

## Message from the Mayor

Over the past few years, Hillsborough has had to deal with one of the worst droughts on record and one of the worst ice storms ever. Hopefully while we are celebrating Hillsborough's 250th birthday, Mother Nature will be kind to us.

Even though Hillsborough has grown at a slow rate over the past few years, we still have more traffic congestion along Churton Street. Recently NCDOT has taken another step forward with the proposed Elizabeth Brady Extension by eliminating some of the proposed routes and proceeding with the Environmental Impact Study. It is important to protect Downtown Hillsborough from more traffic congestion.

After years of discussion the Town Board passed Waterstone this spring. Waterstone is a 300 plus acre mixed use development located near I-40 and Old 86. Although it may be a couple of years before it brings us any new water customers, it might keep water rates from increasing in a few years.

As I mentioned earlier, we will be celebrating 250 years of Hillsborough's existence beginning in June. On Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, the day before Hog day, we will dedicate the newly restored Town clock and kick off Hillsborough's 250th Birthday. I hope everyone will join in on the celebration.

I would like to ask every Hillsborough citizen to help make our home an even better place to live by becoming involved in the community and taking pride in what we do as a Town.

**Happy Birthday Hillsborough!**

Mayor Joe Phelps



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### Town of Hillsborough

#### Elected Officials

#### **Mayor**

Joe Phelps

#### **Commissioners**

Frances Dancy

Eric Hallman

Mike Gering

Evelyn Lloyd

Brian Lowen

## Hillsborough Police Seek International Accreditation by Captain Judy Jacobs

The Hillsborough Police Department hopes to meet the requirements of the highly regarded and broadly recognized body of law enforcement standards. It will be determined on July 31, 2004, if the department will be awarded internationally accredited status by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Nationally, there are some 17,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, of which only about three percent (3%) are accredited.

Accreditation for law enforcement agencies means they have met criteria set by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). It is a voluntary process and the government does not require law enforcement agencies to be accredited. Captain Judy S. Jacobs and Crissy Berst led the Hillsborough Police Department through a rigorous assessment of its policies, procedures, and organization in anticipation that it will become accredited.

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## Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget by Eric Peterson, Town Manager

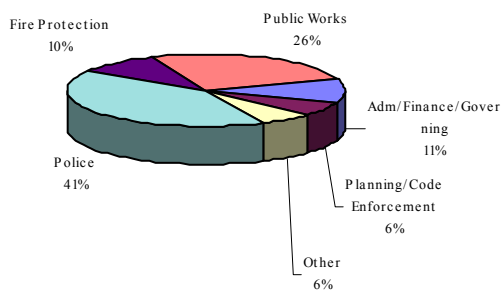
The good news is that the proposed FY2005 Budget contains no property tax, water, or sewer rate increases. Some of the more interesting projects being funded in this year's budget include:

- **Riverwalk** – Money is included to help with the acquisition of the property that is needed for this project. Once the land is acquired, the next step will be to start the design process. The Town Board has already authorized the staff to apply for a grant to help with this project. The Riverwalk is planned to connect downtown with the Oconeechee Mountain Natural Area. The Riverwalk would also connect with the 24-acre site know as Gold Park. The Town is also hoping to make improvements to the Gold Park site so it can be used as a recreation area.
- **Strategic Growth Plan** – The Town Board is pursuing the development of a long-term growth plan to help ensure Hillsborough grows in a manner that is controlled, well thought out, financially responsible, and does not overextend the Town's water supply.
- **Street Re-Paving and Paving** – The Town usually spends between \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year on repaving streets – this roughly equates to about one mile per year. In FY05, the Town also plans to pave several unpaved streets: East, Boundary, and Piney Lane.

