



# CLAREMONT CONNECT

Summer 2011

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City Manager

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**Laurie LoCicero**  
Planner

### CITY CONTACT

**City Hall**  
828-459-7009

**Police**  
828-459-9295

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828-459-9296

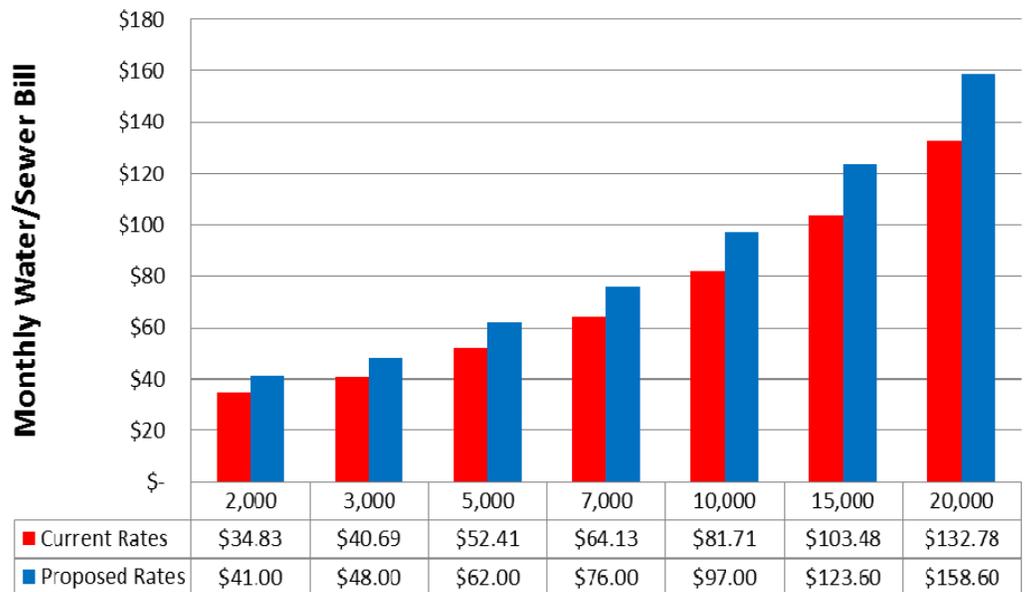
**Public Works**  
828-459-7800

Office Hours: M-F, 8:00-5:00

## New Water & Sewer Rates

The City of Claremont will be raising water and sewer rates effective on the August 2011 billing cycle. These new rates will raise the base and the volumetric rates for all customers on the system. In order to keep up with operational and maintenance costs, increased State regulations, and reinvesting in our aging infrastructure, the City needed to evaluate the rate structure for all water and sewer customers. The increased revenue generated by the higher rates will help with keeping our system up to current standards. The chart below shows the difference between the current rate and the new rates for residential water and sewer use inside the City Limits. Overall the average customer should see an increase of \$7 more per month on their water and sewer bills. The new rate structure also accounts for a higher base rate for larger meters,

### Inside Residential Rates



which are typically associated with large industrial users who use more water and account for higher system capital costs to service. As the water and sewer system grows, it is our hope that any additional future rate increases will be kept to a minimum. In order to ensure that the City's new rate structure was in line with the needed operational costs. The City contracted with the North Carolina Rural Water Association to provide a full system rate study. For more information in regards to the changes you can see the full rate report online at [www.cityofclaremont.org](http://www.cityofclaremont.org) or in person at City Hall.

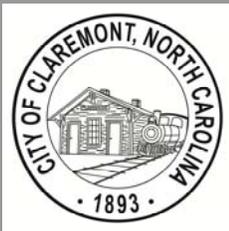


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**Limb & Leaf Removal**

The Public Works Department offers limb and leaf removal service at the curbside on Mondays and Fridays. Please make sure that your grass clippings or leaves are placed in only CLEAR plastic bags. Limbs and trees are required to be no longer than six feet and smaller than 6 inches in diameter. Please place all items at the curb or road side for pickup. If you have large piles of limbs your pick up may be broken up into two days.



**Claremont Tailgate Market**

**Fresh Produce**

Beginning on June 10th the City of Claremont will host it's own tailgate farmers market in the City Hall Parking lot. The tailgate market will be held every Friday throughout the summer from 3-6 pm until September 24th. If you would like to be a vendor please stop by City Hall to fill out an application. There is no charge to sell produce or goods at the market. We also welcome all area residents to buy locally grown fresh produce each week at the Market.



**Seniors Morning Out**

Seniors 60 years of age and older are invited to attend Seniors Morning Out located at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Claremont. This is a half day program , Monday - Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm that provides a nutritious lunch, fellowship, health and wellness programs, and other fun activities. There is no cost but donations are accepted. Transportation is provided for a fee. Come and meet new friends or bring a friend! To attend please register by calling Wendy Thomas @ 320-0434 between 8:30-12:30.

The City of Claremont also hosts a monthly Seniors Breakfast at Claremont First Baptist Church. The breakfast is provided by Boxcar Grill for a cost of \$3.50. The breakfast is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. This months guest speaker is Claremont Mayor David Morrow. Please make plans now to attend this monthly event.

**Did You Know**



Claremont Police Department will keep a check on your home while you are on vacation. Call 828-459-9295 to schedule.

Grass higher than 8 inches on improved lots or 24 inches on unimproved lots is against City Ordinance. To report high grass please call City Hall at 828-459-7009.

The Claremont Fire Department will install smoke detectors in your home if you cannot afford one. Please call 828-459-9296 to schedule an install.

**Get Involved With Your City!**

**City Council Meeting**

1st Monday of Each Month

Council Chambers 7:00 pm

**Planning Board**

2nd Monday of Each Month

Council Chambers 7:00 pm

**Appearance Committee**

4th Monday of Each Month

O'cup Bean & Bakery, 6:00 pm

**Seniors Citizens Breakfast**

3rd Wednesday of Each Month

1st Baptist Fellowship Hall 8:30 am

**Recreation Committee**

4th Saturday of Each Month

Claremont Library 7:00 pm

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