

# City News



## Quarterly Newsletter

CITY OF LAURINBURG

### Message from Manager

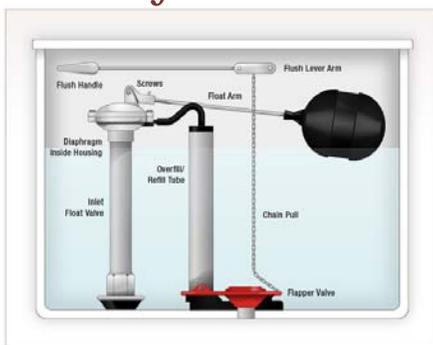
Laurinburg and Scotland County are great places to live but there is a huge problem that plagues our community's streets and highways – LITTER. And it's something to be bugged about. I have had the pleasure to serve as your City Manager for 2.5 years and I am astonished at what is happening in our community. All you have to do is look around and it's everywhere. Litter is the result of the improper disposal of solid waste. It's trash, it's ugly and it's caused by people. Litter doesn't just happen, it's the result of the careless handling of waste or just a complete lack of caring.

Litter is more than just ugly, it's expensive. Your City, County and State governments spend millions of your tax dollars each year just to pick up litter; and just as soon as we clean up, the litterbugs again start their destruction of our quality of life in Laurinburg and Scotland County. The City is not going to give

up but we could use your help. On Saturday, April 28, 2012 the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce is holding a "Spring Litter Sweep" which the City of Laurinburg wholeheartedly endorses. This program encourages volunteer groups and individuals throughout the City and County to gather and collect trash on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope people who care about our City and County will set aside some time and support the efforts of the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce Green Committee and help make our community as clean and green as possible. For information concerning Spring 2012 Litter Sweep, please call the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce at (910) 276-7420. Let's all pitch in for the benefit of our community!

Ed Burchins  
City Manager

### Did you know?



A leaking toilet is the #1 cause of a high water bill. Other leaks are noticeable and are repaired promptly, but it's not always noticeable when your toilet is leaking. There is an easy way to check for a slow leak. Simply add some food coloring or dye tablets to the water inside the tank and wait approximately 30 minutes. If the color seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. For easy steps to fix a toilet leak go to our website at [www.laurinburg.org](http://www.laurinburg.org) or call your plumber if you feel the job is too big to tackle.

### Scan with Smartphone for more information.



### Calendar of Events

**City Council Agenda Workshop**  
Barrett Building  
April 10; May 15; June 12  
7 pm

**City Council Regular Monthly Meetings**  
City Council Chambers  
April 17; May 22; June 19  
7 pm

**Good Friday**  
City Offices Closed  
April 6, 2012

**Memorial Day**  
City Offices Closed  
May 28, 2012

### Holiday Sanitation Schedule

#### Good Friday-

Friday's route will be picked up on Thursday, April 5, 2012

#### Memorial Day-

Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, May 29, 2012

## New Employees



**Angela Taylor**

The Planning & Development Department would like to introduce two new employees to you. As of December 31, 2011, Dee Hammond has retired and Jenny Tippet has now become the City Clerk. Bill Peele, Planning Director, has retired as well effective December 31, 2011. Therefore, we would like to welcome Angela Taylor as the new Administrative Assistant. Angela takes on the duty of being the assistant to the Planning and Development Department, GIS Department, Cemetery, Grounds Maintenance Department and any other responsibilities that are asked of her. She joins us from the law firm of Gordon, Hicks and Floyd, P.A. where she was legal assistant to the late Chuck Hicks. She has been a tremendous help to our Department. We would also like to welcome Mac McInnis. Mac is the new City Planner and Code Enforcement Officer. He handles zoning violations, nuisance issues, junk vehicle complaints, substandard housing inspections, and other duties within the Planning and Development Department. Mac has also been a tremendous help to us as well and joins us with more than 20 years as a General Contractor for McInnis Construction Company. Should you have any concerns that the Planning and Development Department may be able to help you with, please contact Angela, Mac or any other member of our staff at the Barrett Building at 910-276-8257.



**Mac McInnis**

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## Don't Let Our City Get Trashed!

**Fast food cups and cigarette butts** belong in the wastebasket, NOT thrown along our city streets and parks. You've seen it happen. You're driving along on a beautiful day, enjoying the scenery, when... WHOOSH! – A bag of burger wrappers bursts from the window of the car ahead of you. When you stop at a stop sign, look at the ground and you'll see thousands of cigarette butts littering the ground. This is when you can step in and help! If you see someone litter, you can report him or her through the Swat-a-Litter Bug program. You can pick up the cards for this program at Public Works or Chamber of Commerce.

Maybe it is time for you to get involved. The litter problem in Laurinburg can't be solved overnight, but it can be solved. Right now, people from all over our community are getting active, looking for ways to eliminate unsightly trash from our community. Business leaders, government officials and diverse groups of citizens are coming together in this effort. Take the time to make a difference. Just volunteering a few hours of your time a month can make a difference. You can make it as fun as you want too! The Adopt-a-Spot and Adopt-a-Street programs are sponsored by the City of Laurinburg. I encourage you to call me @ (910)276-2364 and find out more about the program.

Thanks,

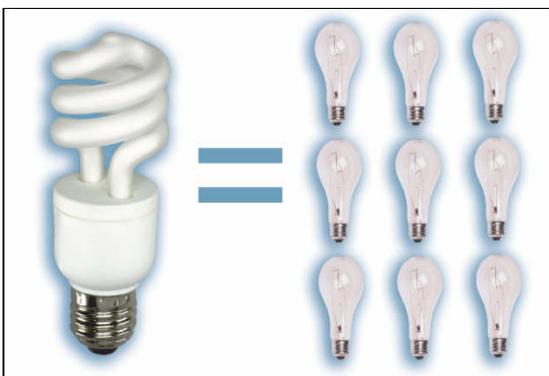
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## Lighten Up With CFLs

**Your Energy bill will be lighter too**



You've probably seen Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) at Wal-Mart, Lowe's or another home improvement store. While CFLs may look unconventional, they can bring real savings to your home lighting costs. The amount of savings differs between types and brands of CFLs. Energy Star rated CFLs can last up to 10,000 hours and save \$25 to \$45 in energy costs over the life of the bulb. Another advantage of CFLs includes:

CFLs provide 90% less heat while producing more light per watt.

While CFLs cost more to purchase, if you figure the total cost over the life of the bulb, you can save significant money versus replacing traditional incandescent bulbs more frequently.

CFLs are more convenient for hard-to-reach places in your home because they last so much longer and require less frequent replacing. With a CFL, you may only need to replace hard to reach bulbs every 2 to 4 years.

For more information on CFLs, visit [www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov) and search "compact fluorescents".