

Newsletter— Town of Sims

GREETING FROM THE MAYOR

Hello Sims Residents!

As many of you have noticed, we have undergone some changes in town recently. Since I've taken office in August, we've been busy assessing the current needs of our residents, businesses, and the future needs of our community. We have completed the expansion of the Sims Community Park, started work on three new subdivisions, updated our Zoning Ordinances, sworn in our newest Commissioner (Mr. Christopher Kopka), changed our office hours at Town Hall, and so much more! With summer quickly approaching, I wanted to notify you of some of these changes and remind you of a few of our town ordinances.

I encourage you to stop by Town Hall to say hello and introduce yourself, and I look forward to seeing you around town!

Sincerely,

Miranda Stamper

GO ONLINE TO STAY INFORMED

We can be found at <https://www.townofsimsnc.com/> for information, applications, and inquiries. We are still adding information to the website so check back often.

You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Town of Sims, NC. We will be using the Facebook account to post important updates such as power outages, urgent messages, meetings, etc. We will be using this as a source to get information out to the public and not for incoming messages or posts.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Town of Sims has a community dumpster for your use, located on Broad Street at the water tower. If you have furniture or other large items that need to be disposed of, you can arrange to have the gate unlocked to unload your items. Call Town Hall for information.

NEWS FOR YOU



NEW SUBDIVISIONS

We are growing! The Board of Commissioners has approved the development of three new subdivisions. The Retreat at 35°78°, located on Wall Road, has started construction and will have 22 lots. Clearing has started for Stapleford Park, which will be located on Flat Rock Road and is expected to contain 62 lots. The third subdivision, The Pointe II, will be located on Wall Street and will have no more than 8 lots.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The Town of Sims Planning Board and Board of Commissioners have been busy updating zoning ordinances and we need YOUR help! We are going to start updating our Land Use Plan and are creating two Citizen Advisory Committees: one for planning a vision for the future and updating the town's policies and one for updating the town's land use regulations.

Please read the information included with this newsletter regarding these committees and submit the enclosed application, if interested. We need and value your opinion for our town's future plans.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET MEETING:

June 24– Monday

6:00 PM– Sims Community Center

Presentation/ Discussion of the 2019/2020 town budget.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:

July 2– Tuesday

6:30 PM– Sims Community Center

Discussion of zoning issues, Monthly meetings held the 1st Tuesday of each month.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

July 8– Monday

6:30 PM– Sims Community Center

Discussion of town issues. Meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month.

REMINDERS: SIMS HAS ORDINANCES REGARDING...

LAWN MAINTENANCE– With Summer upon us, please remember to keep your grass cut and yard clear of debris. Not only does this keep our community looking nice, but it also helps keep our community safe.

NO BURNING– We have a no-burn policy in Sims. Therefore, you cannot burn trash, leaves, wood, etc. If you have yard debris to remove, please use your yard waste bin!

PETS– Please keep barking to a minimum; excessive dog barking can be a nuisance to your neighbors. When walking your pets, please keep them on a leash and clean up after them.

WATER METERS– Water meters are read monthly and must be kept accessible to town staff, even if they are located behind a fence. Blocking the meters, burying the meters under gravel, or tampering with meters in any way is against town ordinances.

WATER BILLS– Water bills are due on the 28th of the month. Any account owing more than 60 days will have the water service terminated. If the water is turned off, the following must be paid before water service can resume: \$35 reconnection fee, amount owed paid in full, and \$125 deposit (for accounts that have not yet paid a deposit).

Violating the above ordinances may result in fines. Please call Town Hall for more information.

PLANNING TO BUILD OR ADD A STRUCTURE TO YOUR HOME, BUSINESS OR YARD?

If you have plans to build a shed, garage, gazebo, deck, or add any other structure to your home, business or yard, a zoning permit from the Town of Sims and approval from the Zoning Administrator is required prior to the start of construction. Not doing so will result in fines. Contact Town Hall for more information.



*New Shelter at Sims
Community Park*

SIMS COMMUNITY PARK

EXPANSION COMPLETE

In December 2018, the Town of Sims completed the expansion of the Sims Community Park, including an extended walking trail and park shelter with restrooms and picnic tables. These renovations were possible due to funding received from a grant awarded by the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources and a land donation by Dr. Thomas Carrell Boykin and family.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in achieving this goal, including our Park Committee volunteers.

RENTAL

We will be renting the shelter area for parties and family gatherings, but the playground and walking trail will remain open to the public even when the shelter is rented. Please call Town Hall for more information about renting the facility.

RESTROOMS

For your convenience, the restrooms will be open from 8 AM—8 PM daily. If you have questions or if the restrooms need to be serviced, please call Town Hall.

PARK HOURS

Monday—Sunday, Sunrise—Sunset

COMING SOON

We will be installing a new swing set in the near future!

We plan to host a community event for all of our residents in the Fall to celebrate the opening of the Sims Community Park. Details will be sent at a later date.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We NEED your input and have various ways you can get involved!

Citizen Advisory Committees

Help shape the future for Sims! Want to see more businesses? Have ideas for our community? Please see the application and information sheet accompanying this newsletter for more information.

Park Committee

Help us plan our community park event for the Fall! We will begin preparing soon. Share your ideas with us!

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Attend our monthly meetings and give your input.

Contact Town Hall for more information about these and other ways to get involved in your community!

TOWN OF SIMS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/ STAFF MEMBERS:

Miranda Stamper— Mayor

Sandra Boykin— Clerk

Rhonda Payne— Commissioner

Danny Howell— Commissioner

Chris Kopka— Commissioner

Bobby Ruffin— Commissioner

Ray Wells— Commissioner

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 2:00 PM– 6:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Friday– Sunday CLOSED

2019/2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

A copy of the 2019/2020 Proposed Budget is available at Town Hall. In addition to a proposed tax rate increase from \$.47 to \$.50 per \$100, there is also a proposed increase in out-of-town water and sewer rates. The increases are suggested to cover costs for hiring a part-time general maintenance/ park worker; a cost of living increase for town employees of 2.8%; and an increase in attorney fees, zoning fees and expenses associated with updating the Land Use Plan.

For more information , please join us for the Public Hearing and Budget Meeting on June 24, Monday at 6:00 PM at the Sims Community Center.

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