

# TOWN OF LAKE WACCAMAW NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2016

### SCROLL OF HONOR

**Lt. Frank A. Gault**  
**United States Navy**  
**1942-1965**



#### Town Board

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### Wall of Honor Project

We've been working on this project since 2015. To put it in simple terms, it is an effort to honor those who have served our country in war and peace in any branch of our armed forces. The display of flags on national holidays in front of Town Hall is a component of the Wall of Honor project .

The initial set of flags was purchased by the Town with a generous donation from the Lake Waccamaw Woman's Club. The idea is to add to our flag inventory until we have enough flags to line both sides of Flemington Drive. By purchasing a flag in the name of a living or deceased veteran, an American Flag will be added to our inventory. In addition, the honoree's name will be "etched" on the "Scroll of Honor" in the Town's Newsletter. Subsequently, that profile will be permanently displayed on the Town's Website. The ultimate goal of the project is to have a "Wall of Honor" on the outside facade of Town Hall.

### Safe Night For Kids

The 13th Annual Safe Night for Kids will be on Friday, October 28th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Home arena as usual. This event is open to all with no admission. Children ages fourteen and under will receive free food and access to all games. This event is co-sponsored by the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Department and the Town of Lake Waccamaw.

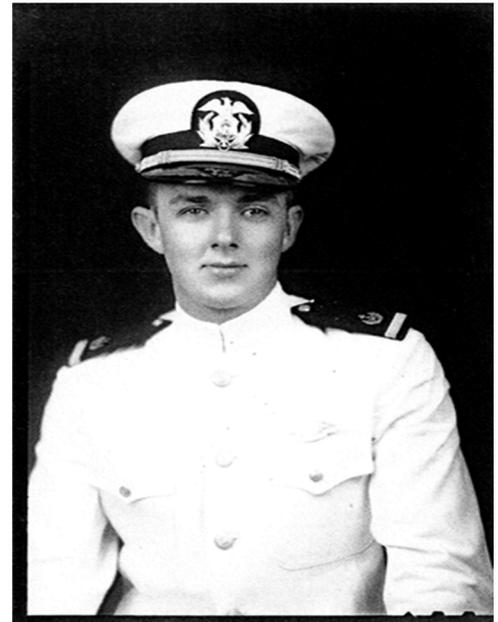
### 2016 Christmas Parade

Please make plans now for the 26th Annual Lake Waccamaw Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Bruno Godwin and Benny Nye will be the Parade Marshals. Parade entries are free. For parade information and registration information contact Town Hall at 910-646-3700.

### PROFILE

**LT. FRANCIS ALEXANDER GAULT**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**



Frank served in the United States Navy and in the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 until 1965. He saw significant combat action during WWII and the Korean Conflict. His many honors for his service during WWII include a Presidential Testimonial Letter, the Atlantic War Zone Medal, Mediterranean War Zone Medal, and the Middle East and Pacific War Zone Medals. He also earned the WWII Victory Medal, the Battleship Star and the Silver Star. He again served his Country with distinction during the Korean Conflict earning the Navy Occupation Medal, China Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the Korean Service Ribbon with 2 Stars. For all those accomplishments, Lt. Frank Gault is the inaugural inductee into the Town of Lake Waccamaw Wall of Honor.



### Sign Ordinance Public Meeting

The Lake Waccamaw Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the current sign ordinance. All are welcome to attend.

## THINGS THAT EVERY CITIZEN OUGHT TO KNOW!

### YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Within the Last 18 Months We Have:

Paved Canal Cove Road

Replaced the Bridge on Canal Cove Road

Paved Lake Shore Drive

Replaced the Wildlife Resources Commission Boat Ramp

Rehabilitated Almost 2 Miles of Sewer Lines

Reinstated the Mosquito Spraying Program

Replaced Lift Station 12

Posted 29 Water Point Signs

Had Record Amounts of Rainfall Without Experiencing a Major Spill

Had Over 75 Units in the Christmas Parade

Laid Out 2000 Feet of Fire Hose in Less Than Five Minutes

If you want to build or add an accessory building on your property, you are required to obtain a Zoning Permit.

If you want to operate a Golf Cart within the city limits, you must have it inspected by the Lake Waccamaw Police Department.

Trash pickup is every Wednesday (except on holidays). Please have your cart curbside by Tuesday evening.

Leaf and limb pickup is on the 1st and 3rd Thursday

of the month. There is no leaf and limb pickup from vacant lots. That is the responsibility of the homeowner. The reason for this rule is that the fees associated with solid waste pickup are included in the water, sewer and trash pickup fee. Owners of vacant lots do not pay that fee.

Town Hall hours are from 8:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday—Friday.

The Town of Lake Waccamaw is a Bird Sanctuary and hunting of any kind within the city limits is strictly forbidden.

It is illegal to shoot alligators and not very smart to feed them.

