

# Sedalia Buzz

Quarterly  
Newsletter

TOWN OF SEDALIA

January 2025



## Here's what has happened in the last few months and what's to come!

Welcome to our community newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our beautiful Town.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all our donors and volunteers who have continued to support us during these times. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs and events running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, in December we successfully hosted our 3rd annual Christmas in Sedalia event which has consistently grown year after year! We are elated to report that this past event brought out over 700 visitors to our small town! We are grateful to the Charlotte Hawkins Brown staff and all those who helped to make this possible!

We are also excited to announce that we recently welcomed new staff to the Town Hall office as well as a new board member to our Town Planning Board committee.

We are excited about the growth within our community and the changes yet to come.

If you are interested in contributing to the Planning Board or serving the Town in any capacity, please reach out to the Town Clerk to explore opportunities to support local government. We welcome donations of time, resources, and other forms of assistance

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

*Sedalia Staff*

### In this newsletter you can expect:

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# CHRISTMAS

*in sedalia*



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## Christmas in Sedalia: A Huge Success!

The holiday spirit was alive and well in Sedalia this year! Kimball Hall was buzzing with excitement, filled with a diverse array of vendors eager to help with last-minute Christmas shopping. Whether you were looking for unique gifts or holiday treats, there was something for everyone!

**Entertainment was a highlight** of the event, with Eastern Guilford High School's Auxiliary Band kicking off the festivities, followed by heartwarming performances from the student choruses of Sedalia Elementary and Gibsonville Elementary. Both schools filled the air with classic Christmas carols, spreading joy and cheer to all.

This year, we were thrilled to welcome a variety of food trucks offering delicious bites, as well as a free coffee station generously provided by our local Starbucks, helping to keep everyone energized and warm throughout the day.

**Thank you to all who participated and made this event so special. We can't wait to see you next year!**

## A Heartwarming Turnout & Gratitude to All!

Guests couldn't wait to join the festivities, with **many arriving nearly an hour early** to get a jump on their holiday shopping! We estimate several hundred visitors passed through the doors over the course of the event, making it a true community celebration.

A highlight for the little ones was the return of **Soulful Santa Maurice**, who made his second appearance at Christmas in Sedalia. The kids absolutely loved seeing him again, and his warm, soulful presence made for unforgettable moments!

We'd like to extend **a special thank you** to the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum Staff for their incredible dedication and hard work in making this event such a success. Your efforts truly helped bring the community together for a magical holiday experience.

Save the Date!

**Be sure to mark your calendars for Christmas in Sedalia 2025 — you won't want to miss it!**

## SPOONFULS OF COMFORT: WINTER'S LOADED POTATO SOUP



This loaded potato soup is thick and creamy with cheese, bacon, and sour cream. All the fixings the way momma always made it, but slow cooker style!

**Prep Time:** 30 mins

**Cook Time:** 6 hrs

**Total Time:** 6hrs 30 mins

**Servings:** 8

**Nutrition Facts Per Serving:** 647 calories; Total fat 42 g ; Saturated fat 24 g ; Cholesterol 137 mg ; Sodium 1088 mg ; Total Carbohydrate 50 g ; Dietary fiber 4 g ; Total sugars 3 g ; Protein 19 g ; Vitamin C 16 mg ; Calcium 193 mg ; Iron 3 mg ; Potassium 1184 mg

### Ingredients

4 pounds russet potatoes, peeled & chopped  
 1 (32 ounce) carton low-sodium chicken stock  
 1 yellow onion, diced  
 1 ½ teaspoon salt  
 1 ½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
 1 (16 ounce) package thick cut bacon, cut into ½ inch pieces  
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, (leave some for topping)  
 4 tablespoons butter  
 ¼ cup all-purpose flour  
 2 cups heavy cream  
 ¼ cup sour cream  
 2 teaspoons garlic powder  
 2 tablespoons chopped scallions

### Directions

#### Step 1

Combine Potatoes, chicken stock, onion, salt and pepper in slow cooker. Cook on high until potatoes are tender, about 4 hours.

#### Step 2

Meanwhile, place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon on paper towels and wipe out most of the grease from the skillet.

#### Step 3

Puree potatoes in the slow cooker with an immersion blender until smooth. Add ½ cup cheddar cheese and ½ of the cooked bacon, set temperature to low, cook for an additional 1 to 2 hours.

\*If you don't have an immersion blender, you can mash the potatoes by hand instead.

#### Step 4

Melt butter in the skillet over medium-low heat. Whisk in flour and stir until the mixture becomes paste-like and light golden brown, about 5 minutes. Add heavy cream, sour cream and garlic powder; whisk until thickened. Pour into the slow cooker and cook on low for 1 more hour.

#### Step 5

Ladle into bowls and garnish with remaining bacon, cheddar, sour cream and scallions.