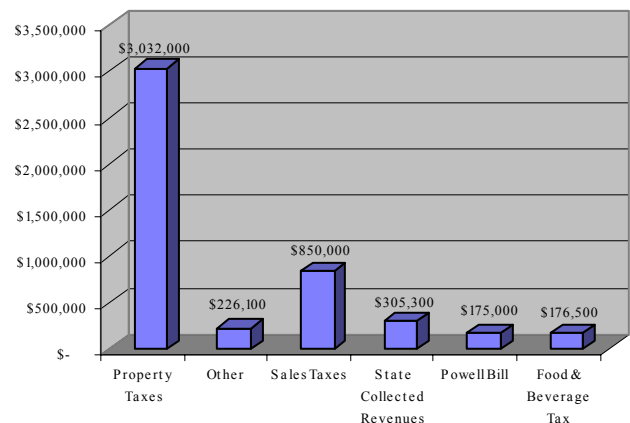
**Stormwater Mandates** - A state and federal mandate is requiring the Town to obtain a permit, as well as develop, implement, and enforce a stormwater discharge permit. This is what is called an "un-funded mandate" because local governments are being required to do this, but are not being given any money to provide the service. Larger cities in the country have already had to comply with these regulations. You may have already heard of larger cities (e.g., Durham, Charlotte, and others) charging property owners a monthly fee based on the impervious surface area on their property (i.e., roof top and driveway areas) to pay for these requirements. For example, Chapel Hill is proposing to do the same this year by creating a Stormwater Utility and levying a monthly charge. At least for the first year and hopefully for a longer period, Hillsborough is absorbing this cost within the General Fund and using property tax dollars instead of creating a new fee.

In case you are interested in learning more about the Town's budget you can read the FY2005 Budget Message on the Town's website [www.ci.hillsborough.nc.us](http://www.ci.hillsborough.nc.us). If you are interested in seeing the entire budget a copy is made available for the public at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall at 101 East Orange Street.

**FY05 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**  
By Department



**FY05 GENERAL FUND REVENUES**  
Does Not Include Fund Balance Appropriation



## Where are the Meter Readers? By Greg Siler, Finance Director

If you have not seen a meter reader in your neighborhood lately it could be that your meter is being read electronically. Approximately two years ago the Town began replacing old manual read meters with electronically read meters, called R900. Many of the old manual read meters were malfunctioning after being in service for over 25 years. The new radio read meters, known for their accuracy, allow meter readers to collect a reading of your meter without leaving the safety of their truck. An attachment on the lid of the meter continually emits a radio signal which is collected by the meter reader using a hand held device. The chance of human error is eliminated completely. And because the new electronic meters can be read 5 miles away, the time spent getting a read can be done in a few seconds.

Currently, most of the Historic District, Gateway Village Apartments, Coachwood Apartments, Wildwood Subdivision, and Old Highway 10 have been changed over to the R900 unit. The remainder of the Historic District, Beckett's Ridge and Churton Grove are targeted for change next fiscal year and the entire Town should be radio read in about 5 years.

## Hillsborough Police Seek Accreditation (continued from page 1)

The Hillsborough Police Department has to meet 369 standards of the 445 to become accredited.

The first step is a complete self-evaluation of the department, which is approximately a 3-year process. As a result from the self-evaluation, the department has developed new policies and procedures. After this phase, an on-site assessment is conducted by CALEA assessors.

The on-site assessment was conducted April 24-28, 2004 by Chief Peter Agnesi of the Avon, Connecticut Police Department, Lt. Patrick Lyons of the Winnetka, IL Police Department, and Lt. Rex Gooch of the Maryland Heights, MO Police Department. They inspected everything about the department- the facilities, the 911 center, and documentation in the accreditation files.

In addition, a public hearing was conducted on Monday, 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Barn. Several citizens from the community spoke on why the Hillsborough Police Department should become accredited. Also, on Tuesday, April 27 a call-in session took place for citizens that could not attend the public hearing.

The accreditation process is designed to:

- Increase law enforcement agency capabilities to prevent and control crime;
- Increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services;
- Increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system
- Increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency.

Chief Eubanks, Captain Jacobs and Crissy Berst, of the Hillsborough Police Department will attend a CALEA conference in Buffalo, NY in July. At this conference, the department will learn from the commission if it will obtain accredited status.



**Emergency Service Requests**—Water line breaks and similar emergencies should be immediately reported to the Billing/Collections staff at **732-2104** during work hours (8:00 AM—5:00 PM Monday thru Friday) or **732-3621** after hours, weekends, and holidays

### **Sewer Collections System Update** by Julie Fogleman, Utilities Analyst

The Town of Hillsborough has recently conducted a study of their Sewer Collections System to identify immediate problems and prevent future ones from occurring. They employed Severn Trent Pipelines Services to conduct this survey.

The survey consisted of camera taping of collection lines, digital pictures of various views of manholes and general observations from an expert. After some of the material was collected a report was submitted to the Town. This particular report gave information on the manholes on the lines that feed into the Town's largest sewer pump station, on Elizabeth Brady Road.

