



City News

CITY OF LAURINBURG Quarterly Newsletter

City Council Adopts Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

The Mayor and City Council approved a budget for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year totaling \$34,177,142 as compared to \$33,060,946 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. This year's budget holds the line on taxes at \$.40 and the Downtown Municipal Tax District Rate at \$.15. The budget keeps the utility rates the same as last year. In fact, water, sewer and electric rates have not been increased since the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. Solid waste fees are also unchanged.

The budget approved by Council maintains all City services at current service levels. It also includes funds to meet personnel needs such as the approval of a new Pay and Classification Plan to set City employees' pay at comparable levels with other cities and counties that provide similar service levels within our region and in areas of the state with similar socio-economic and demographic statistics. All full-time City employees will receive a bonus of \$800.00. Funds are included to hire and develop management trainees to help achieve a smooth transition due to retirement of key management personnel in the near future. Funding is also included to implement major capital improvements dealing with streets and highways, water and wastewater, electric utilities, street and interchange lighting, solid waste and broadband improvements. The Council also set aside funding to support existing economic development programs and to support the operation of several non-profit organizations that provide direct services to the City such as the Scotland County Humane Society.

The final copy of the budget in its entirety will be available soon on the City's website at www.laurinburg.org.

Please check out the City's website to stay up-to-date on important meeting dates, City services, news updates involving City operations, contact information for questions on City services, as well as to pay your utility bills.

Signs Signs Everywhere!

The City of Laurinburg in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation has recently begun actively enforcing our regulations in regard to temporary signage. This was initially an effort by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and we were asked to partner with them to maintain the areas once signage was removed initially back in May. Our current ordinance and the Department of Transportation's regulations do not allow for signage in the rights-of-ways. In addition, the City's sign ordinance prohibits signage about a business, service, commodity, accommodation, attraction, or other activity that is conducted, sold or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located. Any other temporary signage should be located on the premises for which the sign is advertising, should be no more than 4 square feet in surface area and may not be displayed for more than 10 days out of any 365-day period.

All signage that is in violation of this ordinance will be removed by our Code Enforcement Officers. If you have any questions or concerns about signage please do not hesitate to contact our Planning and Development Department at 910-276-8257. We hope that you have noticed the improved appearance along our streets since the signage has been removed and will join us in efforts to continue to increase the appearance of our community.

Calendar of Events

City Council Regular Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers
July 17; Aug 21; Sept 18
7 pm

City of Laurinburg
Fireworks Display
SHS Pate Stadium Parking Lot
July 4, 2012

Independence Day
City Offices Closed
July 4, 2012

National Night Out
Main Street
August 7, 2012

Labor Day
City Offices Closed
September 3, 2012

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

INDEPENDENCE DAY

*Wednesday's route will be picked up on
Thursday, July 5th*

LABOR DAY

*Monday's route will be picked up on
Tuesday, September 4th.*

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Bi-Weekly Recycling Schedule

2012 - 2013



The City of Laurinburg collects residential curbside recyclable materials on a bi-weekly collection schedule. Each residence is assigned to either the GREEN or RED recycling route. This determines which week recyclables are collected according to the schedule below.

The recyclables will still be collected on the same day of the week as garbage. For example, if garbage collection day is on Monday, then recyclables collection will be every other Monday.

GREEN	JUNE 25 - 28	GREEN	OCT 29 - NOV 1	GREEN	MARCH 4 - 7
RED	JULY 2 - 5	RED	NOV 5 - 8	RED	MARCH 11 - 14
GREEN	JULY 9 - 12	GREEN	NOV 12 - 15	GREEN	MARCH 18 - 21
RED	JULY 16 - 19	RED	NOV 19 - 22	RED	MARCH 25 - 28
GREEN	JULY 23 - 26	GREEN	NOV 26 - 29	GREEN	APRIL 1 - 4
RED	JULY 30 - AUG 2	RED	DEC 3 - 6	RED	APRIL 8 - 11
GREEN	AUG 6 - 9	GREEN	DEC 10 - 13	GREEN	APRIL 15 - 18
RED	AUG 13 - 16	RED	DEC 17 - 20	RED	APRIL 22 - 25
GREEN	AUG 20 - 23	GREEN	DEC 24 - 27	GREEN	APRIL 29 - MAY 2
RED	AUG 27 - 30	RED	DEC 31 - JAN 3	RED	MAY 6 - 9
GREEN	SEPT 3 - 6	GREEN	JAN 7 - 10	GREEN	MAY 13 - 16
RED	SEPT 10 - 13	RED	JAN 14 - 17	RED	MAY 20 - 23
GREEN	SEPT 17 - 20	GREEN	JAN 21 - 24	GREEN	MAY 27 - 30
RED	SEPT 24 - 27	RED	JAN 28 - 31	RED	JUNE 3 - 6
GREEN	OCT 1 - 4	GREEN	FEB 4 - 7	GREEN	JUNE 10 - 13
RED	OCT 8 - 11	RED	FEB 11 - 14	RED	JUNE 17 - 20
GREEN	OCT 15 - 18	GREEN	FEB 18 - 21	GREEN	JUNE 24 - 27
RED	OCT 22 - 25	RED	FEB 25 - 28	RED	JULY 1 - 4

The City of Laurinburg now collects all the following items in the curbside recycling program:

Newspaper; 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 bot-

CONSUMER BILLING HAS A NEW AUTOMATED SYSTEM

910-276-1521



With the new AUTOMATED SYSTEM you no longer have to mail your payment, wait in long lines, or wait for someone to take your payment on the phone. And no computer is needed!

You can simply call in to check your balance or make your payment by credit card, and the AUTOMATED SYSTEM is available 24-hours, 7 Days a week!

You will need your utility bill account number to access this service. Your account number can be found on any of your utility bills.



Not only can you make your utility bill payment with the AUTOMATED SYSTEM, you can also check your balance, your due date, and your last payment made.

Customers can still speak to a live person by pressing "0" for operator instead of entering an account number.