



# Quarterly Newsletter

CITY OF LAURINBURG

# City News



## Message from City Manager ...

Dear City of Laurinburg Residents,

I hope you all had a joyous holiday season spent with family and loved ones. As we look back on the past year, I notice how much change occurred in the City of Laurinburg. We have had several new hires, including my own. I am very impressed with all of the City employees and have noticed a true desire from everyone to keep Laurinburg a great place to live.

We are very excited for what 2014 will bring. We are working hard to meet FCC deadlines, clean up and improve the cemeteries,

improve all city facilities, and improve all services provided to you. I invite you to reach out and let us know what you would like to see accomplished this year.

A New Year always brings new hope and revived promise, and I pray that this year will be a great year filled with successes and prosperity for all of you. On behalf of the Mayor, City Council and all City staff, I wish you all a blessed and happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
Charles D. Nichols III  
City Manager

## 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. We all can do our part with managing energy better to conserve natural resources, save our environment, and lower our energy bills.

## Calendar of Events

**City Council Agenda Work Sessions**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**January 14, February 11, March 11**  
**7:00 pm**

**City Council Regular Monthly Meetings**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**January 21, February 18, March 18**  
**7:00 pm**

**City Offices Closed**  
**New Years Day**  
**January 1**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**January 20**

**Pet License Renewal Deadline**  
**February 15**

## Holiday Schedule

The City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st, 2014 in observance of the New Years Holiday. All solid waste routes for Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday along with the Thursday route.

Also, the City of Laurinburg offices will be closed on Monday January 20th, 2014 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.

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## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers Water Treatment Plant

Q. Why does my water look like milk?

A.) Air in the line due to a water line repair. Please call our office at 910-277-0214 if this is observed.

Q. Who do I call with any complaints about my water quality?

A.) Water Treatment Plant 910-277-0214.

Q. What is the protocol for city personnel when I have a complaint about my water?

A.) Flushing the closest fire hydrant to your residence. If this doesn't solve the problem, we send an operator to collect a water sample. We check this sample for harmful bacteria. The City's Water Treatment Plant is a State Certified Lab and we perform various tests in-house to ensure that the water is safe for consumption.

Q. Is Fluoride added to my water?

A.) Yes, we add fluoride to the City of Laurinburg's water.

Q. Is my water hard or soft?

A.) The City's water is very soft naturally.

Q. Interested in more information about water conservation?

A.) Please call our office 910-277-0214.

## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers Wastewater Treatment Plant

Q. Who do I contact if I hear an alarm going off or notice a red light on at one of our pump stations?

A.) Please call 910-277-0214 Monday-Friday 8-5:00. Weekends or after hours please call the Police Dept. 910-276-3211

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### What is Recyclable?



#### **PAPER:**

Newspaper; Junk Mail; Mixed office and computer paper; Magazines; Books

#### **CARDBOARD:**

Corrugated Cardboard; Any other cardboard such as cereal, cake mix, or shoe boxes, etc.

#### **METAL:**

Aluminum Cans; Steel Cans

#### **PLASTIC:**

All plastic containers with #1 - #7 on bottom (does NOT include Styrofoam)

#### **GLASS:**

Clear, Brown, and Green glass bottles

**Please place ONLY these items in the blue cart. All other household items should be placed in the green garbage cart. Used Motor Oil (secured in a plastic bottle with a tight cap) can be placed beside the blue cart to be picked up with recyclables.**