

CLOVER COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES: SOUTHERN SAVERS COUPON WORKSHOP



In this FREE video workshop you will learn to coupon and save money! Please join us Thursday, July 12, and find out how to cut your grocery bill substantially. Topics include: learning what is on sale, stocking up, putting groceries together, finding coupons, organizing coupons, couponing terms and tricks, and saving on meat and produce.

Start time for the FREE session is 6:00 pm at the Clover Community Center, 120 Bethel Street. Please call 803-222-9493 to register. Workbooks will be included.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL

All Town of Clover 2011-2012 Business Licenses expired on June 30, 2012. According to the Business License Ordinance, license renewal fees must be paid for each business subject to the applicable rate classification on or before July 31, 2012. Failure to renew will result in a 5% penalty for each month you are delinquent.



In-Town Businesses Only: When renewing your business license, you must bring in a copy of your tax return for verification of gross receipts. If you have not had your taxes completed, please bring a letter from your CPA confirming your gross receipts. A business license may not be issued without verification. All contractors will also need to present a copy of their South Carolina State Contractors License.

Renewal applications were mailed in June to make the application process more convenient. Please contact Town Hall at 222-9495 with any questions concerning your business license renewal fee. Also, visit www.cloversc.org for more information.

CONTACTS

Town Hall	222-9495
Public Works	222-7700
Police	222-9494
Recreation	222-9493
Fire Dept.	222-3220
Municipal Court	222-4084
Codes/Building	222-5158

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Mayor	
Donnie Grice	(704) 913-3296 (M)
Ann Harvey	222-9414 (H)
Wes Spurrier	222- 9033 (H)
Jay Dover	222-9011 (H)
Granita Boyd	(704) 913-2153 (M)
Todd Blanton	(704)651-6398 (H)
Debbie Littlejohn	(803) 526-4076(M)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Council Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Clover Community Center located at 120 Bethel Street.

June 11, 2012

July 9, 2012

For more information, please contact Shannon Nix at 222-9495.



SAVE THE DATE

Clover Auto Show and Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Annette Adams-Howell at 222-3227.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED

Fireworks are allowed to be bought and sold within the Town limits; however, Section 28-4 of the Town of Clover Code of Ordinances prohibits setting them off within the Town limits.

This law is in place for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Clover and for the protection of property. Have a safe Independence Day – without fireworks!!



SHELTER RENTAL

The Clover Community Park and Roosevelt Park Shelters are available for birthday parties, picnics, family dinners, etc. For more information, please contact the Clover Recreation Department at 222-9493 or visit www.cloversc.org.

BUDGET APPROVAL

On Monday, June 11, 2012, the Clover Town Council approved an Ordinance adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The budget anticipates a 4 mill operating and a 4 mill capital property tax increase for tax year 2012. An ordinance to adopt the new property tax millage rate will be considered at the Council's July 9 meeting. A public hearing is also scheduled for this date for public comment on the millage increase.

The City of Gastonia did not include a water/sewer rate increase in their budget. Therefore, a rate increase is not included in the Town's budget. Also, the Town Council has approved refinancing our existing revenue bond which will reduce the interest rate by approximately 1% and extend the term by 5 years.

Although the budget provides funds for improving many existing programs, it also provides for several new and exciting programs and services. A new forensic science unit (FSU) police officer position will be created. This position will join the York County FSU which will allow the town to utilize specialized equipment and resources that we would be unable to afford on our own. The budget also includes funding for phase 1 of New Centre Park. Council is committed to building a quality facility that will serve this community for many years to come. Funding is also included for acquiring the bank building that is adjacent to the current town hall and renovating this building to be used as a new town hall. Funding for New Centre Park and the town hall building will be paid for by a mix of fund balance (prior years savings) and general obligation bond proceeds. The bond will be repaid through the proposed capital millage.

CLOVER FAÇADE GRANTS

The Town of Clover is offering assistance to commercial property owners to repair and improve the exteriors of their buildings. Up to five \$1,000 competitive grants are expected to be awarded through the Façade Grant Program.

Qualifying projects are eligible for a grant of up to \$1,000 per exterior on a 50/50 matching basis with a minimum investment of \$300 per property. Improvements must be consistent with and visibly improve the original or historic character of the building. Suggested improvements include painting, signage, awnings, doors, windows, lighting, and restoring the original materials and finish.

Grant guidelines and the application are available at Town Hall and on-line at www.cloversc.org. The application deadline is September 7, 2012, 5PM. Contact Town Administrator Allison Harvey at 222-9495 or aharvey@cloversc.org for more information.