



Town of Fairmont

# Town Talk

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**FAIRMONT HIGH GOLDEN  
TORNADO FOOTBALL  
2010 VARSITY SCHEDULE  
(ALL GAMES 7:30 P.M.)**

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
8-20	GRAY'S CREEK	(HOME)
8-27	NORTH BRUNSWICK	(AWAY)
9-3	WEST BLADEN	(HOME)
9-10	LAKE VIEW, SC	(HOME)
9-17	TRASK	(HOME)
9-24	EAST BLADEN	(AWAY)
10-8	SOUTH ROBESON	(AWAY)
10-15	WEST COLUMBUS	(HOME)
10-22	RED SRPINGS	(AWAY)
10-29	EAST COLUMBUS	(HOME)
11-5	ST. PAULS	(AWAY)

**FAIRMONT HIGH GOLDEN  
TORNADO FOOTBALL  
2010 JUNIOR VARSITY**

8-26	NORTH BRUNSWICK	(HOME)
9-2	WEST BLADEN	(AWAY)
9-9	LAKE VIEW, SC	(AWAY)
9-23	EAST BLADEN	(HOME)
10-7	SOUTH ROBESON	(HOME)
10-14	WEST COLUMBUS	(AWAY)
10-21	RED SRPINGS	(HOME)
10-28	EAST COLUMBUS	(AWAY)
11-4	ST. PAULS	(HOME)



**AND NOW.....LIVE FROM OUR STAGE! BY MAYOR CHARLES KEMP**

Do you remember Ed Sullivan? Well, if you just said who I've lost you for the next part of my column but hang on cause I'll get you back in a few more lines. Ed Sullivan was, as many readers will know, a major force in TV back in the day. His Sunday night show drew the attention of millions and kick started hundreds of careers. If Sullivan had you on his "really big shew" your star was definitely on the rise. Need I say more than Elvis or The Beatles? His other signature line was "and now live from our stage.....".

I thought this opening paragraph would set the stage, so to speak, for our time together today because the topic is going to be performing. Every one of us loves a good show or concert and will travel some distance to catch one. The Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville is a nearby example as are others in Raleigh. Big groups or solo acts come there and we crank up the car. We'll drive in traffic, spend money on gas, stand in a line 4 miles long, get wedged into a tight seat, and suffer other inconveniences just to be a part of a two hour performance of a celebrity we hold dear. That's what we call entertainment. But wait.....here's a thought. Stay at home, save the gas, keep your sanity, enjoy the show. How? Read on my friend.

A year ago Public Works Director Ronnie Seals gave me some really good advice. He suggested that we build a performance stage at Community Park. He said that it would eliminate constant stage set up and removal but, more importantly, it would provide entertainers a chance to perform and bring crowds of spectators. I wholeheartedly agreed and, as I have many times in the past 5 years, started fund raising from private sources. I started by selling plaques to be placed on the structures foundation then moved on to benefit meals. About Christmas time my efforts hit a lull but with the new year came a windfall which I wasn't expecting. A local group of investors, the Fairmont Development Corporation, stepped up and offered to pay for the structures cost. To bring closure to this part of the story it's built, it's impressive, and it's about to be used.

IT is the Pavilion in the Pines. A 40' x 40' all metal, cement floored, performance stage set among the pine trees on the inclined northern portion of our park. A pedestrian walking trail winds its way around it and the view from the stage of the rest of our park is panoramic. It looks like it belongs there. It is not a gaudy distraction. A lot of pre-planning, care, and vision went into its construction. As I said, it's been built. Now what? Time for the show of course.

In July I formed a Pavilion Talent Search Committee. Over the coming months it will be their job to brainstorm potential uses for the structure and find groups or individuals to provide entertainment to audiences. That's not going to be hard. There are stages, back yard garages, church choir lofts, and crowded audition halls just brimming with talent and given the opportunity to perform under the Pavilion's roof they will come. I know they will. In fact I've already spoken to two local school band directors about Sunday evenings in the Park band concerts for the fall and they thought the idea was great.