The survey found many minor problems that ranged from small cracks in the manholes to manhole covers that did not fit well. Most of these problems can be alleviated by chemically sealing them. This is not an expensive procedure and can be accomplished quickly. Only a couple of manholes need a major renovation and the funds will be allocated in a timely fashion to help eliminate the current inflow and infiltration problem the Town is currently experiencing.

The study of the collection system will continue over the next few years until every area has been examined and the identified problems corrected. It is the Town of Hillsborough's goal to stay proactive in maintenance to prevent as many future problems as possible

## Frequently Asked Questions About Planning Permits

by Margaret Hauth, Planning Director

### Do I need a Permit for that?

The most common question received by the Planning Department is whether a particular project requires a permit. Any construction activity that covers new ground with either a building or pavement may need a **Zoning Permit** from the Town. To every rule there is an exception. The exception (outside the historic district only) is installing a residential driveway or paving an existing residential driveway. The permit is issued to ensure a use is permitted within the district and does not violate setback requirements. It is always better to call if you have any question.

Any project that affects the electrical, plumbing, HVAC, or structural systems of your home will also need a building permit from Orange County.

If you are located in the Historic District, any exterior change to the structure including a change in materials or a change in color requires approval by the Historic District Commission. The Commission has adopted guidelines to help guide property owners. The guidelines are available on line or for purchase in the Planning Department.

Most home-based businesses require a home occupation permit and may require a business license from the Finance department. The ordinance specifies size, use, sign, and employment limitations to ensure the home-based business does not cause a nuisance in the neighborhood.

Opening a new business also requires a change of use or Zoning Permit. This permit is required even for a occupying a retail space with a new retail use. There is no charge for this permit. The purpose is to ensure that proposed uses are allowed in the Zoning District in which they locate. By tracking occupancy, we can also verify that the building meets the required safety codes monitored by the Fire Marshal and the County Building Inspectors. These safety codes vary by use and a minor change in occupancy can trigger a significant change in safety codes.



## Celebrating Historic Preservation Week

by Margaret Schucker, Planner

The Hillsborough Historic District sponsored two programs to celebrate Preservation Week. On May 1st, the Town and the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough co-sponsored a hands-on workshop on the subject of “Restoring Wooden Windows” with Noah Read, restoration contractor. About a dozen town residents participated in the workshop. Mr. Read demonstrated how wooden windows are constructed, taking much of the mystery out of the restoration process. Two articles about window restoration and a list of materials were distributed. If you are interested in the restoration process, please contact the Planning Department at 732-1270 x 74 for copies.

On May 4th, about 50 people attended a talk given by the Reverend Doctor Brooks Graebner, rector of Saint Matthews Episcopal Church. Dr. Graebner’s presentation outlined the historic climate and architectural trends that spurred the development of the five antebellum churches of Hillsborough. Pictures of the interior and exteriors of Dickerson Chapel AME Church, the First Baptist Church, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, Hillsborough United Methodist Church and Saint Matthew’s Episcopal Church were shown to highlight the points made in Dr. Graebner’s talk.

Dr. Graebner’s presentation was followed by the HDC’s annual Preservation Awards, which were given to Dennis and Jean Hendrikson, Katherine Faherty and Bill Crowther for their outstanding contributions to historic preservation in Hillsborough.

*Pictured on top; First Baptist Church followed by Dickerson Chapel AME Church*

## Happy 250th Birthday, Hillsborough

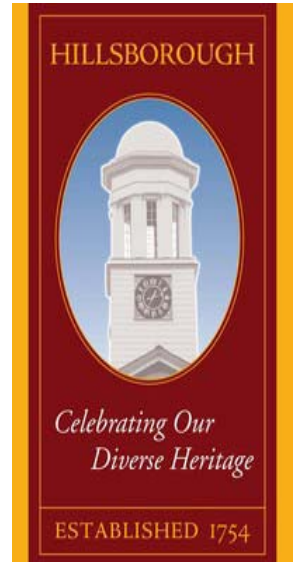
As Hillsborough looks back at its 250-year history, several events are planned to bring together residents and visitors in celebration of the diverse heritage located in this small town of 5,500. On June 18, 2002 the town will hold the dedication of the old town clock at the Old Orange County Courthouse. After a year and a half effort, the town restored the colonial clock to working order in time for its semiquincentennial anniversary. Bells will ring throughout the town and special speakers will provide historical information. The official 250th anniversary kick-off celebration will take place during this year's Hillsborough Hog Day on June 19th in downtown Hillsborough. Various elected officials and dignitaries will be invited to help kick-off Hillsborough's 250th Anniversary during this fun event of music, BBQ, Hillsborough exhibits, children's activities, and more.

