



Mayor's Message

Lots of things going on in Star this spring!

The School for Documentary Studies at Duke University selected Star as the site to film a series of short films that highlight a "Small Town USA". I had the opportunity to go to Duke and speak with the class in March. They have been in town filming and interviewing people the last few weeks. Everyone needs to plan to come to the premier on Friday, May 11 at Town Hall at 7 pm. It will be an old-fashioned movie night with popcorn. It is a free event and we hope to see many of you there that evening.

Sad news involving the trees at the "Pink House". They are in line with the new system being installed at the airport and will need to be taken down soon. We will replace them with some nice trees and shrubs, but will not plant until the fall. There will be some time between the time we lose the trees and the time to replace them.

The summer recreation program will be located in Star again this year. We are very excited about this. It will be available for all on the east side of the county. There will be a limited number of spaces so sign up early. It will feature an expanded program this year and they hope to have a bus to transport the youth involved in the program to the pool and various sites in the county. The registration fee is projected to be \$10 this year. Hope the Star youth will register and have a great, busy summer.

The park is now a work in progress. The plans are to put a large piece of play equipment in the old tennis court. This will be an extension of the Tot Lot and designed for younger children. Plans are in the works for a disc golf course, a volleyball court, and maybe even some horseshoe pits. We will be looking for help in preparation and possibly assembling the equipment.

A special thanks to all who turned out in March for the park clean-up. It was a great community day with about 70 adults and children doing the work. We had hot dogs and did lots of raking of leaves. Eddie Bernard and some guys from STARworks rebuilt the grills in the covered area and they are great to cook on now. The miniature golf course is in good shape...may have to sweep off a few gum balls but come on down and play some golf! We have a few putters and balls at the town hall if you need to check them out, but bringing your own is a good idea also. Anyone with old putters in the garage not being used, please donate them to town hall so we can help provide clubs for those who do not have them. We ask everyone to help keep the park clean and in good shape. This truly needs to be a community place of pride and fun.

Remember Star Heritage Day is the first Saturday in June. We look forward to seeing many people in town and hope all our businesses will open for part of the day in support of this special day.

Upcoming Events

May 11	Center for Documentary Studies Film Screenings - Open House at Star Town Hall - 7 pm
May 14	Town Board Meeting at Star Heritage Center - 5 pm
May 23	Jammin' at the Pink House - A Strawberry Jam Canning Workshop
June 2	Heritage Day, Star Heritage Center Grand Opening Celebration - Everyone Welcome!! Star Trek Pedal Powered Event Starts at STARworks - 9 am
June 11	Town Board Meeting at Star Town Hall - 5 pm

News From the Pink House

by Sheila Menendez, AmeriCorps VISTA member

Part of my 'term of service assignment' is to build the infrastructure of the Star Heritage Center, also known as the "Pink House."

Researching and developing a tailor-made business plan, marketing plan and a working budget are the first priorities of this project. Then, the scheduling for more activities that offer local cultural and heritage skills will continue. Working with the NC Cooperative Extension, Montgomery Center, on other community projects to benefit the community is also a part of my commitment.

If you have further questions regarding AmeriCorps VISTA information, please visit:

<http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp>

Office hours: Mondays & Tuesdays 8-12; 1-5 pm. Contact: starheritagecenter@gmail.com

STEP Updates

by Marilyn Phillips, Co-Chair, Star STEP Program

The implementation phase of the Star STEP Program is well underway, and the town is seeing some exciting results from the following NCSTEP approved projects:

National Historic District Designation - The map for the historic district has been drawn including approximately fifty Main Street properties. If approved, the designation will offer generous tax credits for owners who comply.

