



## Water Quality and Conservation is Important to All of Us

As we work our way through the hot, dry summer, I'd like to thank you for the great job you're doing to help conserve the town's water. And I want you to know that the Town is doing its part, too. You might see us flushing stale water out of the system every once in a while around town, but Public Works Director Tim Simpson says, "We're doing everything we've asked our citizens to do. We've significantly reduced our consumption."

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But, the Town is doing a lot more than just conserving right now. The water quality scare we had a few weeks ago, though it

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was a false alarm, has motivated us to turn our quality control up a few notches. We're even considering bringing a water quality consultant in to help us evaluate our entire water system—just to make sure we're doing everything we can to do a good job.

A few other things we're doing include:

- intense testing and a reevaluation of our testing sites around town
- safeguards to avoid accidental contamination during sample gathering



- new sampling methods and equipment
- aggressive system flushing to keep water flowing smoothly

When you turn on the water spigot, you shouldn't have to worry about the amount or quality of the water that comes out, and working together, we can keep it that way.

## WANTED

There's more than one way to get involved and make a difference in the community where you live.

An excellent way is by getting to know your town and its people. You can do this by serving on council appointed boards and committees.

Appointments for these boards and committees are made by the Town Council when vacancies occur or when terms of service expire.

## More Citizen Involvement

With a choice of six Town boards and committees to choose from, there's no time like the present to get involved.

The Town Council is now seeking citizens to serve on the following advisory boards and committees:

- Board of Adjustment (Resident of the Town and ETJ)
- Downtown Development Association
- Fire Department Advisory Board -

(Residents of Claytex Tax District)

- Planning & Zoning Board (Residents of the Town and ETJ)
- Clayton Recreation Advisory Committee
- Clayton Library Board

For applications and additional information please contact Town Clerk Sherry Scoggins, or visit the Town's website at [townofclaytonnc.org](http://townofclaytonnc.org).

Applications must be completed and returned to the Town Clerk by 4 PM on Friday, September 21st.



# Citizens and Businesses: Register with New CodeRED Telephone Emergency Notification Service

The Town of Clayton has contracted with *Emergency Communications Network, Inc.*, of Ormond Beach, Florida, for its “CodeRED” high-speed telephone emergency notification services.

The CodeRED system gives town officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas, or the entire city, at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

Fire Chief Lee Barbee cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone database supporting them. “If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called.” The phone number database is initially built from public phone system records for citizens who reside within the Town and utilize conventional land lines. The public records will not include mobile phones or the correct contact number for individuals who own property in Town but reside elsewhere.

The CodeRED system not only offers faster calling rates and improved message delivery, it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly to the system’s telephone database. Barbee emphasized that this is an extremely important

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**Fire Chief**

feature.

To ensure no one is omitted, Barbee urges individuals who utilize mobile phones, persons with vacation properties and businesses to log onto the Town’s website, [www.townofclaytonnc.org](http://www.townofclaytonnc.org), and follow the link to the CodeRED Residential and Business Data Collection page.

Those without Internet access may call the Clayton Fire Department at (919-553-1520), Monday through Friday, (8AM-5PM) to give their information over the phone.

Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical

address—no post office boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers are optional.

“No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included,” Barbee said. “All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.”

Barbee explained that the CodeRED system is a geographical based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which phone numbers will receive emergency notification calls in any given situation. The system works fine for cell phones too, but we have to have a street address.

People who have recently moved but kept the same listed or unlisted phone number also need to change their address in the database.

Barbee stated, “CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for doing so. The information will only be used for emergency notification purposes.”

Questions should be directed to the Town of Clayton Fire Department, 919-553-1520.