Events on the evening of the last Friday of each month through September in downtown historic Hillsborough feature bands on the old courthouse lawn plus visual arts, dance, and literature. Businesses, galleries, studios, restaurants, and museums and historic sites remain open and offer special programs. Artists, food vendors, musicians, and craftspeople set up their wares on the sidewalks. The June 25th event will shine the spotlight on Hillsborough's 250th anniversary.

Other events will be held throughout the year and residents as well as visitors are invited to share in this special celebration. The Orange County Historical Museum is mounting a special exhibit in July 2004 exploring Hillsborough's founding. The Burwell School Historic Site offers guided tours of an antebellum school for young ladies and is introducing a new tour that looks at the site during the Civil War when it was known as the "Beehive" because of the number of coastal families who fled there during federal occupation. Walking tours sponsored by the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Guides will take visitors through Hillsborough's Historic District. Along the way, visitors will see 18th and 19th century buildings, churches, cemeteries, and much more. Admission is \$6, Orange County Residents and Seniors (65+) \$5, Children (5-15) \$2. The Occaneechi Village, a reconstruction of a traditional 17th century Native American settlement, is available year-round to the public to explore and learn more about the rich culture of the first settlers to our area.

Please join in the celebration festivities:

- **Last Friday's Event (Hillsborough's 250th Anniversary Theme)** Friday, June 25, 2004 at the Old Courthouse
- **Unveiling of "Founding of Hillsborough" exhibit**—Friday, July 20th, 2004 at the Orange County Historical Museum
- **Last Friday's Event (Beach Theme)** Friday, July 30, 2004 at the Old Courthouse
- **Last Friday's Event (Farm & Garden Theme)** Friday, August 27, 2004 at the Old Courthouse
- **Last Friday's Event (Youth Night Theme)** Friday, September 24, 2004 at the Old Courthouse
- **The Christmas Parade**—Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 4:00 PM
- **The Christmas Candlelight Tour**—Sunday, December 5, 2004 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- **250th Parade** (2005 Date To Be Determined)
- **Garden Tour** (2005 Date To Be Determined)



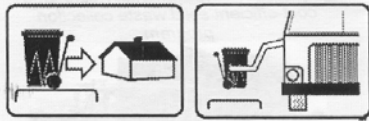
## The Truth About Roll-Out Carts by Ken Hines, Public Works Supervisor

### Where and How Should I Place The Roll-out Cart?

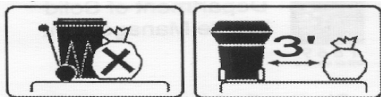
The roll-out cart has rollers and handles that allow you to easily move it to the curb. Place your cart within 3 feet of the curb so that it is clear of parked vehicles, trees, and other obstructions that may exist around or about the cart.



Make sure the handle of your cart faces your home and the front of the cart faces the street. After your cart has been serviced, it must be removed from the curb.



Remember, please make sure that the handle of your roll-out cart faces your home and the front of the cart faces the street. Do not place your cart more than 3 feet from the curb, and leave at least 3 feet of space between your cart, your recycling bin, and any other fixed object.



### When Should I Place the Roll-out Cart at the Curb for Service?

Between 7:00 p.m. the day before and 6:00 a.m. on your service day, roll your Town provided roll-out cart to the edge of the curb.

### What Should I Not Put In My Roll-out Cart?

Please do not throw away any recyclables: **newspaper, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass bottles and jars, and corrugated cardboard.** You may contact Orange Community Recycling (919-968-2788) for a more extensive listing of recyclable items.

### Who Is Responsible For the Roll-out Cart?

The roll-out cart is the property of the Town of Hillsborough. However, you are to use it and care for it as if it were your own. The Town will repair or replace carts that become damaged through normal use.

### What About Holidays?

Waste collection may not take place on town observed holidays. Please check your local newspaper for the adjusted collection schedules or contact the Town of Hillsborough Public Works Department 732-1270 Ext. 78.

### What About Safety?

Safety is high priority for the Town of Hillsborough. This automated vehicle is equipped with a camera in the rear. This is an important feature because it allows the driver to see approaching cars, pedestrians, animals, and items that are not typically seen without the assistance of a spotter.

