

# Town of *stallings*

ISSUE 1  
A CITIZEN'S NEWSLETTER

## Council Priorities

The Stallings Town Council recently adopted a set of priorities for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

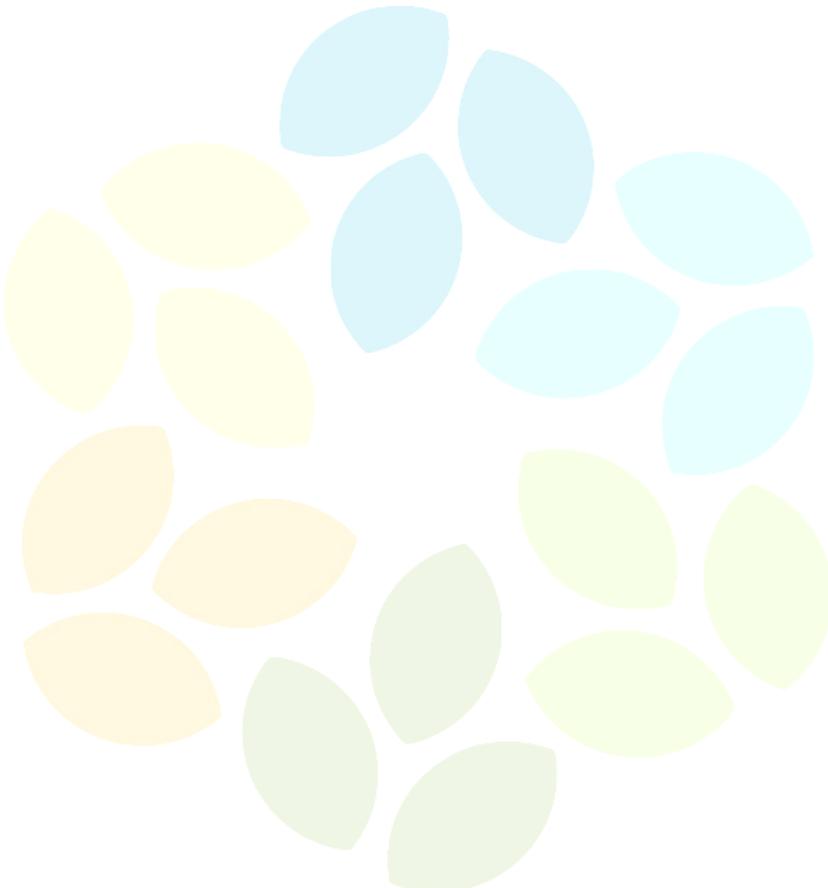
- Improve transportation infrastructure and reduce congestion
- Enhance community identity by increasing branding visibility
- Engage the public through increased public communications
- Begin the new Town Hall and Public Works facilities
- Pursue economic development to enhance the quality of life
- Be prudent fiduciaries of taxpayer resources
- Develop a downtown for the future of the community

Keep Your Eye Out:  
Stallings Fest is coming!



**October 20, 2018**  
1-9 p.m.  
Stallings Park  
340 Stallings Road

 315 Stallings Road  
Stallings, NC 28104



## A Note from the Mayor

Dear Stallings,

Welcome to our first Town newsletter in a while. The Town Council has voted to bring back this newsletter to better inform our citizens and businesses of the many activities available in Stallings. Please enjoy this newsletter and if you have any ideas for an article please let us know. I hope you and your families are looking forward to a great fall!

*Wyatt Dunn, Mayor*

### Planning for the Future of Stallings

With the surge of growth in the Charlotte region and construction of the long-awaited Monroe Expressway, Stallings is situated to become more than just a “gateway.” These changes will bring growth and development pressures that will either make or break the Town. With this in mind, Stallings leaders made a conscientious decision to shape the Town’s own destiny and partnered with the community to create future plans.

The initiative began from the ground up with heavy public involvement. The planning process took two years to complete and included public surveys, three public open houses, monthly steering committee meetings, bi-weekly conversations with planning staff, and public meeting updates and hearings. Public input indicated residents’ pride in the Town’s recreational facilities, neighborhoods, and schools. Further, most residents indicated an enjoyment of the small town feel and friendliness of the area. Likewise, concern was expressed for a lack of street connectivity and landscaping, as well as a desire for more restaurants, sidewalks and trails, and walkable mixed-use centers that appeal to all generations.

Using this public input, the Town created plans that sought to protect existing neighborhoods while planning for inevitable growth. As a result, the final products included a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Small Area Plans, and a new Land Development Ordinance. The new plans will be the tools to guide Stallings’ future growth.

### Monroe Expressway

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is constructing a controlled access expressway extending nearly 20 miles from U.S. 74 near I-485 in Mecklenburg County to U.S. 74 between the towns of Wingate and Marshville in Union County. The construction cost of this project is approximately \$800 million.

U.S. 74 serves as an important commercial corridor for residents and businesses in Union and Mecklenburg counties as it gives retail, commercial, and employment centers in the area direct access to and from the route. The Monroe Expressway will improve mobility and capacity in the U.S. 74 corridor by allowing an option for the high-speed regional travel via fixed price gantry tolling.

Once complete, the Monroe Expressway will be operated by the North Carolina Turnpike Authority. Substantial completion/tentative opening date for this project is November 27, 2018.

### Potter Road/Pleasant Plains Intersection

With the last pieces of right-of-way scheduled to be acquired, the intersection improvements at Potters Road/Pleasant Plains are within reach. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2018 and completed within nine months.

### 2018-2019 Town Budget

The Stallings Town Council adopted a \$8,761,000 budget for its 2018-2019 fiscal year. With no tax increase, the budget includes transportation improvements, branding, increased public communications, a new Town Hall and Public Works Facility, and enhanced economic development.

### Greenway Plans

Stallings is in the process of developing a Greenway Plan with the intent of developing a multi-use greenway trail network suitable for walking and biking throughout the Town. While the exact path has not yet been determined, the plan would utilize and connect the Town’s existing parks and municipal locations.

### Stallings K-9 Unit

Stallings Police will be adding a K-9 unit to the department this fall. Officer Josh Smith will be the department’s first K-9 handler. Officer Smith and his K-9 will attend a six weeks training course prior to hitting the streets. The K-9 will be trained in various patrol functions including narcotics detection, tracking, and handler protection. The addition of the K-9 unit will help the department better serve the citizens of Stallings.

Note for our four legged friends: Please be sure pets are not left in hot vehicles. Ensure pets have plenty of water and shade if left outside, and take care when walking pets on hot pavement.

    Are You Connected?

To keep up with all the Stallings news and events, follow the Town on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor. All of these accounts are updated frequently and available for your questions. We are excited to connect with you!

### Need More?

For more information on any of these topics or to stay up to date with the Town’s news and events, visit [www.stallingsnc.org](http://www.stallingsnc.org).