phillips, Co-Chair, Star STEP Program

As the Star STEP Program moves into its final six months, work continues on many projects. The park will soon see a disc golf course, horseshoe pits, and corn hole game in addition to the beautiful tot lot already in place. The work at Star Heritage Center is complete with classes and meetings ongoing. Several retail renovation and facade grants have been awarded with work either completed or in process. The National Historic District application is almost ready for submission. The next leadership meeting will be held on April 8. This will be an advertised meeting for the purpose of answering questions regarding the historic district. Please join us.

## Community Kitchen

Alice Clemens, Star Town Commissioner

The Montgomery County Council on Aging has just completed renovations to the town's old rescue squad building on King Street. The building now contains a certified kitchen, community room and food pantry depot. Seventy-five Meals on Wheels and about 125 community meals are being prepared and shipped out county-wide five days a week. The food depot provides food to food pantries in the county as well. The community room will be for lease for private functions in the near future.

Beginning Friday February 1, 2013, a community meal will be served at our facility on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (excluding federal holidays) from 11 am-Noon each day. These meals will be for seniors (55 and older), the disabled and anyone receiving food stamps. The cost of the meals will be \$1.00 each (or more if you wish to donate).

We are always in need of volunteers to deliver meals or bags of groceries. If you can help or if you need help, please call the Montgomery County Council on Aging at 572-3757, or contact me at 220-3761.

## The Pink House News

Sheila Menendez, Project Coordinator, Star Heritage Center

The Star Heritage Center (aka: the Pink House) project has nearly completed it's first year in operation. We have had many hands-on workshops, meetings and partnered with several organizations and individuals in the community. Our indoor marketplace has local meat, eggs, soaps, art, pottery and more. As phase II begins next month, we'd like to have your input! Come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 from 3-4:30 pm and tell us how you would like to see this facility benefit the community. RSVP please. We are looking for ideas from all! Meanwhile, if you have any questions, as always, give us a call at (910) 585-7067, send an e-mail to [starheritagecenter@gmail.com](mailto:starheritagecenter@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook!

## *Star Halcyon Woman's Club*

*Mary Callicutt*

The Star Halcyon Woman's Club will be hosting a "Poor Man's Lunch" on Friday, January 25 from 11 am-1 pm at Star Town Hall. The lunch is \$6.00 per plate and consists of pinto beans, stewed potatoes, slaw, cornbread, dessert and beverage. Dine in or carry out. We will deliver orders of five plates or more. Star Halcyon Woman's Club will be hosting the annual "Star Fiddler's Convention" on Saturday, March 2 at East Montgomery High School. The program begins at 6 pm. Registration for performers will be from 5-7 pm. Admission is \$7.00 for adults; \$2.00 for children 6-12 years of age, and free for children under 5 years of age. Food will be available in the cafeteria, so come early and eat supper with us! Visit us on Facebook at Star, NC - Halcyon Woman's Club for more info and a registration form. Come out and join us for an evening of fun, good food, good music (Old Time and Bluegrass), renewing old friendships and making new ones!

## *Little Train Project*

The "Little Train" project is coming along nicely. Lights have been installed so the train can be seen at night. We have ordered the sound system and hope to have it installed and working in the near future. We are still selling engraved commemorative bricks for \$50.00 each. You have three lines with 20 spaces each to tell your story! We appreciate all the community has done so far to support this project. Applications for the bricks can be picked up at Star Town Hall, Montgomery Insurance Co., or call Jim or Mary Callicutt at 428-9218 and we'll send you an application or you are welcome to come by our house and pick one up.

## *HELP!! Volunteers Needed*

Be a Town of Star volunteer today! We need folks to help keep the park clean and do other volunteer work! Contact Robin at 428-4623.

## *Park Update*

Things are starting to happen at the park!

The Tot Lot has the large piece of equipment and the older play stations have been sanded and repainted for the children to enjoy. Thanks to Skip and Dail Grant and Don Tarlton.

We are in the process of completing two horseshoe pits, thanks to Eddie Bernard and his friends. The disc golf is almost finished...thanks to Ken Boone and friends. We will soon have a corn hole game available to check out from Town Hall thanks to Tim Dunn and Mary O'Brien. Hopefully, all these stations will be up and going by Spring. We do plan to have a Spring cleanup soon. Hope all will come down and help out. The park renovation is truly a community project and we need lots of help. If you see something that needs doing, "Just Do It!"

Thanks to all of you for all you do to help make Star a very special place.

## *Cub Scout Pack 111*

Cub Scout Pack 111 will celebrate Scout Sunday on February 3 by participating in the morning worship service at Star Presbyterian Church. Montgomery District Executive Chris Watkins will be the guest speaker for this service. Cub Scout Pack 111 will hold its annual Pinewood Derby Race at the home of Kent Cranford on February 25. The Montgomery District Pinewood Derby will be held at the Page Street Elementary School Gymnasium on March 2. Pack 111 has 12 active cub scouts at this time. If you have a son in grade 1-5 who would like to join Pack 111, or if you have questions, please contact Richard Hinson at (910) 428-4035.

## *Contact Us!*

If you have questions or comments about upcoming events or activities, or if you would like to contribute news items to *The Glimmer*, and/or our web page, please contact us at: (910) 428-4623 or [townofstar@gmail.com](mailto:townofstar@gmail.com). Visit our website at: [www.starnc.gov](http://www.starnc.gov).