## Cemetery Information by Demetric Potts, Public Works Director/Assistant Town Manager

In accordance with Town Code, no person may plant, prune, or remove any tree, shrub, flower, grass or other plant of any kind located within the cemetery. No person may place on or around any grave site a fence, border, picture, toy, handmade ornament, or

other self-described memorial between *the first day of March and the last day of October* each year.

The Town's Public Works Director or their representative may enter any lot and remove any tree, shrub, or other plant that hinders the mainte-

nance of any part of the cemetery. For additional information, a detailed brochure may be acquired by contacting **732-1270 x83** or at the information box located at the cemetery's main entrance.



## Hillsborough River Walk by Commissioner Eric Hallman

Imagine a cool, sunny Fall afternoon and the leaves on the trees are vibrant shades of reds and yellows. You and your family walk along a wide path that winds along the Eno River from one end of Hillsborough to the other. You pass other neighbors, some out for a stroll, others returning from the playing fields of the newly restored Gold Park in West Hillsborough. Sound idyllic? This scene will become a reality as the town begins work on the Eno River Walk. This scenic bike and pedestrian trail will begin near the Occaneechi Indian village and meander upstream along the river to West Hillsborough before crossing over to join the Eno Mountain State Park. Using grants and public matching funds the town plans to work on the first stages of a trail from downtown to the site of Gold Park, the former playing fields used by Hillsborough's mill workers. Eventually the River Walk will connect to the Eno Mountain State Park to the west and to private and public park lands to the east. The River Walk will become a focal point for developing greenways and trails along the north-south axis of town as well. Eventually it is hoped that the River Walk will become part of the statewide green way called the Mountains to the Sea Trail.

*"The River Walk will allow us to reincorporate the river into Hillsborough's culture and activities."*

*Commissioner Hallman*

Currently with only limited access to the Eno, many residents and visitors to Hillsborough are only marginally aware of the river. The River Walk will allow us to reincorporate the river into Hillsborough's culture and activities. As important, the River Walk will provide an economic benefit to our community by stimulating private investment and improving the vitality of nearby neighborhoods. Towns that have cultivated their riverscapes have seen significant economic benefits to the local economy.

The River Walk project is a result of the vision and hard work of a number of Hillsborough's citizens. Call 732-5999 for more information.

**The Annual 2004 Consumer Confidence Report on the Performance of the Hillsborough Water System will be mailed to all customers soon. Please keep an eye out for it.**

## Blue Birds At Home in Hillsborough by Julie Foglemen, Utilities Analyst

Have you ever wondered where the blue bird houses came from that are popping up all over town? Well wonder no longer, here is your answer. A Hillsborough town employee, who wishes to remain nameless, uses his own resources and time to assist the population of bluebirds in Hillsborough. This employee has an intense love and admiration for our fine feathered friends and has started his own one man crusade. For the last three years, he has built the houses at his residence with little outside assistance and places them throughout the Town. This means of course there are quite a few bird houses out there that have been cleaned out and serviced with minor repairs when necessary. Although, he does get some help from his friends and family to do this, since now there are so many birdhouses around Town. The employee considers himself a long way from completing his task of the repopulation of bluebirds in Hillsborough. There is always a new house close at hand when he sees another appropriate place. Each location for the houses is carefully selected since bluebirds are particular about where they nest. It must be on a structure of some sort out in the middle of a clearing, otherwise the bluebirds are not interested. If you know of a place that is in need of a bluebird house, please call 919-732-9459.



**Town of Hillsborough**

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**Get Involved**

Thursday, June 28	Town Board Work Session/Budget	7:30 PM
Monday, July 12	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 PM
Monday, July 26	Town Board Work Session	7:30 PM
Tuesday, July 27	Joint Public Hearing—Planning Board	7:00 PM
Monday, September 13	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 PM
Monday, September 27	Town Board Work Session	7:30 PM
Monday, September 29	Assembly of Governments	7:00 PM
	*Southern Human Services Building	
Monday, October 11	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 PM
Monday, October 25	Town Board Work Session	7:30 PM
Tuesday, October 26	Joint Public Hearing—Planning Board	7:00 PM
Monday, November 8	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 PM
Monday, November 22	Town Board Work Session	7:30 PM
Monday, December 13	Regular Board Meeting	7:30 PM