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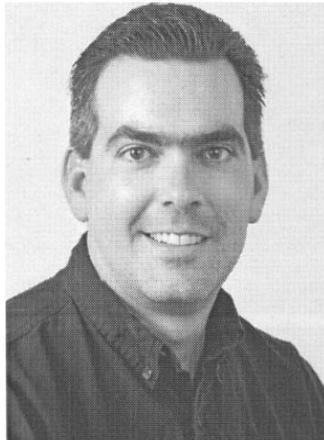
From the Mayor's Desk...

What Has Your Government Been Doing For You?

Greetings again from the City of Roxboro, now celebrating our 150th year!

This issue of the Roxboro Bulletin includes stories about what we're doing in Roxboro government and who's doing it. You'll learn about Jon Barlow, our City Manager and Jon Rorie, our Fire Chief, both fairly recent editions to your city staff. In addition to the new policies recently approved by the City Council, we have been working hard to get the ball rolling on development of a Strategic Plan for our city. This is critical to the long-term success of our community because the world is changing around us and we must be able to change with it in a positive way. Without a long-term plan, we may very well miss the boat and lose what makes us a great place to live.

Your government is not only dealing with change brought on externally, but we are effecting change internally. While we are sorry to lose some of our long time employees, we have nevertheless embraced these departures as an opportunity to re-



*Roxboro Mayor
Steve Joyner*

think our approach to governing in the 21st century.

We are happy this year to welcome the annual Personality Festival back uptown and look forward to the construction of the Merritt-Kane Commons project right beside the City Parking Lot. This will make a perfect venue for concerts and other community activities. We also welcome the addition of a new Lowes Home improvement store soon to be constructed in Roxboro.

In addition to these outside changes, we have some internal changes to report. Our new City Manager is actively looking for a new Public Services Director, but we have filled an open posi-

tion in the Police Department with the addition of a Police Canine Unit. A first in Roxboro's history.

These are just a few highlights of the exciting things happening in your government, but we can't do it alone. We must have your participation in order to make our government one that is "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

It's also important that you let us know what's on your mind, because I promise you, we will listen. One example would be your government's response to the numerous citizens who came out to this past year's budget hearings. While we didn't make all the changes that were suggested to us, we did consider all of the requests and concerns that were brought before us before passing a revenue neutral budget. I encourage you to attend the regular meetings of your City Council if only to watch how decisions are made.

I know not everyone will agree with everything we do, but it is my hope that you know we have at least considered all sides before deciding the issues that come before us.

- Steve

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *City Hall hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.*
- *Water bills are due on the 5th of each month. You can have your water bill automatically drafted from your bank account! Call 599-3116 for more information.*
- *Got a problem you can't get resolved? Call the Mayor at 599-3116.*
- *City Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall. We welcome your attendance.*

Meet Jon Barlow, Roxboro's New City Manager

Jon Barlow was hired by the Roxboro City Council to fill the open City Manager's position. Jon comes to Roxboro from Nashville, NC where he served as City Manager for 8 years. Prior to that, he was Town Manager for Lake Waccamaw and



Roxboro City Manager
Jon Barlow

worked as a police officer in Raleigh. Jon brings with him his wife Beth and two children, Griff (age 3), and Anna (age 8).

Jon understands the changes our community is going through

and arrives ready to take on the challenges our community faces. His long-term goal is to manage growth and improve our quality of life here in Roxboro. Most importantly, Jon has an open-door policy and encourages you to come by or schedule an appointment to let him know how you think we can make Roxboro a better place to live, work and raise a

Garbage and Yard Waste Reminders

In response to your requests, Roxboro has instituted a policy for providing those who want one, a container specifically for yard waste and debris. The carts are on order and will be made available as soon as we receive them. If you request an additional cart by calling 599-5658, you will be charged \$3.00 per month in order to offset the costs of providing the additional cart.

THIS PROGRAM IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY!