The Town of Lake Waccamaw has 15 dedicated employees.

In this issue we are highlighting our Golf Cart Ordinance. We hope to highlight a different ordinance in each issue of the newsletter.

## Boil Water Advisories: What Do They Mean?

Water lines break at the most inopportune times. The State requires the Town to issue advisories if and when there is a loss of pressure in an area of Town. Under normal circumstances, the Town cuts off a series of valves in locations around the leak. This isolates the leak and hopefully water supply can be maintained to the other areas of Town through "loops" in the system. However, due to the nature of our system, it is impossible sometimes to do that. If a leak occurs at the right place, many customers will be affected because there are few "loops" in our system.

A boil water advisory is a warning that there has been a leak and that pathogens could have entered the water supply. It is recommended to boil water for several minutes in advance of consumption to kill the bacteria and viral contamination that may have entered the system.

A common cause for this advisory is a loss of pressure in the line. Loss of pressure does not necessarily mean the supply has been contaminated; it means that potential pathogenic material in contact with water supply lines may be able to diffuse into the system. The normal pressure of the water supply system would prevent this inward diffusion, as any leaks would force contamination away from the supply.

Notices for this from the Town are sent out to all media outlets including television and radio stations and The News Reporter. The notices are also posted around town at several locations. When we receive the test results from our laboratory, usually within 24 hours from the time they were submitted, and the results show that our water supply is free of contamination, the Boil Water Advisory is lifted and the public is notified in the same manner

as the original advisory. If you have any questions about this issue please feel free to contact Town Hall at 910-646-3700.

(Parts of this article were reprinted from a previous newsletter.)

### GREASE ALERT!

We are noticing an increased accumulation of grease in our wastewater collection system in residential areas. This is detrimental to the health of our system and left unchecked can cause severe blockages.

There is one sure way to ensure that this does not happen. **DO NOT POUR GREASE DOWN YOUR DRAIN.** Simple as that. Collect your grease in containers and take them to the County operated trash collection sites. This service is free for Columbus County residents. Take advantage of it; you are paying for it with your tax dollars.

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# GOLF CART ORDINANCE

## ARTICLE II. - GOLF CARTS

### Sec. 38-24. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Golf cart* means a vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a *golf* course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour, as defined by G.S. 20-4.01 as rewritten by House Bill 1052 and Session Law 2001-356, section 1.12a.

*Operate* means to drive, or be in physical control of, a *golf cart* or vehicle that is moving or has its engine on.

### Sec. 38-25. - Operation on public streets or roads.

It is unlawful to operate a *golf cart* on a public street or road within the town unless the following requirements are met:

- (1) The *golf cart* may only be operated on public highways, streets and roads that meet the requirements in [section 38-26](#).
- (2) No person may operate a *golf cart* unless that person is licensed to drive upon the streets and highways of state, and then only in accordance with such driver's license. An operator of *golf cart* must be at least 16 years of age, with the exception that operators under the age of 16 years may operate *golf carts* if they possess a valid learner's permit issued by the state and are accompanied by a licensed driver as required by state law.
- (3) No *golf cart* may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions, and in no instance a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.
- (4) No *golf cart* may be operated in a careless or reckless manner.
- (5) *Golf carts* must be operated to the extreme right of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- (6) *Golf carts* may be operated only during daylight hours, with the exception that *golf carts* equipped with operating lights and reflectors meeting the requirements set forth as follows may operate for one hour before sunrise and one hour past sunset:  
Two clear headlamps, one on each side of the front of the *golf cart*, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet in front of such *golf cart*, and a red lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 300 feet to the rear of such *golf cart*.
- (7) *Golf carts* must be operated in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances, including all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages.
- (8) The chief of police or his designee may prohibit or limit the operation of *golf carts* on any public highway, street or road if the chief determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.  
No *golf cart* shall be operated within the town without having in full force and effect the financial responsibility sufficient to cover the risk involved in operating a *golf cart* on public streets. To wit, a minimum of full liability insurance.
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## GOLF CART ORDINANCE CONTINUED.....

- (10) Before any *golf cart* can be operated within the town, the *cart* must be registered with the police department. The *golf cart* must be brought to the police department by some other means than driving it. There the chief of police or his designee will inspect the *golf cart*. Upon successful completion of inspection, the owner or registering person of the *golf cart* will pay a \$10.00 fee and receive a windshield decal that will be good for one year from the date of purchase. Monies shall be paid at the town hall.

### **Sec. 38-26. - Highways, streets and roads approved for use.**

- (a) *Golf carts* authorized for use under the provisions of this article may be operated in the town on public highways, streets and roads within the corporate limits of the town with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- (b) *Golf carts* shall not be operated on or across any private properties without the permission of the property owner.
- (c) During an emergency situation or at a special event, any police officer supervising or controlling traffic may direct that *golf carts* be operated on or upon other locations.