Retail renovation and Facade Grants - The facade and sign grants are to encourage *existing* businesses to improve the appearance of their property and therefore the overall appearance of Star. The retail renovation grants are designed for *new* retail. Grant packets that include guidelines and applications are available at the town hall and on the town's website at www.starnc.gov. If you are a business owner, you are encouraged to take advantage of these 50/50 match grants before they are gone. The next STEP leadership team meeting will be held at 6 pm on July 9 at the Star Municipal Building. Interested citizens are always welcome to attend.

Little Train Project Moves Ahead!

Mary and Jimmy Callicut have been working tirelessly to complete the Little Train Project. The train shelter ceiling has been sealed with pretty cypress. David Freeman and crew installed the woodwork. It looks great! Stop by and see it! Jared Williams will be the contractor to lay the brick pavers. Pavers are still available for purchase - give Mary Callicut a call at 428-9218. The project is really coming together - thanks to Mary and Jimmy! See you the first Saturday in June at Heritage Day!!



Star Halcyon Woman's Club

by Cindy Johnson, President, HWC



The Halcyon Woman's Club had a great turn out for the 85th Annual Star Fiddlers' Convention on March 3, 2012. At least 600 people attended and we had 100 registered to play and dance.

We also held our Club Woman of the Year Award ceremony on April 5.

Jane Green was the recipient. Congratulations, Jane, and thanks for all the hard work!

Thanks to all of you for making our blood drive a success on Friday, April 27th. Please remember, giving blood is the gift of life!

STARworks Youth Summer Clay Camps

STARworks will have two summer clay camp sessions this summer. Beginners, ages 7 to 10, will attend the week of June 18 and Intermediates, ages 10 to 14, will attend the week of June 25. The classes take place from 1 to 4 pm each day and a healthy snack is included.

Instructor Hitomi Shibata will instruct students in basic pottery making, with students creating a variety of functional and decorative pieces. Guest potters, including Ben Owen III, will demonstrate their skills.

The students' work will be exhibited at STARworks Gallery from August 6-10 with a closing reception on August 10 when students will take their work home.

Registration is \$75 and includes all materials and snacks. Deadline for registration is May 31. Visit STARworks or www.starworksnc.org for applications. Call 428-9001 for more information.

Cub Scout Pack 111

by Richard Hinson, Cubmaster

Pack 111 of Star, sponsored by Star Presbyterian Church will be holding an Arrow of Light Court of Honor on May 21, 2012 at 6 pm. Dallas Lundry and Jeremiah Bray will be receiving the Arrow of Light Award. They will be transferring to Boy Scout Troup 61, sponsored by Dover Baptist Church. Scoutmaster Tony Cobb will present them with a Boy Scout Handbook.

Parents of boys grades 1-5 who would like to join Cub Scout Pack 111 can contact Richard Hinson at 428-4035.

In Memoriam

The people in the Town of Star lost two very special people this past year.

Frank Kersey died on September 30, 2011. He was a businessman, mayor, and MCC Foundation Director.

Essie Newsome died October 20, 2011. She was a long-time resident, Halcyon leader, and history museum sponsor.

Both Frank and Essie were dedicated community servants and will certainly be missed by the citizens of our town.

Star Trek Event

On Saturday, June 2 at 9 am, the Town of Star and STARworks will host the first annual Star Trek pedal-powered event. There is an 18 mile route that goes through Ether and returns to Star via Okeewemee Road with an option of adding two miles to ride up Mabe Hill, as well as a 53 mile route that will take riders through Star, Troy and Candor. Pedal powered vehicles that are less likely to go 18 miles, such as unicycles for example, can enjoy the parking lot in front of STARworks, which is the Start and Finish point at 100 Russell Drive in Star. Participants can register on site the morning of the event. The registration fee of \$25 includes a commemorative t-shirt and locally made glass medallion. All ages are welcome. The event is sponsored by several local and regional businesses.

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. Visit our website at: www.starnc.gov.

HELP!! Volunteers Needed

Anyone available to drive **MEALS ON WHEELS** one day a month - takes about 45 minutes. Contact Robin at 428-4623.