If you don't want to participate, then please make sure you pay attention to the following rules relating to garbage and yard waste:

1. All grass clipping, hedge trimmings, and leaves should be bagged or placed in a container for collection at curbside. Between October 1st and March 1st loose leaves will be collected at the street.
2. Limbs should not exceed 6 feet in length and be less than 6 inches across. The purpose of leaf and limb pick up is to collect normal everyday waste, *not limbs from entire tree pruning.*
3. No stumps or whole tree trunks will be picked up.
4. Please do not mix household trash with yard waste.
5. All trash should remain behind the curb and not be placed in the street.
6. No construction, remodeling or demolition material will be picked up. This in-

cluded 2X4 and wooden pallets.

7. Please call the Clearing house at **599-5658** to have white goods (appliances such as washing machines) picked up. There is no charge to our residents for this service.
8. Please do not place garbage outside the container.

Trash will not be picked up if the guidelines are not followed. If the trash is not collected a notice will be left explaining the problem. If you receive a notice please correct what is noted and the trash will be collected the next week.

By following these guidelines we can work together to keep Roxboro clean and beautiful.

Roxboro's Traffic Calming Policy



In response to numerous citizen complaints and concerns, the Roxboro City Council has approved a

new policy designed to help slow people down on our neighborhood streets. This traffic calming policy lays out a process for implementing traffic calming measures in response to a citizen or a group of citizens requesting action. The policy is based on traffic calming efforts in other communities and brings together neighbor-

hoods, the public works department, and the police department in order to help create safe environments for our citizens. If you have a concern about vehicle traveling too fast in your neighborhood, then contact us at the Roxboro City hall by calling 599-3116. Contacting the City Manager is the first Step in the process.

Meet Jonathan Rorie, Roxboro's Fire Chief

Jonathon Rorie began his job as Roxboro's Fire Chief in November of 2004. Since that time Jon has been working hard to improve your fire department, most notably by developing a training program that will help his firefighters earn their degree from Piedmont Community College. Jon is forward thinking and has also developed a program

to provide free smoke detectors to those who cannot afford them. He believes his primary responsibility is to prevent fires.

Jon is no stranger to the RFD having served as Deputy Chief a few years back. Jon is above all a professional, having been recently designated as a Chief Fire Officer by the International Fire Service Accreditation

Board. If you want to share your concerns about our fire department, feel free to call Jon in his office at City Hall (599-3116).



Roxboro Fire Chief Jon Rorie

Update on City Hall Renovations

Roxboro's City Hall has been undergoing extensive renovations to replace the original roof



Roxboro City Hall in the Midst of Renovations

and ceiling tiles as well as installation of new Heating and Air Conditioning systems. The

work is slightly behind schedule, but should be completed by the end of September. While there

was some water that got in the building during the re-roofing process, everything should be as good as new when we return to our permanent headquarters. You are encouraged to stop by and inspect the renovations when they have been completed.



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**Coming Soon! A
Redesigned
www.roxboronc.org**

The Roxboro City Council recently approved a contract with Roxboro Graphics to redesign our city web site in order to make it easier for you to use. The finished product should be available within the next three months. It's just one more way we're trying to make your government more accessible and user friendly for you.

*Progress is
Our Business*

Police Department Survey Results

Thank you to those who participated in the Police Department Survey that was included in the last edition of this newsletter. Your input is vital for making our community a better place to live. Some of the highlights of the survey results are provided below. For more detailed results, please feel free to drop by the police station on Lamar Street.

- 77% of respondents felt the RPD was responsive to their



Roxboro Police Officer of the Year, Mickey Rogers

- 55% of respondents were concerned about people loitering near their homes at night.
- 83% of respon-

dents were concerned about children being exposed to drugs in Roxboro.

- 97% of respondents identified the G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program as important or needed.

Your police department continues to work on your behalf to improve public safety in Roxboro. If you see a crime happen, please do not hesitate to call the police.

needs, however, 53% felt crime has increased.