



City News



Community Development - A Priority for the City

As most know by now, we were fortunate to add Teddy Warner to the City of Laurinburg's Leadership Team six months ago to direct our Community Development Department. Since then, he and his staff have been working very hard to bring innovative projects to better our community and improve the overall quality of life for all our citizens.

Over the last few months, here are a few of the exciting things the City has been working on:

- Our Beautification Supervisor, Rodney Byrd, and his team finished a great project in the Washington Park area off McDougald Avenue. We planted 190 fruit trees for the public with a blend of apple, pear, and fig trees. In the spring, our trees will produce a large crop of fruit for the community in that area. This orchard was completed with an ElectiCities grant that we received this past summer.
- We are in the final stages of a community art project at the corner of Main Street and Church Street in the middle of downtown. We have partnered with UNC Pembroke's Graduate Art Program to allow students to display their art. We hope to include St. Andrews University in the future and schedule art festivals in our downtown area. This project will be completed in mid-spring.
- Our Beautification team has taken over the full maintenance of the major interchanges in our City. These areas are located at the major interchanges off Hwy 74 & Hwy 401. In the spring, the NC Department of Transportation will begin landscaping projects at these interchanges with our continued maintenance in the future.
- Out of over 100 cities statewide, we were one of four cities selected for the Downtown Associate Community Program from the NC Department of Commerce and Governor's Office. This was an extensive application and interview process. The close ties within our community and support for our historical downtown helped make our application even stronger. The program starts this month and will be completed within three years. This is an amazing accomplishment and opportunity for our historic downtown area. After we complete the program that is based mostly on technical assistance for our downtown economic development plans, we will be eligible for the NC Main Street Program. This program allows for financial support from the state in revitalizing our downtown economy, creating new jobs, and creating more economic growth for our city.

We are always looking for more people in the community to get involved and assist in helping our City grow and prosper. We encourage anyone interested in our Community Development efforts to get more involved by attending Beautification Committee meetings, Laurinburg Downtown Revitalization Corporation meetings, Green Team Committee meetings, and our City Council meetings. Please contact us if you have any ideas, comments, feedback, or suggestions.

Our goal as a City is to be frugal with taxpayers' dollars, provide the highest quality customer service as possible, and instill a complete transparency of our goals and plans for our great community.

Charles Nichols
City Manager

Customer Appreciation!!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!

We welcome your presence at City Hall located at 303 West Church Street, on **Wednesday October 7, 2015** for Customer Appreciation Day.

We will have refreshments, helpful energy tips and an opportunity to Celebrate Public Power Week together.

We look forward to seeing you,
Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Calendar of Events

City Council Monthly Meetings
City Council Chambers
October 20; November 17; December 22
7:00 p.m.

Customer Appreciation Day
Consumer Billing at City Hall
October 7th, 2015
Refreshments will be Served

City Offices Closed
Thanksgiving — **November 26-27**

Christmas — **December 24-25**

New Year's — **January 1**

See Back for Holiday Sanitation

Annual Tree Give Away Program

Would you like to have an Red Crepe Myrtle, Yoshino Cherry, Willow Oak, Eastern Redbud, or a Sugar Maple tree planted on your property? If so, and you live inside the city limits, this may be the program for you. The City of Laurinburg Beautification Department will be taking orders during October 5-9. If you would like a tree to be planted on your property, simply call us and let us know which tree you would like. We will give you a flag to put on your property at a location visible from the street. At a later date in November, we will come back and plant the type of tree you chose.

Because this is such a popular program, we can only give 2 trees per customer each year. Also, we ask that you do not call before October 5th, as we are unable to take pre-orders.

If you would like to take part in this years "Annual Tree Give Away Program", please call the Beautification Department at 910-276-8257 during the week of October 5-9, 2015 from 8:00-5:00pm.

Leaf Season is Here

With the fall comes the increased volume of leaves that will be collected by the City of Laurinburg Sanitation department. 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 year round. Please **DO NOT** rake your leaves into the street, over the water meter, over storm drain or near storm drain, **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.

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.

Holiday Sanitation Schedule

The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving. The residential garbage, bulky items, and "GREEN" recycling route for Thursday, November 26th will be picked up on Wednesday, November 25th. The commercial dumpsters for Thursday and Friday of that week will be picked up on Wednesday, November 25th, while the cardboard dumpsters for Wednesday will be picked up on Tuesday.



The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday. The residential garbage, bulky items, and "GREEN" recycling route for Thursday, December 24th will be picked up on Wednesday, December 23rd. The commercial dumpsters for Thursday and Friday of that week will be picked up on Wednesday, December 23rd, while the cardboard dumpsters for Wed. will be picked up on Tuesday.

The City of Laurinburg will be closed on Friday, January 1st 2016 for the New Year's Day Holiday. All solid waste routes scheduled for Friday will be picked up on Thursday of that week.