Special Events Coordinator Jan Tedder-Rogers chairs this talent search committee along with Carey Pittman, Lucille Christian, Cheryl Cook, Anverdale Locklear, and Toni Grimsley. They've met and are getting organized now. I know that through their extensive knowledge of performers and entertainment contacts they will be able to bring outstanding performances to our pavilion stage. I've got complete and total faith in their ability to make this happen. I'd like to enlist your support and input as well. Should you know a performer, group, band, or organization that could entertain and draw a crowd please get in touch with a member of our committee or me. We need the widest possible net to attract enjoyable performances to the Pavilion. You know who we need so round 'em up and bring 'em to us. I guarantee they'll be contacted about a performance.

Until then we'll just wait until the weather cools off, unless you want to donate an air conditioned dome for the park, and work on finding good performers for the Pavilion. We'll keep you informed and updated about our progress and when it's finally show time you're gonna hear someone step up to a microphone and say these magic words, "and now.....live from our stage it's....." Then the Pavilion in the Pines will be born.

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## SIDEWALK EXTRAVAGANZA

Labor Day is considered by many as summer's official swan song, time to get back in the school routine, and prepare for yards filled with leaves. It's also time to think about one of Fairmont's great traditions, THE LABOR DAY SIDEWALK SALE. Since being rekindled a few years back after a 25 year lapse the sidewalk sale has taken on a very festive theme as vendors and businesses alike line our downtown sidewalks with items for sale at bargain prices. With the added fact that this year our downtown business district has the "historic" label attached the sale ought to be a big hit and draw large crowds. With a backdrop of new gold street banners and green street signs shoppers will be guided into downtown past our brand new brown "historic downtown" gateway markers to find bargains galore. The sale starts bright and early at 7:00 on Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> and will last into early afternoon. Music by Dr. Electrode will keep the shoppers mood upbeat along with some drawings for cash at noon in front of the Heritage Center. If you're looking for a great way to enjoy the day off, meet some old friends, and find a great bargain or two just drop by Fairmont's Old Timey Labor Day Sidewalk Sale. We'll be waiting on you.



# Calendar of Events



- Monday and Thursday** - Jazzercise classes taught by Resa Pittman, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall, Cost \$15.00 a month.
- Tuesday, August 17** - Regular Town Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers.
- Friday, August 20** - Fairmont High School Football vs. Grays Creek (HOME), 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 24** - Rosenwald Elementary School Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 25** - First Day of School.
- Friday, August 27** - Fairmont High School Football vs. North Brunswick (AWAY), 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 3** - Fairmont High School Football vs. West Bladen (HOME), 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 4** - Senior Bingo, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Heritage Center.
- Monday, September 6** - Schools and Town Offices closed in observance of Labor Day.
- Monday, September 6** - Old Timey Labor Day Sidewalk Sale, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Main Street.
- Friday, September 10** - Fairmont High School Football vs. Lake View (HOME), 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 13** - Fairmont Chamber of Commerce, 6:00 p.m., Border Belt Museum and Welcome Center.
- Tuesday, September 14** - NCDMV Driver's License Mobile Unit, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Town Hall Parking Lot.
- Thursday, September 16** - Community Watch, 7:00 p.m., Site TBA.
- Friday, September 17** - Fairmont High School Football vs. Trask (HOME), 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 21** - Regular Town Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers.
- Friday, September 24** - Fairmont High School Football vs. East Bladen (AWAY), 7:30 p.m.
- Every Saturday** - Flea Market, Museum Grounds starting at 7:00 a.m. (No Fee).
- Each Saturday** - Focus On Fairmont Radio Show with Mayor Charles Kemp, 12:00 noon, WSTS 100.9 FM.

## Fairmont Department of Public Safety

### August Police & Fire Report

**Total Police Calls: 390      Total Fire Calls: 11      Total Arrest: 11      Total Citations: 67**

#### Recent Felony Arrest Summary:

- Brandon Watson** - Arrested and charged with Robbery
- Larry Powell** - Arrested and charged with Felony Animal Cruelty
- James McKinnon** - Arrested and charged with Breaking & Entering & Larceny
- Deshawn McDaniel** - Arrested and charged with Breaking & Entering & Larceny
- 12 Year Old** - Arrested and charged with Felony Larceny / Common Law Robbery

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**Report Any Suspicious Person, Vehicle, or Activity**

**Police Dept: 910-628-5115**

**Police Tip Line: 910-674-5190**