RECIPE SOURCE : [HTTPS://WWW.BUDGETBYTES.COM/LOADED-POTATO-SOUP/](https://www.budgetbytes.com/loaded-potato-soup/)



PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT): SKIP CORLEY, GLORIA CORLEY, BERNARD BROOKS, HELEN QUICK-BROOKS



PICTURED: NARBRA WILLIAMS

## Senior Luncheon 2024

### Senior Luncheon: Our Biggest Turnout Yet!

This year's Senior Luncheon was a hit, with nearly 40 residents joining us for a day full of fun, laughter, and community spirit! This was our largest group to date, and we couldn't have been more thrilled to see everyone come together.

The event featured a variety of games, music, and plenty of fellowship, creating a lively and enjoyable atmosphere. A special thank you to Butler's Catering for providing a delicious spread that kept everyone satisfied, and to the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum for being the perfect venue to host such a memorable gathering.

### Mark Your Calendars: 2025 Senior Luncheon Date Announced!

We're excited to announce that the 2025 Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Be sure to keep an eye out for future notices—once the RSVP window opens, you'll be able to save your seat for this highly anticipated event!

We can't wait for next year's luncheon—see you there!

## COLD WEATHER SAFETY



### Winter Reminders...

#### Avoid Falls in Cold Weather:

- **Dry walking aids thoroughly:** Be sure to dry the wheels and legs of any walking aids before entering your home to prevent slips.
- **Clear your entryway:** Keep the entrance to your home free of clutter and use ice melt or sand to clear walkways outside.
- **Use a small table or shelf:** Place one near your entry door to hold items while unlocking, so you're not juggling too much at once.
- **Choose a safer entrance:** If your main entrance tends to get icy, consider using another door to avoid slipping.
- **Stay indoors when possible:** If the weather is particularly harsh, it may be safest to stay inside. You can also consider using delivery services for prescriptions, groceries, and other essentials.
- **When in doubt, stay safe, stay home.**

### Winter Emergency Plan

#### Stay Informed:

- Sign up for weather alerts via the FEMA App, Weather.gov, or your local weather station to receive real-time updates.

#### Clear Walkways and Driveways:

- Ask for help in getting your driveway and walkways cleared before heading outside. This will reduce your risk of slipping or falling.

#### Keep Emergency Contact Info Handy:

- Keep up-to-date contact information for a family member or friend who can check on you during bad weather.

#### Plan for Emergency Situations:

- Ensure at least one person in your support network has an extra key to your home, knows where your emergency supplies are stored, and is familiar with any lifesaving equipment or medications you may need.

#### Write Down Important Information:

- Keep a written list of essential information in an easy-to-reach location, such as:
  - Where your prescriptions are stored
  - Family contact numbers
  - Any allergies
  - Other helpful tips for emergencies

# Welcome to Sedalia!



**Planning Board**

**Tyler Thomas**

“My wife Ashlie and I purchased property in Sedalia in 2023 to build our home. As a commercial real estate project manager, I feel I can provide value to the town on the planning board. I am looking forward to learning more about Sedalia and being part of the community.”



**Accounts Payable**

**Trish Phillips**

“My husband and I live in Gibsonville and we love spending time with our kids, grandkids and fur babies. As a former local government employee with the City of Burlington and the Alamance County DSS, I am excited to see all of the changes happening in the Town of Sedalia!”



**Town Clerk**

**Brittany Shaw**

“I recently moved to Whitsett from Graham with my husband, Ryan and our two boys, Branden and Mason and we appreciate the small town feel of Sedalia. I am thrilled to see all the growth that is coming to Sedalia and I am proud to have a small hand in helping piece together the bigger vision for Sedalia.”



**Planning Board Chair**

**Jay Riehle**

We are happy to share that Jay has been promoted to Chair of the Sedalia Planning Board! Jay has been an enthusiastic member since July 2023. He moved to Sedalia in 2021 with his lovely family and he has been a voice of growth for the Town.

## A Few Notes To Remember

### **Republic Services**

**Trash Pickup** : Every Tuesday  
**Recycle Pickup** : Every other Tuesday

*\*Holidays may affect days of pickup*

### **Town Hall Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

*\*Every 1st and Last Friday the office will close at 2pm.*



**Office Assistant  
(Retired)**

**Shari Bryant**

Shari Bryant served as Office Support for the Town for over 5 years. After helping to lay the foundation for the two newly created positions, she gracefully retired once those positions were filled in November 2023. We are eternally grateful for Shari's unwavering dedication to our beloved Sedalia.



Isaiah Clonch  
Code Enforcement Officer  
ACE Code Enforcement



## Meet Our Code Enforcement Officer: Isaiah Clonch

You may have spotted Isaiah Clonch around town in the ACE company car. Isaiah joined our team in August and has quickly become an invaluable member of the Town team. He has been busy identifying and investigating local ordinance violations, ensuring that our community remains safe and well-maintained.

