



Town of Haverhill Fall Newsletter 2012



“HALLOWEEN PARTY!!”



A little bat has delivered the word that the Town will be sponsoring the annual Halloween party on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Town Hall 4585 Charlotte Street from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There will be a “DJ”, Dancing, Costume Contest, Games & Prizes!! Dinner including “Bat Wings”, “Ghoul Aid” and more will be served until 7:30 p.m.

Put on your best costume and join us for a “ghoulish” time!



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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days:

- October 8th in observance of Columbus Day
- November 12th in observance of Veteran’s Day
- November 22-23rd in observance of Thanksgiving
- December 24-25th in observance of Christmas

PLEASE BE AWARE!!!

PBSO Sheriff’s Deputies are warning parents about a rash of car burglaries that have been taking place right outside of daycare centers. In the last three weeks there have been a numerous amount of car burglaries that have happened in the few minutes that parents are away from their cars picking up their children. So please be aware of your surroundings and take everything with you when leaving your car.



TOWN YARD SALE

Date: Saturday, December 1, 2012

Time: 7 a.m. to Noon

Location: Town Hall 4585 Charlotte Street on the ball field

Please contact us at 689-0370 for registration information

RECENTLY ENACTED ORDINANCES



The Town Council of Haverhill recently adopted the following Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 407 - Extends the moratorium on the establishment of new Pain Management Clinics imposed by Ordinance 397, on the approval of any applications related to special exceptions, site plan approval, rezoning or other development approvals for the establishment, redevelopment or relocation of Pain Management Clinics within the municipal boundaries of the Town. During the term of the moratorium extension, applications regarding Pain Management Clinics will not be accepted by the Town.

ORDINANCE NO. 408- Amends Chapter 54 Section 54-16 by deleting the applicability of variations to matters in Chapter 58, Zoning.

ORDINANCE NO. 409 - Amends the definition of Pain Management Clinics in Chapter 58, Section 58-8 and 58-333 to clarify that distance is measured in a straight line and that the regulations governing Pain Management Clinics are subject to the variance provisions of Section 58-56.

ORDINANCE NO. 410 - Creates a new section 58-334 of Chapter 58 stating that a building permit may not be issued or an application for Variance, Rezoning, Change in Land Use, Special Exception or Site Plan Approval may be processed if there is an outstanding Code Enforcement Violation remaining on the property.

ORDINANCE NO. 411 - Amends Chapter 58 Zoning by amending the definition of Adult Entertainment Establishment in Section 58-8, Definitions to add customer or patron relative to certain activities and creating a new Section 58-335 to address distance of such establishments, measurement criteria and required distances between schools, parks, and businesses serving alcoholic beverages.

ORDINANCE NO. 412- Amends Section 14-4 of Chapter 14, to provide that swimming pools, spas, and barrier requirements shall be governed by the provisions of the Florida Building Code

ORDINANCE NO. 413- Amends Section 46-28 of Chapter 46 to delete the sign permit fee schedule to state that the sign permit fees shall be set forth in the Town Permit Fee Schedule

ORDINANCE NO. 414- Amends Chapter 58 Zoning by amending the definition of building, building coverage and driveway in Section 58-8, Definitions and deleting the definition of structure.

ORDINANCE NO. 415- Amends Chapter 58 Zoning by amending Section 58-103 to clarify that the Town Council's ability to change property to a more restrictive zoning or land use applies to cases where a Variance or Special Exception may expire or be otherwise terminated.

ORDINANCE NO. 416- Amends Chapter 58, Zoning by Amending Section 58-391 to clarify that existing properties may not reduce their current tree shrub and/or sod plantings below what is required in Section 58-411 and cannot further reduce such plantings if the plantings do not comply with 58-411.

ORDINANCE NO. 417- Amends Chapter 58, Zoning by amending section 58-417(b)(8) to clarify that the prohibition against blowing grass clippings into drainage facilities does not apply to grass swale areas.

ORDINANCE NO. 418- Amends Chapter 58 Zoning by amending Section 58-575 to clarify that places of worship must have access off of Haverhill Road or Belvedere Road and may not have access off of other Town roads, and provides that the Town Council may require a larger landscape buffer than required under the landscape code.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF AN ORDINANCE PLEASE CONTACT DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JESSICA SHEPHERD AT 689-0370

STORMWATER RUN OFF—KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF OUR WATERS

Stormwater run off results when rain falls on surfaces that cannot absorb it and then flows overland toward stormwater inlets, swales, ditches, canals, lakes, wetlands and coastal waters. As it flows over the land, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and carries these unwanted items into nearby waterways. Most of these unwanted pollutants that end up in our waterways result from human activities. We litter, we drop things into storm drains, we fail to pick up after our pets, we blow or sweep leaves and grass clippings into the streets and storm drains, we over fertilize and overwater. These activities result in pollutants that we can prevent. **PLEASE, DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS FROM POLLUTED STORMWATER RUN OFF.** Notify your lawn maintenance company of the Town's requirements against blowing grass clippings into drainage facilities, etc. Report any illicit discharge—

FUN FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

Fun Facts about the First Thanksgiving

- The Plymouth Pilgrims were the first to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- They celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day at Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- The Wampanoag Indians were the people who taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land.
- The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, had organized the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621. He invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians to the feast.
- The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days.
- Lobster, rabbit, chicken, fish, squashes, beans, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese are thought to have made up the first Thanksgiving feast.
- The pilgrims didn't use forks; they ate with spoons, knives, and their fingers.



Thanksgiving Facts throughout History

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.
- Sarah Josepha Hale, an American magazine editor, persuaded Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She is also the author of the popular nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
- Abraham Lincoln issued a 'Thanksgiving Proclamation' on third October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving.
- The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition began in the 1920's.
- In 1939, President Roosevelt proclaimed that Thanksgiving would take place on November 23rd, not November 30th, as a way to spur economic growth and extend the Christmas shopping season.
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.

Fun Facts about Thanksgiving Today

- In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations.
- Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16 - 18 pounds of turkey.
- Californians are the largest consumers of turkey in the United States.
- Although, Thanksgiving is widely considered an American holiday, it is also celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.



Fun Turkey Facts

- The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 pounds.
- The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds, about the size of a large dog.
- A 15 pound turkey usually has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.
- Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef.
- Turkeys will have 3,500 feathers at maturity.
- Commercially raised turkeys cannot fly.



REMINDER—All business tax receipts are due and payable by September 30. The Town of Haverhill requires that all persons engaging in or managing any business, profession or occupation, including a home occupation, must first obtain a local business tax receipt. All contractor's doing business within the Town must also register their business with the Town and provide proof of insurance. To confirm your contractor is properly registered, or for further information, please call Jessica Shepherd, Deputy Town Clerk at 5671-689-0370, ext. 21.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES
Tuesdays - Household trash, recycling, bulk items and vegetation
Fridays - Household Trash only
We are still in the midst of Hurricane Season and once a storm is named, you can no longer place vegetation curbside for pick up. IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. For clarification, or to report problems with curbside services, please call Joseph Roche, Director of Public Services at 561-689-0370, ext. 23.



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4585 Charlotte Street
Haverhill, FL 33417

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Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will only be one Regular Council Meeting per month in November & December, 2012. Those meeting dates will be November 15th and December 13th at 7 p.m. Please check the Town's website at www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov for the most recent and up to date information.

*Best wishes for the
Holidays from the Mayor, Council & Staff of the Town of Haverhill.*

TOWN COUNCIL

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THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
A TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON
ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!