



## OFFICE OF THE RANLO TOWN MANAGER

Jonathan D. Blanton  
Town Hall  
1624 Spencer Mountain Road  
Ranlo, North Carolina 28054



Dear Ranlo Friends and Neighbors:

Welcome and hello to November! I hope that everyone is doing well and that you are all having a wonderful fall as we gear up for the holiday season. There are several important things that I want to share with you all this month, so please see below and mark your calendars!

- Renovations to the **Ranlo Lodge** are complete! We will be having a ribbon-cutting ceremony on **Thursday, November 9th at 10:00 AM** and we will be accepting reservations after November 9th! For Ranlo residents, rental rates will be \$150 daily, plus a \$100 security deposit; outside of Ranlo rental rates will be \$250 daily, plus a \$100 security deposit. We will soon be announcing an online rental platform to check availability and reserve, but for now, please call Town Hall to check availability and reserve The Lodge. These renovations were funded through a **100% grant from the North Carolina General Assembly** and, again, many thanks to our representatives in Raleigh for making this possible!
- The **Ranlo Board of Commissioners** will meet for their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm** at the Ranlo Lodge at 2000 Spencer Mountain Road.



### FULBRIGHT-WAGNER PARK



In honor and memory of  
**Billy Ray Fulbright, Sr.,  
and  
Johnny Wayne Wagner**

Billy Ray Fulbright, a Ranlo Volunteer Fireman, was tragically killed at the age of 42 while responding to a fire call on July 12, 1977. Johnny Wayne Wagner, a Ranlo Police Officer, sadly died in the line of duty at the age of 31 while responding to a call for service on September 8, 1985. This park is dedicated to these two exemplary public servants and all of those first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The first phase of upfitting the **Fulbright-Wagner Park and Gardin Park** is complete! We will be making additional upgrades throughout the winter, including enhancing and adding amenities, such as swing-sets. For now, we are excited to showcase the current upgrades. Again, these projects were made possible through a **100% grant** from the General Assembly and we could not be more appreciative for the support.

### GARDIN PARK

In honor and memory of  
**Beatrice Duff Gardin**  
1904-1982

Beatrice Duff Gardin, a Ranlo resident who lived here on Redland Drive, made a lasting impact on her community by purchasing and donating this land for a public park in the 1970s. Mrs. Gardin, a woman of humility and limited means, acquired, purchased, and developed this neighborhood playground right in her backyard. As a unifying champion, an equality advocate, and a philanthropic Ranlo giant, this park is dedicated to Mrs. Gardin's honor and memory.

- Ranlo Town Hall will be **closed in honor of Veterans Day on Friday, November 10 and in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.** There will be no delay in residential garbage pick-up for those days.
- The **Senior Adult Thanksgiving Luncheon** will be on **Saturday, November 18th at 1:00 pm** at the Ranlo Church of God. The event will be catered by Dallas Country Kitchen and all senior adults are invited to attend!



Check out a few photos from luncheons from years gone by to the right! Who remembers Mrs. Mildred Breedlove and Mrs. Theresa Moore?

- The **Ranlo Christmas Parade** will be on Saturday, December 16th at 1:00 pm.

As this year is Ranlo's 60th anniversary, we are hoping to have our largest turnout yet for the event. As a reminder, if you are interested in sponsoring a pre-decorated float, the cost to sponsor a full float is \$500 and the cost to sponsor a half float is \$250.

**Please let us know by 5:00 pm on November 30** if you would like to sponsor a float, the name you would like attached to the float, and if you are intending to ride on the float. We have numerous civic organizations that are interested in riding on a float and need a sponsor.

All **other entries are free** and the application can be found to the right, at Ranlo Town Hall, and on the Town's website.

Special guests will include US Congressman Jeff Jackson, Rep. John Torbett, Sen. Brad Overcash, Rep. Donnie Loftis, and Chairman Chad Brown.



## RANLO CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATION



NAME OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ENTRY (FREE)  
 MARCHING BAND       CAR       COLOR GUARD  
 DRILL / DANCE TEAM       LARGE VEHICLE       COMMERCIAL  
 WALKING       OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

FLOAT ENTRY: \$500 for full float, \$250 for half float  
 SPONSORING       RIDING

### DEADLINE TO SPONSOR A FLOAT IS NOVEMBER 30, 2023 AT 5 PM

The Ranlo Christmas Parade will be on **Saturday, December 16th 2023 at 1:00 pm** with line-up starting a 12:00 pm.

Parade starts at the corner of Spencer Mountain Road and Mitchem Road in the Ranlo Church of God parking lot and ends on Highway 7 (Lowell Road) at the METYX parking lot.

### DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT 5 PM

Call Ranlo Town Hall at 704-824-3461 with any questions.

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO:  
 Town of Ranlo / Attn: Christmas Parade / jblanton@townofranlo.org  
 1624 Spencer Mountain Rd / Gastonia, NC 28054

By signing this form, we agree to participate in the Town of Ranlo Christmas Parade and to release, waive covenant not to sue and hold the Town of Ranlo, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all liabilities, demands, claims or injuries, including death, that I may sustain during or in conjunction with this activity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## RANLO AWARDED \$5,150,000.00 IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET

We are excited to announce that the North Carolina General Assembly State Budget recently passed and the Town of Ranlo is receiving \$5,150,000.00 in new grant funding!

An incredible amount of thanks to Representative John Torbett and Senator Brad Overcash for securing this funding.

\$150,000.00 of this funding is allocated for three new police cars and \$5 million is allocated for water and sewer projects. The infrastructure money is planned to upgrade the water system in the Monterey Park Drive/Crestwood area, as well as the Wilmont/Alpine/Essen/Ridge Drive area.

On behalf of Mayor Black, Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell, Commissioners Conner, Fowler, Moore, and Morton, and all of us here at the Town, we wish you and your family the happiest of Thanksgivings. We have so much to be thankful for!

*Jonathan D. Blanton, Town Manager*