



# TALKING ROCK NEWS

*The wintertime blues are almost over and Spring is around the corner...Yeah!*

Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year have passed and we hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful season. And that this New Year will bring health and happiness to all.

Now we are preparing for the Spring and hope that this will be one of the most beautiful we have seen.

## **ANIMAL ORDINANCE UPDATE:**

We are still talking about animal ordinances including minimum issues like the mandatory rabies vaccinations for all animals and a leash law. Dogs on neighbor's property, dog biting someone and dogs going to neighbor's property and killing a family pet. These are some of the issues brought to the

Council. The ordinance has been pending for quite some time and we need to come to a resolution. We are asking all who have questions or concerns about the ordinance to let us know what they are before Wednesday, February 1, 2012 so we will know your feelings before the Council meeting on Feb. 2 at 6:00PM.

Our choices are to accept the County's ordinances regarding animals as ours so the County Animal Control can be called in problem cases. The County is currently not authorized to handle Talking Rock problems.

The minimum ordinance as stated before

is an option asked for by some of residents to see if we could resolve issues by ourselves without calling the County. This would mean setting up a procedure that we all agree to follow. Our town is small enough that this could be done.

Please let us know if you have questions or comments concerning this issue. Please call

**706-253-5515**

or e-mail

[totr@etcmail.com](mailto:totr@etcmail.com).

You can find the county animal ordinances on the Pickens County website. Please read them and if you need a copy call the office and request one.

We will get it for you.

We want everyone to know what we will be voting on at the February meeting.

## *THE SPEAKING STONE*

This year is going to be an exciting year for us. It is important for everyone to speak their mind with their vote. We have some big choices. I hope we are all ready when the election day comes.

Remember:

*Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. If they decide to turn their backs on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.*

*Abraham Lincoln*

Special points of interest:

- Our Council Meetings



*Our Council meets the first Thursday each month. Please join us. We appreciate your support and input. The February meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at 6:00 PM.*

*The main topic will be whether to adopt the County Animal Ordinances into the Town Ordinances. This is important and we want your input.*