### **Sec. 38-27. - Enforcement.**

- (a) Violations. Violation of the provisions of this article shall be an infraction, the maximum penalty for which shall be \$100.00. Notwithstanding the foregoing, persons who, while driving golf carts on public streets, roads and highways within the town, violate the rules of the road applicable to motor vehicles generally (as set forth in part 10 of G.S. chapter 20) shall be subject to the same penalties applicable to the operators of such other motor vehicles.
- (b) Penalties.
- (1) *Equipment violations.* Equipment violations includes all equipment mentioned in [section 38-25](#) (6); all offenses: \$25.00.
- (2) *License violations.* Any person found in operation of a *cart* without having a valid driver's license or learner's permit accompanied by a licensed driver will be fined \$50.00 and his privilege to operate a *cart* in the town will be revoked until said person can provide proof of a valid license to the police department. In the event that said driver is a juvenile, the owner of that *golf cart* shall receive the fine.
- (3) *Insurance violations.* The registering person of any *cart* being operated in the town that is found to be without liability insurance will be fined \$50.00. The registration of said *cart* will be revoked until proof of insurance is provided to the police department.
- (4) *Occupancy violations:* The operator of any *cart* in the town that is found to be in violation of the manufacturer's suggested occupancy while in operation shall be fined \$25.00 per person over the limit.
- (5) *Driving violations:*
- Reckless driving to endanger persons and or property shall be punishable by a fine of \$75.00.
  - Impeding the flow of traffic (failure to yield) shall be punishable by a \$25.00 fine.
  - Speeding shall be punishable by a \$25.00 fine.
- (6) *Registration violations.* Failure to register a *cart* being operated in the town will be punishable by a \$50.00 fine. This fine will not be applied to the registration of said *cart*.
- (7) *Alcohol/drug violations.* All alcohol and drug violations will be enforced by the General Statutes. Charges filed under the General Statutes will go against the violator's license, insurance and permanent record. The state courts shall set any fines or penalties.

**YOU CAN FIND THIS AND All THE TOWN'S ORDINANCES ON OUR WEBSITE @ [www.lakewaccamaw.com](http://www.lakewaccamaw.com)**

# MORE TOWN NEWS

## HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

As previously mentioned in this letter, the Town is getting ready for Christmas. To help get you in the spirit, the Town of Lake Waccamaw is sponsoring an outside door decorating contest.

The rules are very simple...decorate any outside door on your premises within the Town limits in a holiday motif. Judging will be done by your friends and neighbors.

There are no official ballots and voting is easy - a piece of paper containing the street address of the nominated door will suffice.

This information must be submitted to Town Hall by Monday, December 19, 2016. You can drop the ballot into the drop box in front of Town Hall; mail the ballot to TOLW, P.O. Box 145, Lake Waccamaw 28450; bring your ballot in person to Town Hall; or email lwclerk@embarqmail.com. The winner will be announced on December 21, 2016

First Prize will be a \$50.00 gift card and Second Prize will be a \$25.00 gift card.



## TIPS FROM OUR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

We have experienced excessive amounts of rainfall this season and expecting more. Many of you have had blocked drains and overflowing culverts. You can help eliminate some of those problems by not depositing your grass clippings, leaf and other yard debris near culverts and storm drains.

## COMMON SENSE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY !

If you want to prolong the life of your grinder pumps, become familiar with the operating instructions and make sure that foreign objects do not enter into your septic system.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Most of you have complied with our notices to upgrade your ejector pump septic tank systems. Those who have not, be on the lookout for a notice of violation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, call Town Hall at 910-646-3700.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Speeders Beware !

The Town has ordered two new cruisers for the Police Department capable of catching anyone exceeding the speed limit within the Town and the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction !

## ELECTION 2016

The 2016 election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Please Vote !

All life demands struggle. Those who have everything given to them become lazy, selfish, and insensitive to the real values of life. The very striving and hard work that we so constantly try to avoid is the major building block in the person we are today.

Pope Paul VI

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

The Town is in the process of upgrading its Wastewater Treatment Plant to better serve our citizens. New electrical panels have been installed and over 30,000 tons of sludge have been removed from the polishing ponds. Construction of a new operations building /laboratory will begin shortly.

*He who seeks rest finds boredom. He who seeks work finds rest.*

Dylan Thomas

## DUPREE LANDING ROAD SUBSTATION



The Lake Waccamaw Town Board of Commissioners recently approved the construction of an addition to the Fire Department Substation on Dupree Road.

The 40' x 40' metal structure will enhance the firefighting capability on the West side of Town. The anticipated time to complete this project is approximately 180 days.



## THREE HELPFUL HINTS FROM HARRY !

The best seasoning for a good steak is salt and pepper.

Mowing your grass will help control mosquitoes.

Remove all potential sources of standing water for the same reason.