### Understanding Code Enforcement:

It's important to remember that the Town reserves the right to issue violations for properties that do not follow the established guidelines. If you've received a **notice of violation** and aren't sure what steps to take, or if you're uncertain whether something constitutes a violation, please don't hesitate to contact **Town Hall** for clarification.

We're all in this together to keep our community **safe** and **presentable**. That's why, starting in **2025**, repeat offenders will have their cases escalated and processed more quickly to determine the best solution.

### We're Here to Work With You:

The Town's goal is always to work collaboratively with property owners. If you have an **open violation** or need assistance with resolving an issue, please reach out to **Town Hall** or **Isaiah Clonch** directly. We're happy to discuss your case and find the best way forward.

**Together**, we can continue to make our community a wonderful place to live!

## Founders Day CELEBRATION

### Spring 2025...

#### Help Us Make 2025 Bigger & Better!

Planning for our **2025** event is already underway, and we need your help! After our 2024 event was rained out by Hurricane Helene, we're determined to make the 2025 event even bigger and better than ever—and we can't do it without you!

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

We're looking for volunteers, event coordinators, and planning committee members to help bring this exciting event to life. If you're interested in lending a hand, we'd love to have you on board!

#### How to Get Involved:

- Call Town Hall if you're interested in volunteering or joining the planning committee.
- Have great ideas but can't commit? No problem! Feel free to email your suggestions to [sedaliatownhall@gmail.com](mailto:sedaliatownhall@gmail.com). We're eager to hear your thoughts and include your input as we plan this year's event.



## Community Heros

We'd like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible individuals and groups who make our town such a wonderful place to live. Your dedication and support truly make a difference, and we are so lucky to have you as part of our community.

- **Mr. Jesse Walker** – Thank you for always being willing to lend a hand around Town Hall. Your help and positive attitude are greatly appreciated!
- **Tanessa, Kelly, and Matt, Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum Staff** – You are truly the A-Team! Thank you for being such amazing community partners. Your presence in our town makes everything brighter, and we're so grateful for all you do.
- **Tracy Allen** – Your continued support and partnership, especially with Founder's Day and Christmas in Sedalia, means the world to us. Thank you for being such an essential part of our town's success!
- **YC Broadie** – Thank you for your assistance with Christmas in Sedalia, and for creating the Sedalian Sound Magazine, which beautifully showcases our community and the wonderful people who live here.

# Stormwater

## Winter Tips



### MELTING SNOW IS WATER TOO!!

Stormwater runoff can come in many forms, including melting snow. Winter snow often brings a unique feel to North Carolina as it doesn't happen often: making for beautiful photos and lots of family fun. However, it's not long before the sun comes out to expose a host of issues created by the melting snow.

Heavy rains sweeping across your yard and driveway carry pollution and high volumes of water into our nearby streams, lakes, and other waterways. Melting snow does the same things. Both rain and snow melt can seriously impair North Carolina waters when they travel over the land in our developed communities. In winter, melting snow actually causes a few unique stormwater problems. Because the ground is often frozen at the surface, melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil the way a light or moderate rain would be able to. So even a small amount of snow can cause localized flooding on your property.

When snow builds up over several small storm events without melting in between, it can turn into large winter storm impacts when it finally does melt – leading to potential community wide flooding events. In both cases, that standing and flowing water on the ground is picking up all kinds of debris, pollutants (especially deicing salts and chemicals), and litter that will find their way into nearby streams. When shoveling/plowing snow this season, pay attention to where you place it. Try to pile snow in areas where it will have a chance to infiltrate, not runoff!

#### Winter Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need. Below are some do's and don'ts when shoveling or plowing snow

#### DO'S

- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt, and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs.

#### Tips to Avoid Using Salt as a De-icer

More salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts.

**When temperatures hit 15° F or below, salt is not effective. Consider using traction materials that contain an acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal instead of sand or kitty litter.**

#### DON'Ts

- Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bio retention areas.
- Do not over use de-icing chemicals and salts, and avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways and your private well.



For the latest updates and community information, be sure to follow us on Instagram at @Sedalia\_NC Stay in the loop and be part of the conversation!

**Stay Connected with Town Updates!**

We keep our community informed through email updates, pre-recorded phone messages, and social media. If you're not receiving regular communications from any of these sources, please contact Town Hall to ensure your information is added to our system.

**Get Involved with Your Local Government!**

Want to make a difference in your community? We're always looking for volunteers and community advocates to help support and enhance our local government initiatives. If you're interested in getting involved, let us know!

*We are and will continue to be Sedalia Strong!*

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