

Your Cameron Connection

February 2025

NC Legislature Invalidates Cameron's RA6 Zoning

Cameron's RA6 zoning requiring six acres per homesite in the Extra Territorial Judicial (ETJ) outlying part of town, adopted September 10, 2024, has been invalidated for now by our State Legislature's last-minute action in December.

According to a provision attached to the end of SB382 (originally a bill to provide relief for hurricane victims in Western North Carolina), any zoning decisions enacted in the previous 180 days are voided. The provision also stipulates that any future "downzoning" ordinances must have written consent from affected property owners.

"Downzoning" is the term for new zoning that is more restrictive than a property's previous zoning—for instance, increasing the required lot size for dwellings or reducing permitted uses for the land.

Governor Cooper's veto of SB382 was overridden by the legislature.

Cameron, as well as many other municipalities in the state, has adopted a resolution in opposition to this measure. The NC Senate reconvenes on January 29.



Your Old Pics Needed for Community Photo Campaign

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Cameron's founding, the town's Historic Preservation Commission and the non-profit Cameron Historic Preservation Inc are collecting old photographs to be featured in a special calendar and at community events. Any and all images you're willing to share would be a great help in representing the rich and diverse history of Cameron! We have volunteers who are happy to help with free digitization. If interested, please contact Town Hall or email us at cameronhistoricpreservation@gmail.com

At right: Edna McKeithen, Isabel Thomas, and Noah Levy outside the Greenwood Inn – June 1981. Family photo courtesy of Nicholas Levy.



Beautification Committee Announces Awards



The home of Bill and Marcia Korver on Carthage St. (above left) received the award for December. The home of Robert and Cathy Crume on Carthage St. (above right) received the award for January.



Mark Your Calendar.....

February 4, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30pm, Town Hall

February 13, Park Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm

February 11, Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Town Hall

February 14, Happy Valentine's Day

February 15, Dewberry Search Begins at Phillips Memorial Park

February 18, Beautification Committee Meeting, 5pm, Town Hall

February 25, Town Board Meeting, 7pm, Town Hall

March 4, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 5:30pm, Town Hall

March 11, Planning Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Town Hall

March 13, Park Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm

March 17, Happy St. Patrick's Day; be sure to wear green

March 18, Beautification Committee Meeting, 5pm, Town Hall

March 20, First Day of Spring

March 25, Town Board Meeting, 7pm, Town Hall

Valentine Fun Facts

* More than 8 billion candy hearts are produced yearly for Valentine's Day



* Nearly 250 million roses are grown in preparation for Valentine's Day each year

Join the Sunshine List!

To stay connected and informed about town happenings, provide your email to Town Hall. You will automatically receive meeting agendas and other information.

Coyotes: What to Know

It is now coyote breeding season in North Carolina. Pups will be born in April and May. Coyotes are increasingly adapting to live closer to humans. Their natural prey is rodents, but they may prey on cats and small dogs, especially when trying to feed a litter.

A few simple precautions will help keep your pets safe. Walk your dog on a leash when outside fenced areas. Keep cats indoors. Feed your pets inside and store food waste in secure containers. Avoid putting bird seeds on the ground (which attracts rodents and, potentially, coyotes).



Photographer David Torres snapped this coyote crossing a parking lot in broad daylight.

Saturday April 12: Save the Date for Something Great!



The local nonprofit Cameron Historic Preservation, Inc. is helping kick off spring and the celebration of our town's milestone birthday with a supercharged edition of its annual fundraiser - **Cameron 150 Fest on Saturday, April 12th, 1-7pm**, in the open space across McNeill Street from the Post Office.

We'll have great music and activities for all ages, delicious food and drinks, and a whole lot more. For information about available vendor spaces and sponsorship donation opportunities, please call Town Hall or email us at cameronhistoricpreservation@gmail.com. For more details on the event as they're announced, please follow our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CameronHistoricPreservation. For information on Cameron 150 Fest sponsorship levels and their packages of benefits, contact CHP Secretary Wendy Butner at 910-245-3212.

Yard Debris Pickup Reminder

Yard debris that meets these requirements is still being picked up on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

- Limbs no more than 6 feet long and 3 inches in diameter
- All leaves (including pine cones) to be bagged or in a container...loose leaves will NOT be picked up. Trash cans are available for loan through Town Hall for collection of loose yard debris items.
- There can be one pile (no larger than 6 feet long, 3 feet wide and 3 feet high) per pickup per week for each residence.

Please note that no burying of yard debris or garbage is allowed.

Time slips up on you? Contact Town Hall to have water bill set up on automatic draft to avoid late fees.

Dewberry Search Shout-Outs!



Embark on a hunt in Phillips Memorial Park for a unique, one-of-a-kind glass-blown dewberry and unlock a second prize if you discover one of these rare treasures! Starting this January, participating Cameron businesses are offering exclusive rewards for finding a dewberry. January's bonus prize, courtesy of Rhizome Houseplants, was a free Dewberry Blender beverage! February's bonus is a free piece of Dewberry Cobbler at the Dewberry Café. If you find a dewberry, you must take it and show it to receive your bonus, and must register the dewberry. More details available at Town Hall.

Christmas Parade 2024: Cold but Merry!!



Chilly temps on December 6 did not cool the enthusiasm of parade participants including Cameron Elementary School (top), Ruritan Club of Johnsonville (center), and a golf cart that Santa shared with Jimmy, Kim, Linda, Cameron, Riley and Kinsey Barber ~ and Cassie, Miles and Holden Frye.