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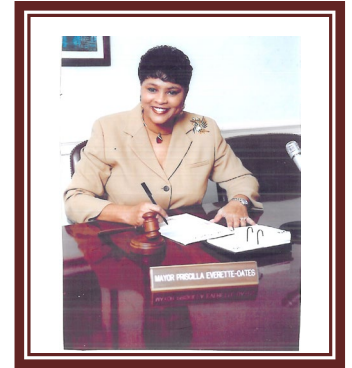
PRINCEVILLE PROGRESS REPORT

TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE – PRINCEVILLE, NC

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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PRINCEVILLE CONTINUES TO ASSIST CITIZENS WITH WATER BILL ISSUES, CONTINUES TO IMPROVE THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION, and WELCOMES A NEW EDGECOMBE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES JOBS PROGRAM

Mayor Priscilla Everette-Oates, Town Commissioners, and Town management continue to work overtime on re-shaping and re-focusing the resources of the Town of Princeville. A very special effort continues on bringing a water plant to the Town of Princeville. Mayor Everette-Oates and Team have accomplished this along with many tasks by bringing the town of the “red” into the “black” budget-wise in the first six (6) months of her newly elected term beginning last December 2009.

- The Town of Princeville wants any citizen who is having issues or concerns with their water meter reading to contact Ms. Diane Draughn or Town Manager Marrow at 252.823.1057.

Cut-off/Reduced/Written-off Utility Bills Policy

The Town now has a policy that addresses citizen utility bill cut-offs and reduced or written-off utility bills. When emergency circumstances exist on behalf of Town citizens, the Town management can now work out a payment plan with a customer to pay their water and sewer bill over a reasonable period of time.

- The Town of Princeville welcomed a new police chief on Monday, December 13, 2010. Please let Chief Joey Petway and his staff know of any safety, security, or police issues at 252.823.1057.
- The Princeville Board of Commissioners adopted the **2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget** and Budget Ordinance. The 2010-2011 Fiscal Year budget is set at **\$1,575,122** which represents a decrease in spending of **\$368,835** from the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year budget. Therefore, from December 2009 until now, spending has been decreased by \$368,835 or 23% of last year's operating budget.
- In addition, the North Carolina Department of the State Treasurer has also analyzed the audited financial statements for the Town of Princeville for the year that ended June 30, 2010. The analysis noted that the town has made progress in a number of areas. The NC Department of State Treasurer also noted that audited financial statements were submitted on a timely basis for the second consecutive year, the Town's General Fund balance available increased, and the financial position of the Water and Sewer Fund has improved. The Town's governing board of commissioners, staff, and

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citizens were commended for these improvements. Significant work continues on improving the Town's financial condition and operations. One important change was the Town's negative 0.61% at June 30, 2009 which has increased to a positive 15.85% at the June 30, 2010. Town leadership continues to work on areas of improvement necessary to move Princeville into a solid position of strength.



➤ **Town of Princeville and the Edgecombe Department of Social Services**

The Town of Princeville and the Edgecombe Department of Social Services have teamed up to offer Princeville citizens the opportunity to apply to the Job Booster grant project underway through the Edgecombe Department of Social Services. The program mirrors the existing Work First initiative and your eligibility will be determined by the Edgecombe Department of Social Services. There is a maximum income and the presence of a school age child in the home requirement for eligibility.

How to Apply: Applications are taken during the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on Friday for the Tarboro or Rocky Mount Branch offices.

What you will need: Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards, Identification, Previous Months Pay Stubs, Health Insurance Card, Most Recent Bank Statements, Life Insurance Policies, Alien-INS documentation. The names, addresses, date of birth, and social security number of Absent Parent.

➤ **North Carolina Foreclosure Prevention FUND- Rocky Mount /Edgecombe Community Development Corporation – 252.212.5830 – www.rmecdc.org**

Get Help to Save Your Home. The N. C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund helps North Carolina homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage due to job loss or other temporary financial hardship. If you goal is to obtain employment that will allow you to keep you home, it can provide temporary assistance to pay your mortgage while y ou search or train for a new job. The Fund provides assistance at no cost to you.

Am I Eligible?	How Do I Get Help?
<i>You may be eligible for help if you:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-are unemployed through no fault of your own or earning less than you have in the past, or-are facing a temporary financial hardship, such as a divorce, serious illness, or the death of a co-signor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-The first step is to make an appointment with a participating, HUD-approved housing counselor who will let you know what documents you need to gather. The counselor will review your situation with you and help you complete an application.-If your lender has already started foreclosure proceedings and you meet preliminary qualifications, the NC Housing Finance Agency may issue a temporary stat-of-foreclosure while you application is under review.
<i>To be eligible, you must also;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-need assistance with payments for your principal residence, which must be located in North Carolina,-have satisfactory mortgage payment history prior to your job loss or financial hardship,-demonstrate an ability to resume your mortgage payment once assistance ends, and-be a legal resident of the U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-If you qualify for the loan, the NC Housing Finance Agency will make your mortgage payment directly to your loan provider or bank. At the end of the assistance period, you will resume making your own mortgage payment.-You will pay no interest on your loan, and if you remain in your home for 10 years, your loan will be considered satisfied and you will owe nothing, Your counselor can provide details.

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➤ Whites and Parkers Express Tax Service

Fast and Accurate

134 Black Street

Princeville, NC 27866

Iris White (252.544.3514)

Shontae White (252.883.1853)

REFUNDS IN A 24-48 HOURS

Refund Direct Deposit

Refund Check

Prepaid Mastercard

Natasha Parker (252) 567.0587 or office (252) 823.8298

➤ Your Money....Your Choice

Once the tax season starts, some tax preparers try to make you think they can get your refund to you faster. What they are offering is a Refund Anticipation Loan (RAL). The loan may sound like a good deal but it is just another way to take your money. (Reprinted from *IRS Remove Debt Indicator for 2011 Tax Filing Season* www.irs.gov on January 4, 2011.)

Get Your Return Prepared Free

Tax Assistance Project

1-800-331-7594

VITA Sites

1-800-829-1040

The Benefit Bank Sites

1-88-756-2463 Ext 244

Prepare Your Own Return with Help

Tax Assistance Project

1-800-331-7594

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www.myfreetaxes.com/legadaidnc

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- ***SIMS Metal Management***, the world's largest raw metal recycler, is opening an operation in Princeville and is now taking applications for employment through the Employment Security Commission. People who are interested in this can "register" for SIMS with the Employment Security Commission at:

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- **2009 West Wilson Street**
- **Edgecombe Community College**
- **Tarboro , NC 27886**
- Office Hours:
- Mon - Thu
- 8:30 AM - 12:00 N
- Afternoons by Appointment Only
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- Phone: 252.823.6742
- Jobs Line: 800.768.5627
- Fax: 252.641.5799
- EMail Address:
- esc.jobs.tarboro@ncesc.gov
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