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Community Invited to July 25 Ceremony to Celebrate New Facility

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Town of Boiling Springs invites the community to attend a ceremony to celebrate the groundbreaking for a new town hall and police station. The event is set for July 25 at 3 p.m. at the site of the new structure at 114 E. College Ave.

Town officials have worked with Talley and Smith Architecture of Shelby, N.C., for more than a year to design the new \$2.8 million, 11,000-square-foot building. In June, leaders accepted a bid from Beam Construction of Cherryville, N.C., for work on the facility.

“Good public facilities are foundational to providing good public services,” Boiling Springs Town Manager Tom Hart said. “You have to have proper facilities to be able to best do your job.”

The new building will replace the current 1920s-era school building on South Main Street that currently houses town administrative offices and the police department. In the new community facility, a central lobby will greet visitors and house a utility payment center. Two separate wings will provide space for administrative offices and the police department. Amenities also include community and staff training spaces, conference rooms, storage space, and offices.

Security will improve with the offerings of the new town police station, according to Hart. “We want people to feel welcome when they visit the police station, but it’s a real problem when a case file is laid on a desk or a victim’s personal information is up on a computer screen and the public can just walk in and see that,” he offered. “This new building will control access to areas that need to be secure.”

The facility will also improve the working environment for the town’s police staff, Chief Randy Page said. “The entire police department has been operating out of the town hall’s basement in space that was once a first-grade classroom,” he shared. “It’s not uncommon to run into a resident who doesn’t know where the police station is. This new station is going to make us more accessible to the public and improve the experience people have when they stop by to talk with us.”

Construction on the new facility is expected to begin within a few days of the groundbreaking. Completion of the structure is expected by late December 2015. Gardner-Webb owns most of the current building, and the town will continue to use some parts of it,

according to officials.

For more information on the town hall and police station project, visit boilingspringsnc.net/projects or call Hart at 704-434-2357.