

City News



Quarterly Newsletter

CITY OF LAURINBURG

Mayor's Message ...

Although our community faces many challenges particularly in light of the nation's economic situation, we, as citizens of Laurinburg, have much to be proud of in our community. Our City and its employees strive to serve our customers with the best possible customer service and also to be good stewards of taxpayers' dollars. We are fortunate to have leaders and citizens working together to improve this community and your quality of life.

With each and every one of us working together as a team, we can and will be successful.

On behalf of the Laurinburg City Council, I want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Thomas W. Parker, III

Mayor

Safety Award...

Members of Electricities staff presented the City of Laurinburg Electric Department with the Municipal Electric Safety Award. It was presented by Jeff Baughn on December 13, 2012. This award is earned by having no injuries that resulted in a lost day of work. We are proud of our electric department and the safety precautions they take every day to ensure the safety of everyone on the team. Congratulations to our City of Laurinburg Electric Department for this outstanding achievement.



Shown in the picture from left to right: Harold Haywood (Interim City Manager), Jason Lighthall (Electrical Services Supervisor), Teddy Quick (Electrical Line Tech II), Thomas W. Parker III (Mayor), Robert Smith (Electrical Services Director), Josh Munro (Ground Tech), Delton Williams (Ground Tech), Mitchell Mishue (Electrical Line Tech II), and Brian Morrison (Electric Services Tech). Not pictured, Jerry Locklear (Electrical Line Tech I).

Calendar of Events

City Council Agenda Workshop
City Council Chambers
January 15, February 12, March 12
7:00 pm

City Council Regular Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers
January 22, February 19, March 19
7:00 pm

City Offices Closed
New Years Day
January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21

Pet License Renewal Deadline
February 15

Holiday Schedule

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 in observance of the New Years Holiday. All solid waste routes for Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday along with the Wednesday route.

Also, the City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Monday January 21st, 2013 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. All solid waste routes for that Monday will be picked up on Tuesday along with the Tuesday route.

Winter Savings...

Preparing your home for the cold weather can save you money, help keep your bills under control, and keep your family safe and warm when the temperature drops.

Installing a programmable thermostat properly can be very energy efficient. Lower your thermostat and wear socks and jackets inside. Lowering your thermostat by just one degree Fahrenheit will reduce your energy use by three percent. Lowering your thermostat by 10 degrees at bedtime can be very beneficial. Servicing your heat pump once a year, changing air filters, and maintaining good duct work is also necessary.

Adjust your hot water heater to 125 degrees. Drain off a bucket of hot water annually to remove sediment that could possibly interfere with the heater's long term use. Any water heater older than five years could use a hot water heater blanket. Insulate the pipes around the water heater with easy to install pipe insulation.

Weather strip and caulk windows can save you five percent on your energy bill. Install plastic-film storm windows to help with containing warm air inside the home. Check window frames for cracks and fill them with caulk that contains silicon. Keep all doors and windows closed as much as possible, this includes garage doors also.

Leaves and Limbs...

The Sanitation Department has begun their peak season for collecting leaves and limbs within the City of Laurinburg. As a reminder, leaves are collected loose at the curb by city vacuum trucks. Therefore, it is very important to keep leaves separated from all other types of debris. Please do not rake your leaves into the street, do not put leaves in any type of container (must be loose), and always place leaves in an easily accessible area away from vehicles or other obstructions. Please place your limbs and other debris in a separate pile. They will be picked up by a different type of city truck. The timeliness of collection will depend on the volume of leaves set out for collection. During peak times, collection intervals could be as high as three (3) weeks. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.



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Recyclables...

Please do not place garbage in the blue recycle cart. The following items ARE recyclable.

Aluminum Cans; Steel Cans; All plastics with #1 - #7 on bottom (does NOT include Styrofoam); Magazines; Mixed office and computer paper; Corrugated Cardboard; Clear, Brown, and Green glass bottles; Used Oil (secured in a plastic bottle with a tight cap)

Please place all of the above items **EXCEPT USED OIL** in the blue cart. Used Oil should be placed in a plastic bottle with a tight cap beside the blue cart on the ground. All other household items should be placed in the green garbage cart.